

## Report by Mike Basman after the Girls Final on 24<sup>th</sup> March: -

### Girls Split the Pack

Before the U11 Girls Final on 24th March, there were 3 teams – Richmond, Warwickshire and Sussex – with full marks in the Audio Chess Grand Prix. Afterwards, there were none, and now we have an unprecedented number of teams with only a few points separating them. Sussex lead the Grand Prix with 30 points out of 36. Richmond are in 2nd place and Barnet, Kent and Wey Valley are all tied for the 3rd spot. Not far behind are Warwickshire and Berkshire.

That means that with just the two Grand Slam Finals to come, the field is wide open for overall victory in the Grand Prix. There are also runner up trophies for 2nd 3rd and 4th places. Tie breaks will be decided by Grand Prix scores based on zone elimination: U9, U11, followed by Final elimination: U9, U11 girls, U11 mixed.

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