

Submission of entries

It saves the checker much time if:

- entries are cut to about 1mm around the grid, address panel **and prize details** into a rectangle (irrespective of the grid shape), ie, **excluding heading, title, preamble and clues**: this **includes** net-printed entries from The Times Crossword Club facility;
- folding of the entry is minimised (the above should permit a maximum of one);
- solvers who might reasonably expect to appear on the 'more successful' list confirm with a subsequent entry that any puzzle (not just the first such) has been missed, for whatever reason: the checker will contact solvers whose records show an unexpected gap, at some point before the annual statistics are collated.

Late entries

Solvers are reminded that potential late entries, due to holidays etc, **must** be alerted in advance, with an earlier entry or otherwise. Those not so alerted, and not evidentially delayed in the post, will be disallowed. Acceptance of late entries for other reasons (forgot to post / dog ate original, etc) will be subject to the discretion of the checker and the credibility of the solver's excuse.

Multiple entries

Two entries may be included in one envelope, but must arrive by the closing date of the earlier puzzle. **Both puzzle numbers should be inscribed on the envelope address.** It is not necessary to use separate enclosed envelopes for each puzzle but solvers may do so if they wish.

Prizes (if any)

Apart from providing the details of the winner(s) to *The Times*, the checker has no further involvement. Non-receipt of any prize should be advised directly to *The Times*.

Thanks

Thanks are as usual due to solvers sending personal or general Christmas cards and those sending used stamps (little and often preferred), all passed to charity.