

# SAVE THE UK CHESS CHALLENGE!

The big match between

UK Chess Challenge Organiser  
**MIKE BASMAN**



**Strengths:**  
A noble mind  
A strong heart  
and the support of thousands of  
children throughout the UK!

HMRC  
Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs



**Strengths:**  
The UK government; the Army,  
Navy and Airforce.  
The police; the judiciary; the legislature;  
Trident Nuclear Missiles  
MI5, MI6 (but not James Bond)

## Let battle commence!

*HMRC has bankrupted Mike and sent him a bill for £300,000. Can the Chess Challenge continue?*

### Mike's Case

HMRC wants to put 20% extra on your entry fees in value added tax, called VAT.

Over 100 sports are exempted, but chess, the premier mental activity, is not on the list! This is not fair!

Much of the tax paid could be claimed back through the schools, so the government would not make any extra money - but the time spent on paperwork would be huge - and all unpaid!

The Challenge has provided chess to half a million children in the last 20 years. If it closes, all our favourite mascots - Cheepy, Chirpy, Tiger, Worm not to mention Spooky, Penguin, Squirrel and others will be no more!



**DON'T LEAVE ME!**

### HMRC's Case

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**THIS-IS-THE-LAW-YOU-MUST-OBEY-THE-LAW  
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**Grrrrrrgggh aaaaaaARGHHH!**

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

- (1) Sign the online petition, and get your friends to do the same. The link is available at [www.ukchesschallenge.com](http://www.ukchesschallenge.com)
- (2) Write to your local MP (you can find him/her on Google) telling him or her how much the Chess Challenge means to you, and all the successes you have had in the tournament.

**WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!**