



# The London Open

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9-10 May 2026, at the [Sambrook's Brewery](#), Wandsworth, London

## 1 Overview

The London Open will be London's first competitive face to face Diplomacy event in over 20 years. Hosted by the burgeoning London Diplomacy Club, this event will take place at the Club's favorite venue, the Sambrook's Brewery.

We warmly welcome both newcomers and experienced tournament players. The event is open to international participants and is structured to ensure competitive balance, fair play, and an enjoyable experience for all attendees.

## 2 Registration

Registration is done through the registration link on the event website

Website: <https://diplomacy.co.uk/londonopen26>

## 3 Timings

Date	Start Time	Description	Latest Finish
Fri 8 May	TBD	Drinks/Social	
Sat 9 May	1200 for 1215 game start	Game 1	1730
Sat 9 May	1800 for 1815 start	Game 2	2330
Sun 10 May	1100 for 1115 games tart	Game 3	1630

## 4 Game Length

17 minutes per turn for the spring, 15 minutes per turn for the Fall, drop dead restrictions and a rolling clock (central clock). All rounds will have a winter 1909 deadline.

We are operating on strict deadlines; this will be subjective but if there have been any warnings regarding this and it continues to happen there may be situations where you have no orders entered for that turn. This will be assessed on an individual basis.



## 5 Venue

All rounds will take place at the [Sambrook's Brewery](#), Wandsworth, London. Sambrook's occupies the historic Ram Brewery which is considered Britain's oldest site of continuous brewing with records dating back to 1533. This same brewery was the site where [Young's](#) (yes the Youngs you see all over the UK) first started brewing beer in 1831!

The state-of-the-art brewery is more than a production site; it's a continuation of this historic brewing legacy. If you are sitting out a round, you can try booking a private tour of [The Sambrook's Heritage Centre](#) (located on site) and dive into the rich history and the storied past of the iconic building.

London's brewing landscape has transformed dramatically. From just five breweries in 2008 to over 120 today, the city's brewing community is thriving. Throughout this evolution, Sambrook's Brewery has remained a steadfast producer of exceptional craft beer, a proud member of the London brewing community, and a beacon of brewing heritage and innovation.

Sambrook's is also the favored playing location of the London Diplomacy Club. This special relationship is very important to the Club so we kindly ask you to spend a few pounds (or more) at the venue.

## 6 Scoring System

### 6.1 Tournament Score

Each player's tournament score shall equal their best two rounds plus half of their worst round. In the event that a player plays three rounds, their lowest score shall be halved. If a player only plays two rounds, both scores shall count.

### 6.2 Round Scoring

We will be using the 2026 WDC Athens scoring system so that our brave UK players attending Athens can get some practice in!

#### 6.2.1 Solo Victory

- Winner gets 46 points
- Everyone else gets 0 points

#### 6.2.2 Draw Scoring

- Everyone gets 1 point per centre. (34)
- 12 points is divided between dominating players:
  - 4 shares to topping players



- 1.5 shares to players 1 centre from the top
- 0.5 share to players 2 centres from the top
- points =  $12 * (\text{player's shares}) / \text{sum of all shares}$
- 3 points to all surviving players
- 0.3 points per year survived for eliminated players

If you are interested in seeing the scoring system in action, we have run past WDC tournament scores through the system, and produced the scores this system would produce. [Check them out here.](#)

## 7 Awards

There will be awards.

## 8 Notes

1. Any fair play decisions will be made on a case-by-case basis by the tournament director, there will be input from a few other experienced tournament directors to ensure all decisions are fair. The safety and well-being of all attendees are the priority on any decisions made.
2. Tiebreakers for the event
  - a. Head-to-Head Scores (i.e., what is the total score in games both players are in)
  - b. Best Individual Game
  - c. Board Top Percentage
  - d. Average Centre Count
  - e. If all of these are tied, a way to break the tie will be in place at the tournament director's discretion.
3. The venue we are using is free for us to use, but they have a fair use policy to buy something. If it is within your means, please support the venue.
4. The venue is accessible to anyone but if you have any concerns, please contact me.
5. Countries will be assigned randomly; we try to ensure people do not play the same nation twice and to ensure no two players are close neighbours for two consecutive games.
6. In the event of uneven players, people may be given the opportunity to play two boards at once or if that is not enough to make up the gap the tournament director may play for no score. If people play two boards at once, both games will count towards the standings. If playing two boards is needed, the first people to be offered this will be people who have sat out of a round.
7. If by virtue of double boarding, a player plays four games, then their lowest two scores shall be added together and divided by three and then added to their other two scores.