

# Feedback 2014

## Responses in red:

Perhaps surprisingly no-one commented regarding on the 2-minute/draw-claim issues. However we are aware that this was all unsatisfactory and we will be addressing that for next year.

“It would be better with an incremental time control” **This is one option that we will consider for next year.**

“If there are unused boards put these nearest the arbiters table as those tables are quite cramped” **We don't really understand this message, perhaps the writer could get in touch.**

## Emails

Thank you, and all involved, for running such an organised Congress.

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The venue (for players and families) was excellent, the staff at David Lloyd courteous and the specially organised lunches were very popular.

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Having Andrew Green there was an added bonus which the younger players really enjoyed.

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The Oban Congress leaflet had a puzzle at the back which had many players – including those who did not know each other previously – huddled over tables discussing. Given many of the players were staying locally one idea may be to include a puzzle for people to solve whilst at the event/in the evening? **We'll have a think about this for next year.**

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Could sibling / junior discount be introduced. A child needs a responsible adult which increases the total cost of attendance. **There are already junior discounts but we have also been asked about additional family discounts so we'll look at this for next year.**

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Finally, a personal hang-up, is prize money is necessary for younger players who love cups and medals? **I don't know. Would any juniors or other parents like to tell us? We could possibly make the Primary prize a trophy and medal, perhaps the second-level junior prizes also.**

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Thank you once again for all the organisation.

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Again huge congrats on another winner of a Dundee.

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Excellent congress ( a sound recommendation by my new club-mates at Stirling Chess Club- JFS); we thoroughly enjoyed the weekend and hope to be back for next year's event. Many thanks, Old Jim (F.) and young James (D.)

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Just wanted to say thanks to everyone involved for putting on a great event, but a pity my chess is not as good these days!

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Thank you very much for another excellent set up. Very impressed at how quickly the results were processed. Your hard work is very much appreciated

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Thank you very much for all the hard work you have done. Much appreciated. We enjoyed in Dundee.

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Feedback – all positive except for the location of the venue. It's a good one and they look after us well, but something more central would be good. **Pros – easier to get to for non-car-drivers; other? Cons – Much higher hire costs and not many choices; parking costs for car drivers; a large part of our success is down to the quality and facilities of the venue; hire fee is much lower than we would pay for City Centre or close to it.** The organisation was very good, with the little hiccup over the matching in one round of the Major just showing how smoothly the rest of it ran.

I did wonder if the match length should be reduced to 90 minutes each – taking 30 minutes off each session would let people get away earlier on **Most suggestions previously have been to increase game length but if there was a lot of support for shorter games then we would have to consider it.** the Sunday evening. So say 9.30 start round 4 then 1.30 start round 5, and it all ends at 4.30 except for presentations. But you may be bound by rules from higher up? **No, we're not bound by any rules other than FIDE's playing Laws**

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This was my first time to participate in it - I have to say I really enjoyed it - excellent tournament! I will be definitely looking to come back next year.

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Great event as always Keith. Thanks to all.

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Not for the first time, I thought the congress was among the best organised I have attended, from many around Britain. I expect you've heard (and welcomed) that before.

### CS Forum

it was a very good tournament and I still thoroughly enjoyed being there.

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Dundee is one of the best tournaments on the circuit. For a few seasons now all the members at my club who have played at Dundee, including myself last season have had a great weekend

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[We] both enjoyed the tournament despite this [controversy]. Very good for many different reasons. You will see us again, for better or worse!

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It was a great tournament and venue. Very enjoyable!

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There were exceptional difficulties that were (or appeared to be) readily overcome. I did not hear any negative comments re the delays, and having played at Dundee several times i concur that the delays are rare. With regard to contentious decisions re 2 minute rule; for every decision there will be at least one unhappy player.

The tournament was enjoyable and like many others I am looking forward to next years event. Many thanks to Keith and his merry men (and women). I was very impressed by Ray Noble who not only filled in as emergency controller but also managed to play and win his section. Well done

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In amongst the controversy there was a first class tournament which I enjoyed very much.

### Feedback slips

We thoroughly enjoyed our chess weekend - young James enjoyed his first real tournament - & his Uncle Tim is readdicted. I would thoroughly recommend this tournament  
Thankyou and hope to return (with nephew) next year - at Gair Sherrill

Excellent Congress as always.  
Great value and really good venue.  
This and Abou are my two favourite Congresses.  
Well done.

a very nice friendly congress the best

Hard to think of any improvements.  
N. Andrew

1) Dundee is in my opinion the best  
tournament in Scotland.

2) It would be better with an incremental  
time control