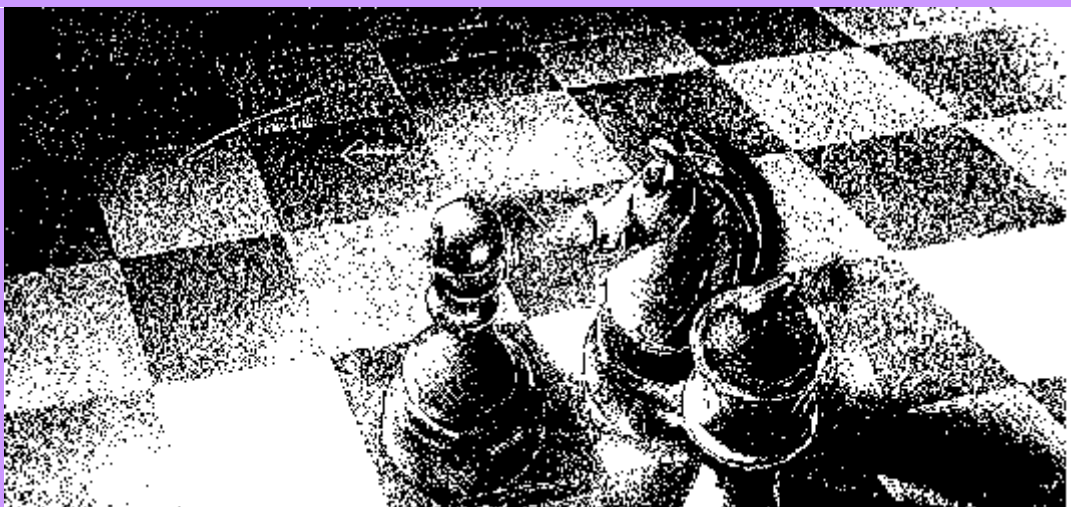


# The Bristol & District Chess League

## Handbook

2014 – 2015

*League Fixtures and Rules and details of local competitions*



# The Bristol & District Chess League

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*Affiliated to the West of England Chess Union*

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## Calendar for the 2014/2015 Season

Web link for full details of all events: [www.englishchess.org.uk/?page\\_id=27](http://www.englishchess.org.uk/?page_id=27)  
( 'Tournament Calendar' )

Note: Events printed in italics are provisional. You are recommended to check dates or obtain an official entry form before travelling to an event as details may change after the handbook has been published.

### Calendar 2014 – 2015

Aug Sep	31-6	Sun-Sat	61st Paignton Congress Livermead House Hotel	Mrs E.A.Crickmore 01752 768206 (before 9pm) <a href="mailto:plymouthchess@btinternet.com">plymouthchess@btinternet.com</a>
Sep	7	Sun	Leamington Rapidplay Royal Spa Centre	Guy Greenland <a href="mailto:leamingtoncongress@gmail.com">leamingtoncongress@gmail.com</a>
Sep	18	Thur	<i>LMC meeting</i>	<i>Stuart Iles</i> <a href="mailto:stuart_sarah_iles@hotmail.com">stuart_sarah_iles@hotmail.com</a>
Sep	26-28	Fri-Sat	Castle Chess Portsmouth	Tony Corfe <a href="mailto:enquiries@castlechess.co.uk">enquiries@castlechess.co.uk</a>
Oct	11-13	Fri-Sun	West Wales Congress Mercure Swansea Hotel	Les Philpin <a href="mailto:newsilure@hotmail.com">newsilure@hotmail.com</a>
Oct	18-19	Sat-Sun	2nd Witney weekend Congress Cokethorpe School	Mike Truran <a href="mailto:mike@truranfamily.co.uk">mike@truranfamily.co.uk</a>
Oct	19-25	Sun-Sat	40 <sup>th</sup> Guernsey International	Fred Hamperl <a href="mailto:hamperlfred@hotmail.com">hamperlfred@hotmail.com</a>
Oct	25	Sat	Chipping Sodbury Rapidplay Old Grammar School, Broad Street, Chipping Sodbury	Graham Mill-Wilson <a href="mailto:tugmw@blueyonder.co.uk">tugmw@blueyonder.co.uk</a>
Nov	3-7	Mon-Fri	15th Royal Beacon Seniors (65+) Royal Beacon Hotel, Exmouth	Bob Jones <a href="mailto:jones_r53@sky.com">jones_r53@sky.com</a>
Nov	6	Thur	<i>LMC Meeting</i>	<i>Stuart Iles</i>
Nov	14-16	Fri-Sun	48th Torbay Chess Congress Toorak Hotel, Torquay	Ray Chubb <a href="mailto:ray.chubb@care4free.net">ray.chubb@care4free.net</a>
Dec	6-14	Sat-Sun	<i>5<sup>th</sup> London Chess Classic</i>	<a href="http://www.londonchessclassic.com">www.londonchessclassic.com</a>
Dec Jan	27 - 4	Wed- Thu	<i>Hastings International Congress</i> <a href="http://www.hastingschess.org.uk">www.hastingschess.org.uk</a>	<i>Pam Thomas</i> <a href="mailto:Pae123@aol.com">Pae123@aol.com</a>
Jan	8 <sup>th</sup>	Thur	<i>LMC Meeting</i>	<i>Stuart Iles</i> <a href="mailto:stuart_sarah_iles@hotmail.com">stuart_sarah_iles@hotmail.com</a>
Jan	23-25	Fri-Sun	Bristol Winter Congress Bristol Grammar School FIDE Rated Open Section	Alan Papier <a href="mailto:Chinadoc@chinadoc.f9.co.uk">Chinadoc@chinadoc.f9.co.uk</a>
Feb	7-8	Sat-Sun	38 <sup>th</sup> Kidlington Congress Exeter Hall	Gerard O'Reilly <a href="mailto:gerard@fianchetto.co.uk">gerard@fianchetto.co.uk</a>
Feb	21-22	Sat-Sun	Wiltshire & West of England Junior Open Championships Swindon	Bev Schofield 01793 487575
Feb	20-22	Fri-Sun	43 <sup>rd</sup> Dyfed Congress Fishguard Bay Hotel	Tony Haigh <a href="mailto:tony@brithdirmawr.co.uk">tony@brithdirmawr.co.uk</a>
Feb Mar	28 - 1	Sat-Sun	Warwickshire Open Congress Trident Centre, Warwick	Guy Greenland <a href="mailto:warkscoc@gmail.com">warkscoc@gmail.com</a>

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Mar	5th	Thur	LMC Meeting	Stuart Iles <a href="mailto:stuart_sarah_iles@hotmail.com">stuart_sarah_iles@hotmail.com</a>
Mar	6-8	Fri-Sun	36 <sup>th</sup> East Devon Congress Corn Exchange, Fore St, Exeter	
Apr	3-6	Fri-Mon	66th WECU Easter Congress Royal Beacon Hotel, Exmouth <a href="http://www.chessdevon.co.uk">www.chessdevon.co.uk</a>	Andrew Footner <a href="mailto:andrew@footner.wanadoo.co.uk">andrew@footner.wanadoo.co.uk</a>
Apr	17-19	Fri-Sun	Bristol Spring Congress Bristol Grammar School	Alan Papier <a href="mailto:Chinadoc@chinadoc.f9.co.uk">Chinadoc@chinadoc.f9.co.uk</a>
May	15-17	Fri-Sun	25th Frome Congress <a href="http://www.somersetchess.org/">www.somersetchess.org/</a>	Gerry Jepps <a href="mailto:gkjepps@btinternet.com">gkjepps@btinternet.com</a> 01749 344191
May	28	Thur	League AGM Filton Sports Centre	Stuart Iles <a href="mailto:stuart_sarah_iles@hotmail.com">stuart_sarah_iles@hotmail.com</a>
May	23-25	Sat-Mon	46th Cotswold Congress St Edwards School, Cheltenham	
July	3		LMC Meeting	Stuart Iles <a href="mailto:stuart_sarah_iles@hotmail.com">stuart_sarah_iles@hotmail.com</a>

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Bristol Congress Blog

<http://bristolchesscongress.blogspot.co.uk>

### Bristol & District Chess League

Will have an up to date listing of local  
Congresses & Rapidplays

[www.chessit.co.uk](http://www.chessit.co.uk)

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## *Club Directory 2014 - 2015*

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<i>h</i>	Home night(s) for matches (may meet on other nights)	<i>W</i>	Wheelchair access
<i>t&amp;c</i>	Tea and coffee available		
<i>b</i>	Licensed bar	<i>C</i>	Number of chess clocks available for use

### **Bath**

Salisbury Conservative Club, 'Hawthorn House',  
London Road, Bath, BA1 6AB

Tel: 01225 425651

*h – Wednesdays w t&c 18c*

John Leon, 61 Entry Hill Park, Bath BA2 5ND

Tel: 01225 836067 email: [jecaleon@hotmail.com](mailto:jecaleon@hotmail.com)

### **Bath University**

University of Bath, Claverton Down, Bath BA2 7AY

Room 8W Level 2 ( room varies please contact secretary )

*h – Thursday w t&c 8c*

Matthew Staniforth - mob: 07532029901 - email: [ms825@bath.ac.uk](mailto:ms825@bath.ac.uk)

Website: <http://www.bathstudent.com/socs/societies/ChessandBoardGames/>

### **Bristol Cabot**

The Colosseum, Redcliff Hill, Redcliff, Bristol BS1 6SJ

Tel: 0117 9870070

*h – Tuesday b t&c 6c*

Neil Derrick, 21 Sloan Street, St George, Bristol BS5 7AD

Tel: 0117 939 3013 Mob: 07896756126 email:

[neilderrick@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:neilderrick@blueyonder.co.uk)

## **Bristol & Clifton (New Venue)**

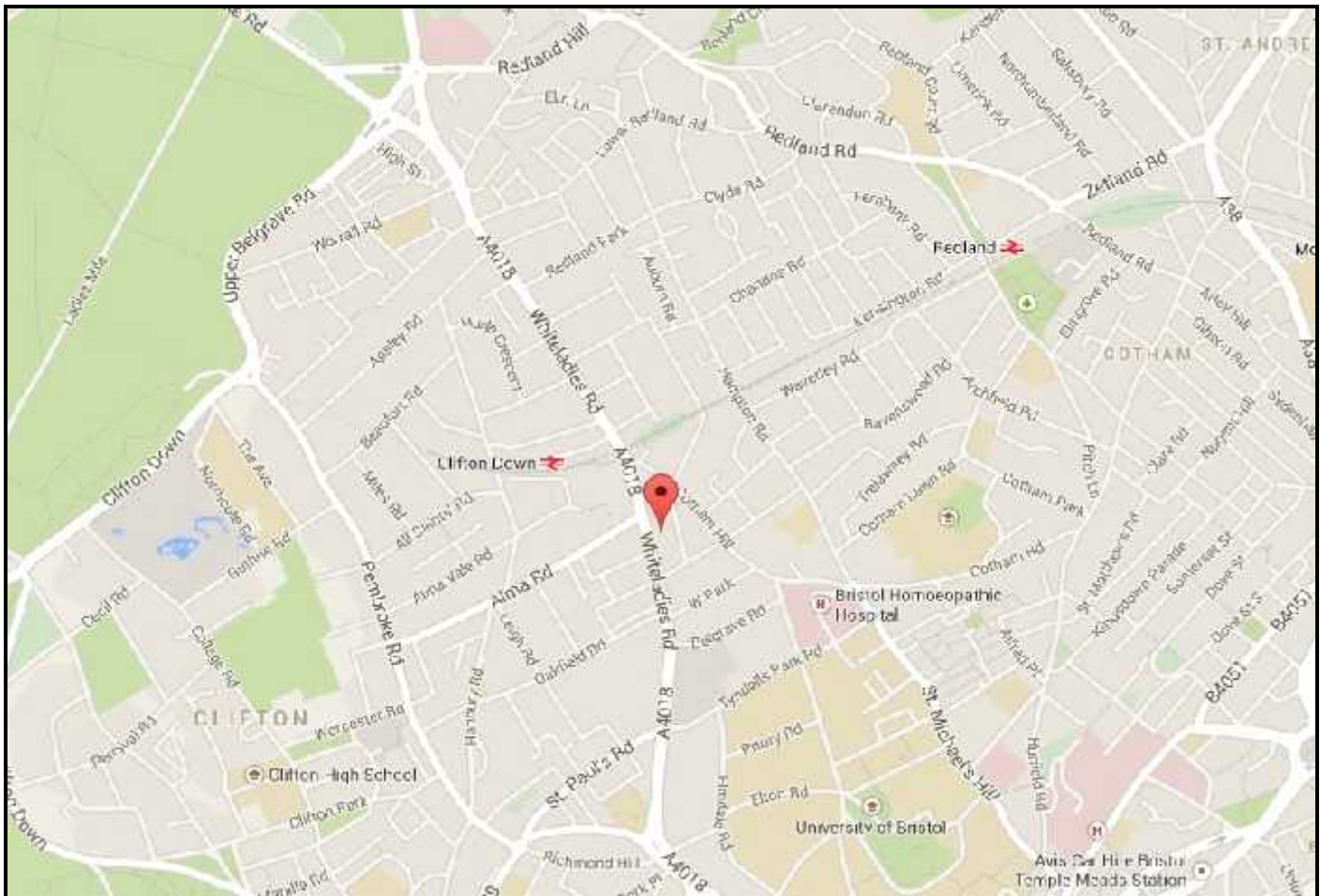
The Townhouse, 85 Whiteladies Rd, Clifton, Bristol, BS8 2NT Tel: 0117 9739302

*h – Tuesday b 16c*

Alan Papier, 17 First Ave, St Annes, Bristol BS4 4DU

Tel: 07899826515 email: [chinadoc@chinadoc.force9.co.uk](mailto:chinadoc@chinadoc.force9.co.uk)

Website: [www.bristolandcliftonchess.club](http://www.bristolandcliftonchess.club)



## **Clevedon**

Clevedon Cricket Club, Esmond Grove, Dial Hill, Clevedon, Somerset BS21 7HW Tel: 01275 877585

*h – Monday b w 12c*

David Peters, St Marys House, Langford Road, Lower Langford, Bristol BS40 5HU

Tel: 01934 863737 Mob: 07812973387 email:

[david@peters4005.fsnet.co.uk](mailto:david@peters4005.fsnet.co.uk)

Website: <http://clevedon-chess.co.uk/Home/>

## **Downend & Fishponds**

Downend Cricket Club, WG Grace Memorial Ground

Downend Road, Downend, Bristol BS16 5UE Tel: 0117 956 0164

*h – Tuesday b w 14c*

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website: [www.downendchess.com](http://www.downendchess.com)

## **Grendel (New Venue)**

The Drawbridge (Next to the Hippodrome)

St Augustine's Parade

Bristol City Centre, BS1 4UT

*h – Tuesday b 8c*

Mike Jennings Tel: 0117 9592516 email: [mike.jennings@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mike.jennings@hotmail.co.uk)



## **Hanham**

Hanham Community Centre, Hanham High Street, Hanham,

Bristol BS15 3EJ Tel: 0117 967 4439

*h – Tuesday b t&c 12c*

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Tel: 0117 967 6734 email: [rwilliams@hanhamchess.co.uk](mailto:rwilliams@hanhamchess.co.uk)

website: [www.hanhamchess.co.uk/](http://www.hanhamchess.co.uk/)

## **Harambee**

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## **Horfield & Redland**

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*(next to United Reformed Church, Whiteladies Road)*

*h - Tuesday t&c 17c*

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website: [www.horfieldchess.org.uk](http://www.horfieldchess.org.uk)

## **Keynsham**

J N Fear Institute, High Street, Keynsham BS31 1DQ

*h - Wednesday t&c 18c*

Duncan Macarthur, 26 Henleaze Road, Henleaze, Bristol BS9 4HS

Tel: 0117 9625229 email: [d.macarthur123@btinternet.com](mailto:d.macarthur123@btinternet.com)

## **Patchway ( New Venue )**

Skittle Alley, Rate Payers Pub, Filton Sports & Leisure Centre, Elm Park

Filton, Bristol BS34 7PS

*h - Thursday t&c w 8c*

Tony Golding, 156 Gloucester Road, Patchway, Bristol BS34 5BQ

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## **South Bristol**

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*h - Thursday b 12c*

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website: <http://freewebs.com/southbristolchess/>



## **Thornbury**

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## **University of Bristol**

The Students' Union, Queens Road, Clifton, Bristol BS8 1LN

Tel: 0117 9735035 email: [unichessclub@hotmail.com](mailto:unichessclub@hotmail.com)

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website: [www.bris.ac.uk/Depts/Union/Chess](http://www.bris.ac.uk/Depts/Union/Chess)

## **Yate & Sodbury**

Jackson Social Club, Station Road, Yate, Bristol BS37 5HR

*h – Tuesday b w t&c 18c*

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## League Tables 2013 - 2014

### Division One

Club		Played	Pts	Game Points	Def Pts
South Bristol	A	18	<b>27</b>	66.5	4
Clifton	A	18	<b>25</b>	65.5	
University	A	18	<b>22</b>	59	3
Horfield	A	18	<b>18</b>	57	
Clifton	B	18	<b>18</b>	51	
Downend	A	18	<b>18</b>	51	1
Bath	A	18	<b>15</b>	56.5	
Clevedon	A	18	<b>15</b>	47	3
Downend	B	18	<b>11</b>	43.5	
South Bristol	B	18	<b>11</b>	41	3

### Division Two

Club		Played	Pts	Game Points	Def Pts
Horfield	B	20	<b>34</b>	77.5	4
Clifton	C	20	<b>31</b>	75.5	1
Thornbury	A	20	<b>25</b>	67.5	
Bath	B	20	<b>23</b>	68.5	5
Grendel		20	<b>21</b>	61	21
Yate	A	20	<b>19</b>	61	
Horfield	C	20	<b>16</b>	50	11
Patchway		20	<b>14</b>	54.5	4
Downend	C	20	<b>12</b>	52.5	2
Hanham	A	20	<b>12</b>	45.5	1
Keynsham		20	<b>10</b>	42.5	3

### Division Three

Club		Played	Pts	Game Points	Def Pts
South Bristol	C	16	<b>28</b>	68	4
Clevedon	B	16	<b>27</b>	63.5	1
Cabot	0	16	<b>24</b>	62	1
Clifton	D	16	<b>22</b>	56	4
Yate	B	16	<b>14</b>	45	1
Downend	D	16	<b>10</b>	44	0
Hanham	B	16	<b>8</b>	30.5	1
Clifton	E	16	<b>5</b>	27	16
Harambee	A	16	<b>2</b>	33	37

### Division Four

Club		Played	Pts	Game Points	Def Pts
University	B	18	<b>28</b>	50.5	7
Thornbury	B	18	<b>27</b>	49	2
Bath University		18	<b>24</b>	45.5	23
South Bristol	D	17	<b>24</b>	41.5	
Downend	F	17	<b>17</b>	37.5	
Downend	G	18	<b>15</b>	36	
Downend	E	17	<b>11</b>	26.5	
Hanham	C	17	<b>9</b>	23	
Harambee	B	14	<b>6</b>	16	20
Clifton	F	14	<b>1</b>	10.5	23

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# League Honours 2013/14

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## League Championships

<b>Div 1</b>	South Bristol A	<b>Div 3</b>	South Bristol C
<b>Div 2</b>	Horfield B	<b>Div 4</b>	University B

## Team Knock-Outs

<b>Team KO</b>	Downend	<b>Minor KO</b>	Clevedon
<b>Summer Lightning</b>			

## Individual Championships

Sect.1	James Cobb ( Clifton )	Sect.3	Richard Porter ( University )
Sect.2	Alex Rossiter ( Cabot )	Sect.4	Not Awarded

<b>Alan Ashby Salver</b>	James Cobb ( Clifton )
<b>Steve Boniface Tankard Award</b>	Tbd

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## Internet Directory

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Bristol League Website	<a href="http://www.chessit.co.uk">www.chessit.co.uk</a>
Clifton	<a href="http://www.bristolandcliftonchess.club">www.bristolandcliftonchess.club</a>
Downend	<a href="http://www.downendchess.com/">www.downendchess.com/</a>
Hanham	<a href="http://www.hanhamchess.co.uk/">www.hanhamchess.co.uk/</a>
Horfield	<a href="http://www.horfieldchess.org.uk">www.horfieldchess.org.uk</a>
South Bristol	<a href="http://freewebs.com/southbristolchess/">http://freewebs.com/southbristolchess/</a>
University of Bristol	<a href="http://www.bris.ac.uk/Depts/Union/Chess/">www.bris.ac.uk/Depts/Union/Chess/</a>
West Country Chess Blog	<a href="http://westcountrychess.blogspot.com/">http://westcountrychess.blogspot.com/</a>
Castle Chess Congresses	<a href="http://www.castlechess.co.uk">www.castlechess.co.uk</a>
WECU	<a href="http://www.chessdevon.co.uk">www.chessdevon.co.uk</a>
4NCL	<a href="http://www.4ncl.co.uk">www.4ncl.co.uk</a>
Gloucester Chess Club	<a href="http://www.baltic22.freemove.co.uk/">www.baltic22.freemove.co.uk/</a>
Kevelchess	<a href="http://www.kevelchess.com">www.kevelchess.com</a>
Somerset chess	<a href="http://www.somersetchess.org/">www.somersetchess.org/</a>
South Wales Chess	<a href="http://www.southwaleschess.co.uk/SWI/">www.southwaleschess.co.uk/SWI/</a>
Stroud Chess	<a href="http://easytorecall.com/stroudchess/">http://easytorecall.com/stroudchess/</a>
Spectrum Chess	<a href="http://www.spectrumchess.com/">www.spectrumchess.com/</a>
English Chess Federation	<a href="http://www.englishchess.org.uk/">www.englishchess.org.uk/</a>
ECF Forum	<a href="http://www.ecforum.org.uk/">www.ecforum.org.uk/</a>
Chess Direct Catalogue Shop	<a href="http://www.chessdirect.co.uk">www.chessdirect.co.uk</a>
British Chess Magazine	<a href="http://www.britishchessmagazine.co.uk">www.britishchessmagazine.co.uk</a>
London Chess Centre	<a href="http://www.chess.co.uk">www.chess.co.uk</a>
Internet Chess Club	<a href="http://www.chessclub.com">www.chessclub.com</a>
Chessbase	<a href="http://www.chessbase.com">www.chessbase.com</a>

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# League Tournaments

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## The 38<sup>th</sup> League Championships

There will be a congress, called the **Bristol Spring Congress**, open to all, on the weekend of 17-19 April 2015 (provisional), which will incorporate the league championships. This is likely to have three sections, Open, Major(U155) and Minor(U125). In each section there will be a trophy for the highest placed Bristol league player, with tie breaks being used if necessary to decide the winners. The trophy winner in the Open section will be Bristol champion for the year. The tournament will take place at a new venue.

## The 18<sup>th</sup> League Rapidplay

This will also be an open tournament. It will consist of a six round Swiss in either two or three sections, with all moves in 25 minutes. Games will be graded.

## Other Bristol Congresses

The **Winter Congress** will take place on the weekend of 23-25 January 2015.  
The Great Hall, Bristol Grammar School, Bristol BS8 1SR  
The Open Section will be FIDE rated with a prize fund of £1000 !

The date for the **Steve Boniface Memorial Congress** is yet to be decided, but may move back to August.

All of the above tournaments will be included in the **Bristol Chess Grand Prix**, and Games will qualify for the Steve Boniface Memorial Prize.

All the above congresses will be played at:

### Bristol Grammar School

Entry forms for all these tournaments will be available on the league website

[www.chessit.co.uk](http://www.chessit.co.uk)

or from the Congress Secretary,  
Alan Papier, 17 First Avenue, St. Annes, Bristol BS4 4DU  
Email: [chinadoc@chinadoc.force9.co.uk](mailto:chinadoc@chinadoc.force9.co.uk)  
Tel: 07899826515

**Don't forget – all Bristol congresses are eligible for the Steve Boniface Memorial Trophy.**

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## Arbiters in the Bristol League

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Qualification for the title of ECF Arbiter consists of passing a formal written examination with a score of 80% or greater. The syllabus includes knowledge of, and ability to apply, the Laws of Chess, pairing rules, speed chess regulations, and various administrative functions. The full details are in the current ECF yearbook. In addition, the candidate must show ability to apply the theory in practice, and have performed to a satisfactory level at several tournaments.

From time to time, training courses are held in the Bristol area to prepare students for qualification. In addition, the Chess Arbiters' Association exists to support and encourage new and existing members.

The following are recognised ECF Arbiters:

Jerry Humphreys	0117 9650097	<a href="mailto:jerryhum1@hotmail.com">jerryhum1@hotmail.com</a>
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## Acknowledgements

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This year's Handbook was a joint effort between almost all members of the League Management Committee. Thanks also to Chris Smith for producing the fixtures.

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# Grading Thresholds

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The League allows players flexibility in “playing up”, and the option for some players to “play down”.

## 5.3 Eligibility of Players

*explains how the thresholds can effect players wishing to play up or down*

- f. The Match Secretary shall publish at the start of each season a set of Grading Thresholds for each division and for the Minor knock-out competition. The July ECF grading shall be used throughout the season for eligibility purposes.
- g. A player wishing to play for a lower team that is in the same division must have a grade less than the threshold of the division below that in which they play. If further teams from that club play in that same division, to play for them, the player must have a grade less than that of the division below that in which they play.
- h. If the team next below that of the player is in a lower division it is only required that the player’s grade be less than the threshold of the division in which that team plays. But, if further teams from that club play in that same lower division, to play for them, the player must have a grade less than that of the division below that in which they play.

### **Rule passed at 2014 AGM with regards to playing up**

- i. Where a club has more than one team in a particular division the following restriction shall apply to that club’s players and teams in that division. A player having a grade higher than the threshold for playing down from that division may only play for a higher team a total of three times. This restriction does not apply to Division 4.

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a) Players wishing to play up should note that there is a restriction outlined in rule **5.3.i (above)** This only applies where a player wishes to play up to a higher team in the same division and is above the threshold for that division . This does not apply to Division Four.

b) **Graded players only** - If you are registered for a team but are below the grading threshold for a lower team in your club, you may play as many times as you wish for that lower team.

c) However where the lower team is in the same division as the team for which you are registered, the grading threshold applicable is that for the division immediately below (hence the inclusion of “Division 5” in the table below).

d) If you are playing down **to** a division where your club has more than one team competing, you may only play for one of the less senior of those teams if your grade is **also** below the threshold for playing down **within** that division (see point c above and Rule 5.3h).

*“A fuller explanation with examples can be found on the League website”*

**Ungraded players must** be used in a team appropriate to their perceived playing strength. The LMC may impose a penalty if this condition is abused.

The grading thresholds for playing down to the four divisions in the 2014-15 season are:

DIVISION	2	3	4	5
GRADING THRESHOLD	164	127	104	65

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## The Two Minute Rule

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The LMC has been asked to interpret the two minute rule. We believe that attempting to do so will raise more questions than it answers, so here instead is an attempt at clarification of the rule as it applies to league play.

With “The revised FIDE Laws of Chess: For competitions starting on or after 1 July 2014 <http://www.fide.com/component/handbook/?id=171&view=article> refers to quickplay finishes without an arbiter present in Appendix G.6”

G.6 The following shall apply when the competition is not supervised by an arbiter:  
a. A player may claim a draw when he has less than two minutes left on his clock and before his flag falls. This concludes the game.

He may claim on the basis:

1. that his opponent cannot win by normal means, and/or
2. that his opponent has been making no effort to win by normal means.

In (1) the player must write down the final position and his opponent must verify it.

In (2) the player must write down the final position and submit an up-to-date scoresheet. The opponent shall verify both the scoresheet and the final position.

b. The claim shall be referred to the designated arbiter.

**PLEASE NOTE THE SENTENCE “THIS CONCLUDES THE GAME”.** Once the claim has been made, the game stops immediately.

Of course, the opponent may choose to accept the draw, but otherwise:

In 1.) ‘Cannot win by normal means’ refers to the material on the board, not to the position, or the time. Even a single pawn is theoretically enough to win.

2) is obviously more complicated. A common misconception is that the arbiter will adjudicate the position. In fact, he will be looking at the moves made up to the point of the claim to judge whether the opponent of the claimant is trying to run the player’s time down, and not trying to win the game by normal means. If he concludes that the opponent was trying to win by normal means, the claimant loses the game.

A point to bear in mind is that the claim of not trying to win by normal means must be accompanied by an up-to-date scoresheet, verified by both players. This is relevant if both players have stopped recording moves under the five minute rule.

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## Bristol Grand Prix 2013 - 2014

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Ten events subscribed to the Grand Prix this year (the same as the previous year) and of those three were League based and seven were Club based and my thanks to the organizers, both for running the events and for including them in the Grand Prix.

The grading bands from last year were retained at Open, U-155 and U125 levels to reflect the structure of the high scoring events. There were 54 qualifying players in the Open, 35 in the U155 and 37 in the U-125.

The prize fund has remained stable as we were able to welcome the Graeme Thompson Memorial into this season's events, as well as an additional Chipping Sodbury Rapidplay.

Over the year 126 League members from 14 clubs competed in the ten events on 313 occasions, scoring a total of 5717 Grand Prix points, all of which were higher than the previous year, and in the points scored, an increase of over 1500 points. Twelve players scored 100 points or more (a large rise on last year's 4).

The Open was keenly fought this year with five players scoring 100 points, with a strong Clifton entry, but they were all pipped to the post by David Buckley of Bath. Duncan Macarthur won in the U-155 category, and Richard Porter (University) took first in the U-125.

Since the ECF adopted the proposal of publishing the grading list twice each season, the grades for the whole of the Grand Prix season were based on the August list (issued prior to the start of the League season).



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## Bristol Grand Prix Continued

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### The Prizewinners are as follows

<u>Open</u>	1 <sup>st</sup>	David Buckley	Bath	£50.00
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Adrian Champion	Cabot	£25.00
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Gareth Morris	Clifton	£10.00
<u>U-155</u>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Duncan MacArthur	Keynsham	£50.00
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Alex Rossiter	Cabot	£25.00
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Alan Papier	Clifton	£10.00
<u>U-125</u>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Richard Porter	University	£60.00
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Amol Telang	Clifton	£25.00
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Anthony Sage	Bath	£10.00

Bonus of £10 included for Richard Porter for having the highest score across all sections this year.

The Junior trophy to Matthew Wilson ( Downend ) for being the highest scoring junior. Along with £20.00 prize money.

<u>Team</u>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Bristol & Clifton	£15.00
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### Bristol Grand Prix Rules

Anyone wishing to register an event should contact me below  
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## League Knockouts 2014 - 2015

### League Knockout

ROUND	DAY	DATE	HOME	AWAY	Result
QF	Mon	24th Nov	Clevedon	Bath	
QF	Tue	25th Nov	Horfield	Downend	
QF	N/A	N/A	<i>Clifton</i>	<i>Bye</i>	
QF	N/A	N/A	<i>South Bristol</i>	<i>Bye</i>	
Semi Final	Mon/Wed	9/11 Feb	Clevedon / Bath	South Bristol	
Semi Final	Tue	10th Feb	Horfield / Downend	Clifton	
Final					

### Minor League Knockout

ROUND	DAY	DATE	HOME	AWAY	Result
Preliminary	Mon	22nd Sep	Clevedon	Yate	
Preliminary	Thu	25th Sep	South Bristol 1	Downend	
Preliminary	Tue	23rd Sep	Hanham	Keynsham	
<i>Cabot, Clifton, Horfield, South Bristol 2, Patchway - Bye</i>					
QF		6th Nov	Patchway	Cabot	
QF		6th Nov	South Bristol 1 / Downend	South Bristol 2	
QF		4th Nov	Horfield	Clevedon / Yate	
QF		4th Nov	Clifton	Hanham / Keynsham	
Semi Final	w/c	12th Jan			
Semi Final	w/c	12th Jan			
Final					

## League Fixtures 2014 - 2015

### Division One

<b>Bath A</b>							
Wed	03-Sep	H	Clifton B	Tue	06-Jan	A	Downend A
Tue	09-Sep	A	Clifton A	Wed	21-Jan	H	South Bristol A
Wed	17-Sep	H	Horfield B	Wed	28-Jan	H	Horfield A
Wed	01-Oct	H	Downend A	Wed	04-Feb	H	Clifton A
Thu	09-Oct	A	South Bristol A	Tue	17-Feb	A	Clifton B
Wed	15-Oct	H	University A	Wed	04-Mar	H	Clifton C
Tue	11-Nov	A	Clifton C	Mon	16-Mar	A	Clevedon A
Tue	02-Dec	A	Horfield A	Tue	07-Apr	A	Horfield B
Wed	17-Dec	H	Clevedon A	Thu	30-Apr	A	University A

<b>Clevedon A</b>							
Tue	09-Sep	A	Horfield A	Mon	19-Jan	H	Clifton A
Mon	22-Sep	H	Horfield B	Thu	29-Jan	A	University A
Tue	30-Sep	A	Clifton C	Mon	02-Feb	H	South Bristol A
Mon	06-Oct	H	Downend A	Mon	16-Feb	H	Horfield A
Mon	13-Oct	H	Clifton B	Tue	03-Mar	A	Clifton B
Mon	27-Oct	H	University A	Mon	09-Mar	H	Clifton C
Tue	18-Nov	A	Clifton A	Mon	16-Mar	H	Bath A
Thu	11-Dec	A	South Bristol A	Tue	31-Mar	A	Horfield B
Wed	17-Dec	A	Bath A	Tue	07-Apr	A	Downend A

<b>Clifton A</b>							
Tue	09-Sep	H	Bath A	Tue	06-Jan	A	Horfield A
Tue	16-Sep	A	Downend A	Tue	13-Jan	H	Downend A
Tue	23-Sep	H	Horfield A	Mon	19-Jan	A	Clevedon A
Tue	30-Sep	A	Clifton B	Tue	27-Jan	A	Clifton C
Tue	14-Oct	H	Clifton C	Wed	04-Feb	A	Bath A
Tue	21-Oct	H	South Bristol A	Tue	24-Feb	H	Clifton B
Tue	11-Nov	A	Horfield B	Tue	10-Mar	H	Horfield B
Tue	18-Nov	H	Clevedon A	Tue	17-Mar	H	University A
Thu	18-Dec	A	University A	Thu	30-Apr	A	South Bristol A

<b>Clifton B</b>							
Wed	03-Sep	A	Bath A	Tue	03-Feb	A	Clifton C
Tue	30-Sep	H	Clifton A	Tue	17-Feb	H	Bath A
Tue	07-Oct	H	Horfield A	Tue	24-Feb	A	Clifton A
Mon	13-Oct	A	Clevedon A	Tue	03-Mar	H	Clevedon A
Tue	04-Nov	H	Clifton C	Tue	24-Mar	H	Horfield B
Tue	25-Nov	H	South Bristol A	Tue	31-Mar	H	Downend A
Tue	02-Dec	A	Downend A	Thu	09-Apr	A	South Bristol A
Thu	11-Dec	A	University A	Tue	14-Apr	A	Horfield A
Tue	16-Dec	A	Horfield B	Tue	21-Apr	H	University A

<b>Clifton C</b>							
Tue	16-Sep	A	Horfield A	Tue	06-Jan	H	South Bristol A
Thu	25-Sep	A	South Bristol A	Tue	13-Jan	A	Horfield B
Tue	30-Sep	H	Clevedon A	Tue	20-Jan	A	Downend A
Tue	14-Oct	A	Clifton A	Tue	27-Jan	H	Clifton A
Tue	21-Oct	H	University A	Tue	03-Feb	H	Clifton B
Tue	28-Oct	H	Downend A	Thu	19-Feb	A	University A
Tue	04-Nov	A	Clifton B	Wed	04-Mar	A	Bath A
Tue	11-Nov	H	Bath A	Mon	09-Mar	A	Clevedon A
Tue	18-Nov	H	Horfield B	Tue	28-Apr	H	Horfield A

<b>Downend A</b>							
Tue	16-Sep	H	Clifton A	Tue	06-Jan	H	Bath A
Wed	01-Oct	A	Bath A	Tue	13-Jan	A	Clifton A
Mon	06-Oct	A	Clevedon A	Tue	20-Jan	H	Clifton C
Tue	14-Oct	A	Horfield A	Tue	24-Feb	H	South Bristol A
Tue	28-Oct	A	Clifton C	Tue	03-Mar	H	Horfield A
Tue	04-Nov	H	Horfield B	Thu	26-Mar	A	University A
Thu	13-Nov	A	South Bristol A	Tue	31-Mar	A	Clifton B
Tue	18-Nov	H	University A	Tue	07-Apr	H	Clevedon A
Tue	02-Dec	H	Clifton B	Tue	21-Apr	A	Horfield B

<b>Horfield A</b>							
Tue	09-Sep	H	Clevedon A	Tue	06-Jan	H	Clifton A
Tue	16-Sep	H	Clifton C	Thu	15-Jan	A	South Bristol A
Tue	23-Sep	A	Clifton A	Tue	20-Jan	H	Horfield B
Tue	30-Sep	H	South Bristol A	Wed	28-Jan	A	Bath A
Tue	07-Oct	A	Clifton B	Tue	03-Feb	H	University A
Tue	14-Oct	H	Downend A	Mon	16-Feb	A	Clevedon A
Tue	21-Oct	A	Horfield B	Tue	03-Mar	A	Downend A
Thu	13-Nov	A	University A	Tue	14-Apr	H	Clifton B
Tue	02-Dec	H	Bath A	Tue	28-Apr	A	Clifton C

<b>Horfield B</b>							
Wed	17-Sep	A	Bath A	Tue	13-Jan	H	Clifton C
Mon	22-Sep	A	Clevedon A	Tue	20-Jan	A	Horfield A
Thu	09-Oct	A	University A	Thu	29-Jan	A	South Bristol A
Tue	21-Oct	H	Horfield A	Tue	24-Feb	H	University A
Tue	28-Oct	H	South Bristol A	Tue	10-Mar	A	Clifton A
Tue	04-Nov	A	Downend A	Tue	24-Mar	A	Clifton B
Tue	11-Nov	H	Clifton A	Tue	31-Mar	H	Clevedon A
Tue	18-Nov	A	Clifton C	Tue	07-Apr	H	Bath A
Tue	16-Dec	H	Clifton B	Tue	21-Apr	H	Downend A

<b>South Bristol A</b>							
Thu	25-Sep	H	Clifton C	Tue	06-Jan	A	Clifton C
Tue	30-Sep	A	Horfield A	Thu	15-Jan	H	Horfield A
Thu	09-Oct	H	Bath A	Wed	21-Jan	A	Bath A
Tue	21-Oct	A	Clifton A	Thu	29-Jan	H	Horfield B
Tue	28-Oct	A	Horfield B	Mon	02-Feb	A	Clevedon A
Thu	13-Nov	H	Downend A	Tue	24-Feb	A	Downend A
Tue	25-Nov	A	Clifton B	Thu	05-Mar	A	University A
Thu	04-Dec	H	University A	Thu	09-Apr	H	Clifton B
Thu	11-Dec	H	Clevedon A	Thu	30-Apr	H	Clifton A

### University A

Thu	09-Oct	H	Horfield B	Thu	29-Jan	H	Clevedon A
Wed	15-Oct	A	Bath A	Tue	03-Feb	A	Horfield A
Tue	21-Oct	A	Clifton C	Thu	19-Feb	H	Clifton C
Mon	27-Oct	A	Clevedon A	Tue	24-Feb	A	Horfield B
Thu	13-Nov	H	Horfield A	Thu	05-Mar	H	South Bristol A
Tue	18-Nov	A	Downend A	Tue	17-Mar	A	Clifton A
Thu	04-Dec	A	South Bristol A	Thu	26-Mar	H	Downend A
Thu	11-Dec	H	Clifton B	Tue	21-Apr	A	Clifton B
Thu	18-Dec	H	Clifton A	Thu	30-Apr	H	Bath A

## Division Two

<b>Bath B</b>						
Tue	02-Sep	A	Yate A	Wed	07-Jan	H Downend B
Wed	10-Sep	H	Downend C	Tue	13-Jan	A Thornbury
Wed	24-Sep	H	Thornbury	Tue	20-Jan	A Downend C
Tue	30-Sep	A	Downend B	Tue	27-Jan	A Horfield C
Wed	08-Oct	H	Clevedon B	Thu	05-Feb	A South Bristol B
Wed	22-Oct	H	Horfield C	Wed	18-Feb	H South Bristol C
Thu	20-Nov	A	South Bristol C	Wed	25-Feb	H Patchway A
Wed	03-Dec	H	South Bristol B	Mon	02-Mar	A Clevedon B
Tue	09-Dec	A	Grendel	Wed	15-Apr	H Grendel
Thu	18-Dec	A	Patchway A	Wed	29-Apr	H Yate A

<b>Clevedon B</b>						
Mon	01-Sep	H	South Bristol C	Mon	05-Jan	H Downend C
Mon	08-Sep	H	Yate A	Tue	20-Jan	A Yate A
Mon	15-Sep	H	Grendel	Mon	26-Jan	H South Bristol B
Thu	02-Oct	A	South Bristol B	Thu	19-Feb	A Patchway A
Wed	08-Oct	A	Bath B	Mon	23-Feb	H Horfield C
Tue	14-Oct	A	Downend C	Mon	02-Mar	H Bath B
Mon	20-Oct	H	Patchway A	Tue	10-Mar	A Downend B
Mon	01-Dec	H	Downend B	Mon	23-Mar	H Thornbury
Tue	09-Dec	A	Horfield C	Tue	21-Apr	A Grendel
Tue	16-Dec	A	Thornbury	Thu	30-Apr	A South Bristol C

<b>Downend B</b>						
Tue	02-Sep	A	Downend C	Wed	07-Jan	A Bath B
Tue	09-Sep	A	Horfield C	Thu	22-Jan	A Patchway A
Tue	30-Sep	H	Bath B	Tue	27-Jan	A Grendel
Tue	07-Oct	H	Patchway A	Tue	10-Feb	H Downend C
Thu	23-Oct	A	South Bristol B	Tue	17-Feb	H Yate A
Tue	04-Nov	A	Yate A	Tue	10-Mar	H Clevedon B
Tue	25-Nov	H	Grendel	Tue	17-Mar	H Thornbury
Mon	01-Dec	A	Clevedon B	Thu	09-Apr	A South Bristol C
Tue	09-Dec	A	Thornbury	Tue	14-Apr	H South Bristol B
Tue	16-Dec	H	South Bristol C	Tue	28-Apr	H Horfield C

<b>Downend C</b>							
Tue	02-Sep	H	Downend B	Mon	05-Jan	A	Clevedon B
Wed	10-Sep	A	Bath B	Tue	20-Jan	H	Bath B
Tue	16-Sep	H	Horfield C	Tue	03-Feb	H	Patchway A
Thu	02-Oct	A	Patchway A	Tue	10-Feb	A	Downend B
Tue	14-Oct	H	Clevedon B	Thu	19-Feb	A	South Bristol B
Tue	21-Oct	A	Grendel	Tue	24-Feb	H	Grendel
Tue	28-Oct	H	Thornbury	Tue	03-Mar	A	Horfield C
Tue	18-Nov	H	South Bristol B	Tue	31-Mar	H	South Bristol C
Tue	02-Dec	A	Yate A	Tue	07-Apr	H	Yate A
Thu	11-Dec	A	South Bristol C	Tue	21-Apr	A	Thornbury

<b>Grendel</b>							
Thu	04-Sep	A	Patchway A	Tue	20-Jan	A	Thornbury
Tue	09-Sep	H	Thornbury	Tue	27-Jan	H	Downend B
Mon	15-Sep	A	Clevedon B	Tue	03-Feb	H	South Bristol C
Tue	07-Oct	H	South Bristol B	Tue	17-Feb	A	Horfield C
Tue	14-Oct	H	Horfield C	Tue	24-Feb	A	Downend C
Tue	21-Oct	H	Downend C	Tue	03-Mar	H	Yate A
Tue	25-Nov	A	Downend B	Tue	24-Mar	H	Patchway A
Thu	04-Dec	A	South Bristol C	Thu	02-Apr	A	South Bristol B
Tue	09-Dec	H	Bath B	Wed	15-Apr	A	Bath B
Tue	16-Dec	A	Yate A	Tue	21-Apr	H	Clevedon B

<b>Horfield C</b>							
Tue	09-Sep	H	Downend B	Tue	06-Jan	A	Yate A
Tue	16-Sep	A	Downend C	Thu	22-Jan	A	South Bristol C
Tue	23-Sep	H	Patchway A	Tue	27-Jan	H	Bath B
Tue	30-Sep	H	South Bristol C	Tue	03-Feb	H	Thornbury
Tue	07-Oct	H	Yate A	Tue	10-Feb	H	South Bristol B
Tue	14-Oct	A	Grendel	Tue	17-Feb	H	Grendel
Wed	22-Oct	A	Bath B	Mon	23-Feb	A	Clevedon B
Tue	02-Dec	A	Thornbury	Tue	03-Mar	H	Downend C
Tue	09-Dec	H	Clevedon B	Thu	16-Apr	A	Patchway A
Thu	18-Dec	A	South Bristol B	Tue	28-Apr	A	Downend B



<b>Patchway A</b>						
Thu	04-Sep	H	Grendel	Thu	08-Jan	H Thornbury
Thu	11-Sep	A	South Bristol B	Thu	22-Jan	H Downend B
Tue	16-Sep	A	Thornbury	Tue	27-Jan	A Yate A
Tue	23-Sep	A	Horfield C	Tue	03-Feb	A Downend C
Thu	02-Oct	H	Downend C	Thu	19-Feb	H Clevedon B
Tue	07-Oct	A	Downend B	Wed	25-Feb	A Bath B
Thu	16-Oct	H	South Bristol C	Thu	05-Mar	A South Bristol C
Mon	20-Oct	A	Clevedon B	Tue	24-Mar	A Grendel
Thu	11-Dec	H	Yate A	Thu	16-Apr	H Horfield C
Thu	18-Dec	H	Bath B	Thu	23-Apr	H South Bristol B

<b>South Bristol B</b>						
Thu	04-Sep	H	Thornbury	Thu	08-Jan	H South Bristol C
Thu	11-Sep	H	Patchway A	Mon	26-Jan	A Clevedon B
Thu	18-Sep	A	South Bristol C	Thu	05-Feb	H Bath B
Thu	02-Oct	H	Clevedon B	Tue	10-Feb	A Horfield C
Tue	07-Oct	A	Grendel	Thu	19-Feb	H Downend C
Tue	14-Oct	A	Yate A	Thu	26-Feb	H Yate A
Thu	23-Oct	H	Downend B	Tue	03-Mar	A Thornbury
Tue	18-Nov	A	Downend C	Thu	02-Apr	H Grendel
Wed	03-Dec	A	Bath B	Tue	14-Apr	A Downend B
Thu	18-Dec	H	Horfield C	Thu	23-Apr	A Patchway A

<b>South Bristol C</b>						
Mon	01-Sep	A	Clevedon B	Thu	08-Jan	A South Bristol B
Thu	18-Sep	H	South Bristol B	Thu	22-Jan	H Horfield C
Tue	30-Sep	A	Horfield C	Tue	27-Jan	A Thornbury
Thu	09-Oct	H	Thornbury	Tue	03-Feb	A Grendel
Thu	16-Oct	A	Patchway A	Thu	12-Feb	H Yate A
Tue	21-Oct	A	Yate A	Wed	18-Feb	A Bath B
Thu	20-Nov	H	Bath B	Thu	05-Mar	H Patchway A
Thu	04-Dec	H	Grendel	Tue	31-Mar	A Downend C
Thu	11-Dec	H	Downend C	Thu	09-Apr	H Downend B
Tue	16-Dec	A	Downend B	Thu	30-Apr	H Clevedon B

### Thornbury

Thu	04-Sep	A	South Bristol B	Thu	08-Jan	A	Patchway A
Tue	09-Sep	A	Grendel	Tue	13-Jan	H	Bath B
Tue	16-Sep	H	Patchway A	Tue	20-Jan	H	Grendel
Wed	24-Sep	A	Bath B	Tue	27-Jan	H	South Bristol C
Tue	30-Sep	H	Yate A	Tue	03-Feb	A	Horfield C
Thu	09-Oct	A	South Bristol C	Tue	03-Mar	H	South Bristol B
Tue	28-Oct	A	Downend C	Tue	17-Mar	A	Downend B
Tue	02-Dec	H	Horfield C	Mon	23-Mar	A	Clevedon B
Tue	09-Dec	H	Downend B	Tue	14-Apr	A	Yate A
Tue	16-Dec	H	Clevedon B	Tue	21-Apr	H	Downend C

### Yate A

Tue	02-Sep	H	Bath B	Tue	06-Jan	H	Horfield C
Mon	08-Sep	A	Clevedon B	Tue	20-Jan	H	Clevedon B
Tue	30-Sep	A	Thornbury	Tue	27-Jan	H	Patchway A
Tue	07-Oct	A	Horfield C	Thu	12-Feb	A	South Bristol C
Tue	14-Oct	H	South Bristol B	Tue	17-Feb	A	Downend B
Tue	21-Oct	H	South Bristol C	Thu	26-Feb	A	South Bristol B
Tue	04-Nov	H	Downend B	Tue	03-Mar	A	Grendel
Tue	02-Dec	H	Downend C	Tue	07-Apr	A	Downend C
Thu	11-Dec	A	Patchway A	Tue	14-Apr	H	Thornbury
Tue	16-Dec	H	Grendel	Wed	29-Apr	A	Bath B

# Division Three

<b>Cabot A</b>							
Tue	02-Sep	H	Harambee A	Tue	06-Jan	A	Downend D
Tue	16-Sep	H	Yate B	Tue	20-Jan	H	South Bristol D
Tue	30-Sep	H	Downend D	Tue	10-Feb	A	Yate B
Wed	08-Oct	A	Keynsham A	Tue	17-Feb	A	Clifton D
Tue	21-Oct	A	Clifton E	Thu	26-Feb	A	Harambee A
Tue	28-Oct	A	Hanham A	Tue	03-Mar	H	Clifton E
Tue	18-Nov	H	Hanham B	Tue	17-Mar	H	Hanham A
Thu	27-Nov	A	South Bristol D	Tue	31-Mar	A	Hanham B
Tue	16-Dec	H	Clifton D	Tue	28-Apr	H	Keynsham A

<b>Clifton D</b>							
Tue	02-Sep	A	Hanham A	Tue	20-Jan	A	Downend D
Wed	10-Sep	A	Keynsham A	Tue	17-Feb	H	Cabot A
Tue	23-Sep	H	Harambee A	Tue	24-Feb	H	Clifton E
Tue	07-Oct	H	Yate B	Thu	05-Mar	A	Harambee A
Tue	14-Oct	H	Downend D	Tue	17-Mar	A	Yate B
Thu	23-Oct	A	South Bristol D	Tue	24-Mar	H	Keynsham A
Tue	25-Nov	A	Clifton E	Tue	07-Apr	H	South Bristol D
Tue	02-Dec	H	Hanham B	Tue	14-Apr	A	Hanham B
Tue	16-Dec	A	Cabot A	Tue	21-Apr	H	Hanham A

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Tue	09-Sep	A	Yate B	Tue	06-Jan	H	Hanham B
Tue	16-Sep	A	Hanham B	Wed	21-Jan	A	Keynsham A
Tue	30-Sep	H	Keynsham A	Tue	27-Jan	H	Downend D
Thu	09-Oct	A	Harambee A	Tue	03-Feb	H	Harambee A
Tue	14-Oct	H	Hanham A	Tue	10-Feb	A	Hanham A
Tue	21-Oct	H	Cabot A	Tue	24-Feb	A	Clifton D
Tue	11-Nov	H	South Bristol D	Tue	03-Mar	A	Cabot A
Tue	25-Nov	H	Clifton D	Tue	31-Mar	H	Yate B
Tue	09-Dec	A	Downend D	Thu	23-Apr	A	South Bristol D

<b>Downend D</b>							
Tue	09-Sep	H	Hanham A	Tue	06-Jan	H	Cabot A
Thu	18-Sep	A	Harambee A	Tue	20-Jan	H	Clifton D
Tue	30-Sep	A	Cabot A	Tue	27-Jan	A	Clifton E
Tue	07-Oct	H	South Bristol D	Wed	04-Feb	A	Keynsham A
Tue	14-Oct	A	Clifton D	Tue	17-Feb	A	Hanham A
Tue	11-Nov	A	Yate B	Thu	26-Feb	A	South Bristol D
Tue	25-Nov	H	Keynsham A	Tue	24-Mar	H	Yate B
Tue	09-Dec	H	Clifton E	Tue	14-Apr	H	Harambee A
Tue	16-Dec	A	Hanham B	Tue	28-Apr	H	Hanham B

<b>Hanham A</b>							
Tue	02-Sep	H	Clifton D	Thu	08-Jan	A	Harambee A
Tue	09-Sep	A	Downend D	Tue	20-Jan	A	Hanham B
Thu	02-Oct	A	South Bristol D	Tue	10-Feb	H	Clifton E
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Tue	28-Oct	H	Cabot A	Tue	24-Mar	H	South Bristol D
Wed	12-Nov	A	Keynsham A	Tue	07-Apr	H	Keynsham A
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<b>Hanham B</b>							
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Tue	16-Sep	H	Clifton E	Tue	27-Jan	H	Keynsham A
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Tue	23-Sep	A	Clifton D	Thu	22-Jan	H Yate B
Tue	30-Sep	A	Hanham B	Thu	29-Jan	A South Bristol D
Thu	09-Oct	H	Clifton E	Tue	03-Feb	A Clifton E
Thu	16-Oct	H	Keynsham A	Thu	12-Feb	H Hanham B
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Tue	18-Nov	A	Yate B	Thu	05-Mar	H Clifton D
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<b>Keynsham A</b>						
Wed	03-Sep	H	Hanham B	Wed	14-Jan	H Harambee A
Wed	10-Sep	H	Clifton D	Wed	21-Jan	H Clifton E
Tue	30-Sep	A	Clifton E	Tue	27-Jan	A Hanham B
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Wed	12-Nov	H	Hanham A	Tue	07-Apr	A Hanham A
Wed	19-Nov	H	South Bristol D	Wed	15-Apr	H Yate B
Tue	25-Nov	A	Downend D	Tue	28-Apr	A Cabot A

<b>South Bristol D</b>						
Thu	04-Sep	H	Yate B	Tue	20-Jan	A Cabot A
Thu	11-Sep	H	Hanham B	Thu	29-Jan	H Harambee A
Thu	02-Oct	H	Hanham A	Thu	19-Feb	H Keynsham A
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Thu	23-Oct	H	Clifton D	Tue	03-Mar	A Hanham B
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Wed	19-Nov	A	Keynsham A	Tue	07-Apr	A Clifton D
Thu	27-Nov	H	Cabot A	Thu	23-Apr	H Clifton E
Thu	18-Dec	A	Harambee A	Tue	28-Apr	A Yate B

**Yate B**

Thu 04-Sep A South Bristol D	Thu 22-Jan A Harambee A
Tue 09-Sep H Clifton E	Tue 03-Feb H Hanham B
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<b>Bath University</b>							
Thu	23-Oct	H	Cabot B	Thu	05-Feb	H	Harambee B
Thu	06-Nov	H	Horfield D	Tue	10-Feb	A	Hanham C
Thu	13-Nov	H	Patchway B	Thu	19-Feb	H	Downend E
Mon	17-Nov	A	Clevedon C	Thu	26-Feb	A	University B
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<b>Cabot B</b>							
Wed	03-Sep	A	Keynsham B	Tue	13-Jan	A	Downend E
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<b>Clevedon C</b>							
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Tue	16-Sep	A	Downend E	Tue	27-Jan	A	Cabot B
Mon	22-Sep	H	Patchway B	Mon	02-Feb	H	Horfield D
Mon	29-Sep	H	Hanham C	Mon	16-Feb	H	University B
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Tue 09-Sep A Cabot B	Tue 06-Jan H Patchway B
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### Horfield D

Wed 10-Sep A Keynsham B	Thu 08-Jan A South Bristol E
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# The Constitution and Rules of the Bristol & District Chess League

## Revised 1<sup>st</sup> August 2014

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## THE CONSTITUTION

### A THE LEAGUE

- A1 This is the Constitution and Rules of a voluntary association known as “The Bristol and District Chess League” (“the League”).
- A2 The objectives of the League shall be to:
- Promote interest in and to encourage the study and practice of chess,
  - give advice on all chess matters,
  - organise and carry out championships and competitions between clubs and individual players in membership of the League.
- A3 The affairs of the League shall be governed by this Constitution and Rules, as managed and administered by a League Management Committee (“the LMC”).
- A4 The affairs of the League shall be conducted by its Officers, who are required to:-
- transact the business of the League in the best interest of the League, and according to the wishes of the LMC,
  - maintain appropriate records and accounts of all their transactions on behalf of the League for an appropriate period of time, and, whenever required to do so by the LMC, produce these records and provide a full and clear account of their activities,
  - hand over promptly to the Treasurer all money received by them on behalf of the League,
  - protect any League property in their care, and hand it over to the LMC when required to do so.

## **B GENERAL MEETINGS**

- B.1 A General Meeting may be called at any time by the LMC or by the written request of the secretaries of three Member Clubs delivered to the LMC. The LMC shall give at least fourteen days notice of any General Meeting by way of an Agenda for the Meeting circulated to the secretaries of all Member Clubs. The Agenda shall give the Motions and state the Elections on which the General Meeting shall vote.
- B.2 Motions may be proposed, either by any Individual Member of the League ("Member"), in which case it must be seconded by another Member, or by the LMC. Only those Motions published in the Agenda may be debated at a General Meeting.
- B.3 The LMC shall nominate a Chairman for each General Meeting.
- B.4 A quorum of twenty Members must be present when any vote is taken at a General Meeting. Only Members may vote, and voting shall be by show of hands.
- B.5 An Election of a League Officer shall be conducted by Transferable Voting. A vote shall be taken for each of the declared candidates. If any candidate receives more than half of the votes cast, they are elected. Otherwise, a candidate receiving the lowest vote shall be eliminated from the ballot. The process is then repeated. Any unresolved tie shall be decided by lot.
- B.6 Any Member may propose an amendment to any Motion as published, so long as that amendment is entirely concerned with the substance of the original Motion. The Proposer and Secunder, or the LMC, may accept an amendment to their own motion without a vote. Otherwise, an amendment shall be accepted if it is approved by more than half of those voting.
- B.7 Any Motion to alter or amend the Constitution of the League ("Constitutional Change") requires approval by at least two-thirds of those voting, and must then be ratified, by at least two-thirds of the Members voting at a General Meeting held not less than one month and not more than eighteen months thereafter, before the Motion comes into effect.
- B.8 Any Motion to alter or amend the Rules of the League ("Rule Change") requires approval by at least two-thirds of those voting.
- B.9 Any other Motion requires approval by more than half of those voting.

## **C WINDING UP OF THE LEAGUE**

- C.1 A Motion to wind up the League is a Constitutional Change.
- C.2 If ratified, the LMC shall, thereupon, proceed to realize the assets of the League, and after the discharge of liability, shall divide any balance remaining among those Member Clubs at the date of the first approval of the Motion whose subscriptions were then fully paid up, in proportion to the last annual subscriptions paid to the League by such clubs.

## THE RULES

### 1. MEMBERSHIP

#### 1.1 General

All memberships of the League are subject to the approval of the LMC.

#### 1.2 Member Clubs

- a. All chess clubs in Bristol and the surrounding district (as determined by the LMC) are eligible to be Member Clubs.
- b. The subscription to the League for a Member Club for the year from September to the following August shall be £40 per team (for teams in divisions 1, 2 and 3) or £27 per team (for teams in all other divisions) entered in the Team Championship. The subscription is payable by 31<sup>st</sup> December. The LMC may fine the club up to £5 per team for each month or part thereof by which the payment is late.
- c. Each Member Club shall also pay ECF Game Fees to the League as specified in Rule 9.
- d. All subscriptions, fees and fines are payable to the League Treasurer within one month of receipt of a request for payment from the Treasurer.
- e. Clubs should pay their fees in a single transaction. If a club causes a second bill to be sent it will be charged £5.

#### 1.3 Individual Membership

All bona fide members of Member Clubs are automatically Individual Members of the League ("Members"), and are not required to pay any fees.

#### 1.4 Affiliated Membership

Any organization is eligible to be an Affiliated Member of the League ("Affiliate"). An Affiliate is not required to pay any fees. An Affiliate may nominate two representatives who will have the rights of Members in respect of General Meetings.

#### 1.5 External Affiliations

The League shall affiliate to the West of England Chess Union, and shall support the ECF as a registered Game Fee event (Rule 9).

## 2 MANAGEMENT

### 2.1 Organization of the League Management Committee

- a. The LMC shall consist of the following League Officers: President, Chairman, General Secretary, Match Secretary, Treasurer, Congress Secretary, ECF Representative, Grand Prix Secretary, Junior Organizer, Recruitment and Publicity Officer, Webmaster, 4NCL Team Manager and a WECU representative ("the LMC posts").
- b. No person may hold more than one of the following LMC posts at the same time: President, Chairman, General Secretary, Match Secretary, and Treasurer.
- c. The LMC may from time to time appoint or terminate the appointment of a Trophy Secretary, a Minutes Secretary, and/or such other League Officers (excluding the LMC posts and the Auditor) as it sees fit.
- d. Meetings of the LMC shall normally be organized by the General Secretary. As well as the other LMC members, he shall invite to any meeting any League Officer or other person who shall be able to assist the workings of the LMC, or who has reasonable cause to be represented before the LMC. Any such person shall have speaking rights but not voting rights at the meeting.
- e. Five members of the LMC shall form a quorum for a meeting of the LMC. The Chairman, or in his absence the President, shall preside.

## **2.2 General Powers of the League Management Committee**

- a. In the case of any infringement of these Rules by a Member Club, the LMC may impose an appropriate penalty, which may comprise a fine not exceeding £25, a deduction of points in the Team Championships, or the disqualification of a team or teams from one or more competitions. Such a penalty shall take account of the gravity of the infringement, and where appropriate due warning of an infringement shall be given to the Member Club prior to the imposition of any penalty.
- b. Any protest or dispute, or any matter arising not provided for in these rules, shall be referred to the LMC whose decision thereon shall be final.
- c. The LMC may at any time replace any League Officer who ceases to act.
- d. The LMC may at any time act to fill any LMC post which has become vacant for any reason.

## **2.3 The General Secretary**

- a. The General Secretary shall be the primary external contact for the League, and represent the League on all bodies to which the League is entitled representation, including the WECU Executive.
- b. The General Secretary shall summon and give due notice of all General Meetings of the League and meetings of the LMC, and maintain records thereof.
- c. The General Secretary shall receive an honorarium of £50 as long as he continues to act in that capacity.

## **2.4 The Match Secretary**

- a. The Match Secretary shall be responsible for the day-to-day running of the League's fixtures and competitions.
- b. The Match Secretary shall receive an honorarium of £50 as long as he continues to act in that capacity.

## **2.5 The Treasurer**

- a. The Treasurer shall receive and take charge of the funds of the League and pay all accounts approved by the Chairman or by the LMC.
- b. The Treasurer shall complete an Annual Account and Balance Sheet up to and including 30<sup>th</sup> April each year. These shall be certified by the Treasurer and the General Secretary and duly audited.
- c. The Treasurer shall receive an honorarium of £50 as long as he continues to act in that capacity.

## **2.6 Annual General Meetings**

The Annual General Meeting of the League ("the AGM") shall be held in May or June on a date to be fixed by the LMC. At the AGM reports and accounts shall be rendered by the General Secretary, the Match Secretary and the Treasurer, and, at the discretion of the LMC, by any other League Officer; there will be an election of officers for the LMC posts; there will be an election for the post of Auditor. No person may hold this post at the same time as he holds an LMC post.

## **2.7 Voting at General Meetings**

At any General Meeting including the AGM, any member present may at any time before or during a vote on a Motion, where the Motion affects the playing conditions, rules, format, eligibility or any other aspect of a chess match, request that a separate vote be taken for that Motion for each division and/or competition, or for specific divisions and/or competitions. If such a request is made, the question shall be put to the vote as a procedural motion and, if approved by more than half of those voting, separate votes shall be taken on the substantive Motion as specified in the request.

### **3 GENERAL RULES OF TEAM COMPETITIONS**

#### **3.1 General**

- a. The LMC shall organize and promote the team competitions described in these rules. It shall provide a trophy for each competition, engraved with the winning particulars.
- b. A representative of the winner of any competition may accept the custody of the relevant League trophy for a limited period. Any person accepting custody must: -
  - sign a declaration provided by the Treasurer to the effect that the person shall give all due diligence to providing safe custody for the trophy, and accept any conditions of custody imposed by the LMC or its insurers,
  - provide the Treasurer with a permanent address at which the trophy shall be kept, and any changes in that address during the period of custody; immediately notify the Treasurer in the event of any loss or damage to the trophy, providing all the necessary information for any insurance claim to be completed,
  - return the trophy to the Treasurer on demand.

#### **3.2 Rules of Play**

- a. All games shall be played in accordance with the latest Laws of Chess published by FIDE [currently July 2009]. A link to the Laws shall be provided on the League website.
- b. Games may be recorded in either algebraic or English descriptive notation, but the use of algebraic notation shall be encouraged by the League.
- c. All team competitions shall be played without an arbiter. Team captains shall not be considered to be acting as arbiters.
- d. Games requiring all moves to be completed in 60 minutes or less shall be subject to the FIDE Laws of Rapidplay. Games requiring all moves to be completed in 61 minutes or more shall be subject to the standard FIDE Laws.
- e. Any player who:
  - permits a mobile phone to be visible in the playing area; or
  - permits a mobile phone to be audible in the playing area; or
  - makes, sends or responds to a mobile phone call or SMS message in the playing area shall lose the game. A player who is obliged by circumstances to have his mobile phone activated in the playing area (e.g. doctor on call) must inform both team captains in advance.
- f. The LMC may make additional match bylaws which shall be circulated by the Match Secretary and/or made available on the League website.

#### **3.3 Playing Sessions & Rates of Play**

- a. The playing session shall not be on a Friday, Saturday, or Sunday, except with the express advance permission of the LMC.
- b. The playing session shall be from 7.30pm until 10.30pm. The period of grace before the game is defaulted is 8pm. However, all clocks must be started by 7:40 pm.
- c. The playing time shall be that all moves shall be completed in 1½ hours and quickplay finishes (Rule 4) shall apply. An alternative time limit of 65 minutes may be agreed if juniors are involved.
- d. The normal playing session is regulated by the use of a chess clock.
- e. These rates of play apply to all team championship games and the knock-out competitions.

#### **3.4 Fixtures**

- a. Before the start of the season, the Match Secretary shall determine and publish a list of fixtures for the season. This list along with the complete handbook will be published electronically on the League website [www.chessit.co.uk](http://www.chessit.co.uk). The fixtures, club directory and Rules will all be available separately for download in Word and PDF format. Additional fixtures may be determined by the Match Secretary during the season. The electronic copy will be updated accordingly.

- b. Any fixture determined by the Match Secretary may be rescheduled at the direction of the LMC. Such a fixture may also be rescheduled by the explicit approval of the Match Secretary in advance together with the agreement of the opposing team captains, providing that the rescheduled match takes place within the published duration of the competition, and that the Match Secretary is informed of the rescheduled date by the home captain within 30 days of the postponement.

### **3.5 Eligibility of Players**

Only Members may compete in League team competitions. Additional eligibility rules may apply in each competition.

### **3.6 Match Preliminaries**

The following preliminaries should be carried out before the start of the play:

- a. The home team shall be responsible for providing, for each game, the following equipment in usable order: a chess set and board, a chess clock, two score sheets, a table and two chairs.
- b. Each team shall present a captain. The captain or a competent deputy must remain available for the duration of the match. The captains shall first agree any variations in the conditions of play permitted by the competition. Then they shall exchange lists of eligible players in order of decreasing playing strength, the strongest player being designated board one, the next board two and so on (the LMC may penalize any team that flagrantly abuses this stipulation). The away team shall have White on the odd boards and Black on the even boards.

### **3.7 Default of Game**

During the period of grace defined for each competition, captains may substitute an eligible reserve in place of a player failing to keep their appointment. Any board on which a captain is unable to field an eligible player within the period of grace shall be lost by default; in addition, if an ineligible player is fielded, the LMC may impose a penalty as set out in Rule 2.2.a.

### **3.8 Scoring**

- a. Individual games shall be scored one point for a win, half a point for a draw and no points for a loss. These points are then aggregated, and the team with the higher aggregate score shall win the match; if the scores are equal, the match is tied.
- b. If a team match tie is to be broken by board count, this is calculated by aggregating one point for a win on board one, two points for a win on board two and so on down to the last board, the team with the lower board count winning the match.
- c. If a team match tie is to be broken by board elimination, the winner is determined by disregarding as many of the lowest boards as necessary to secure a result.

### **3.9 Notification of Results**

The home team captain must complete a Match Result form and ensure that the Match Secretary receives it within 72 hours of completion.

The LMC may impose a fine of £5 for any unreasonable delay in forwarding the result of the match.



## **4 QUICKPLAY FINISHES**

### **4.1 Rules of Play**

Quickplay finishes shall be subject to the latest FIDE Laws of Chess, particularly those Laws which refer specifically to games played with quickplay finishes.

### **4.2 Claiming a Draw**

Draw claims under FIDE Law Appendix D1 shall be submitted to the Match Secretary who shall where necessary consult an arbiter. Any unresolved claims shall be dealt with by the LMC, whose decision, having regard to the opinions of the arbiter shall be final. If at any stage the draw claim is withdrawn or rejected, the claimant shall lose the game; if the claim is rejected, the club of the claimant shall also be fined £3. If the claim is successful, the club of the claimant's opponent shall be fined £3.

## **5. TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS**

### **5.1 Format**

- a. Team Championships shall be held from September 1st to April 30<sup>th</sup> each year.
- b. Each Team Championship shall consist of a division of teams determined by promotion and relegation from the previous season. The most senior division shall be the first division, the next most senior the second division and so on.
- c. In each division, each team shall play every other team in the division twice, once at home and once away. The LMC may revise these conditions if the number of teams engaged makes this desirable.
- d. In divisions 1, 2 and 3 each match shall be between two teams of six players. In all other divisions each match shall be between two teams of four players.  
A team shall score two Match Points for a match won, one Match Point for a match tied and no Match Points for a match lost.
- e. At the end of the season, the teams in each division shall be placed in order of decreasing number of Match Points aggregated. If the two or more teams have the same number of Match Points, then the following tie-breaks shall be used in this order:
  - greatest number of individual game points aggregated in all matches,
  - fewest number of Default Penalty Points (see Rule 5.4),
  - Greatest number of individual game points aggregated in the matches between the tied teams.
  - If still tied, the teams shall be in a tied position.
- f. In all but the first and fourth divisions, the two teams placed highest in the division at the end of a season shall be promoted to the next more senior division in place of the two teams placed lowest in that division, who shall be relegated to the less senior division. The LMC shall have the power to promote additional teams and to waive relegations.

### **5.2 Entry**

Entry to the Team Championships is open to any Member Club whose League subscriptions are fully paid up. A club may enter more than one team, in which case the teams shall be designated "A", "B", "C" and so on, in decreasing order of seniority. Entries shall be delivered to the Match Secretary on or before July 1<sup>st</sup> prior to the start of the season.

### **5.3 Eligibility of Players**

- a. For each team entered in the Team Championships, the Secretary of the Member Club must provide the Match Secretary with a list of at least six bona fide members (in the case of divisions 1, 2 and 3) or at least four bona fide members (in the case of other divisions) of the club to be registered for that team, at least two clear days before that club's first match of the season. It must be the intention that these players shall play regularly for the team for which they are registered, and players should be registered in order of strength as far as is practicable.

- b. Additional players will be registered for an appropriate team following the inclusion of their names on any Match Result form. The LMC will consider any request for re-registration of a team player.
- c. A player may not normally play in the Team Championships for more than one club during a given season. The LMC may allow this under exceptional circumstances.
- d. The LMC shall have the power to veto or cancel registration of a player without disclosing their reason for doing so.
- e. For each match in the Team Championships, the club must field a team consisting solely of players registered for that team or for another team from the same club. A player may be registered for only one team at any time.
- f. The Match Secretary shall publish at the start of each season a set of Grading Thresholds for each division and for the Minor knock-out competition. The July ECF grading shall be used throughout the season for eligibility purposes.
- g. A player wishing to play for a lower team that is in the same division must have a grade less than the threshold of the division below that in which they play. If further teams from that club play in that same division, to play for them, the player must have a grade less than that of the division below that in which they play.
- h. If the team next below that of the player is in a lower division it is only required that the player's grade be less than the threshold of the division in which that team plays. But, if further teams from that club play in that same lower division, to play for them, the player must have a grade less than that of the division below that in which they play.
- i. Where a club has more than one team in a particular division the following restriction shall apply to that club's players and teams in that division. A player having a grade higher than the threshold for playing down from that division may only play for a higher team a total of three times. This restriction does not apply to Division 4.

#### **5.4 Default of Games**

- a. For each game defaulted in a Team Championship match in divisions 1, 2 and 3, Default Penalty Points ("DPPs") shall be automatically imposed on the team defaulting, at the rate of 6 DPPs for a default on board 1, 5 DPPs for a default on board 2 and so on, reducing to 1 DPP on board 6.
- b. For each game defaulted in a Team Championship match in divisions 4 and below, Default Penalty Points ("DPPs") shall be automatically imposed on the team defaulting, at the rate of 4 DPPs for a default on board 1, 3 DPPs for a default on board 2, 2 DPPs for a default on board 3, and 1 DPP for a default on board 4.
- c. A club may appeal against the imposition of DPPs, and the LMC can use its discretion in considering the appeal. The appeal must reach the Match Secretary within fourteen days of the match date. The LMC will normally waive DPPs if the club can show that 48 hours' notice of intention to default was given.
- d. In divisions 1, 2 and 3, for each ten DPPs accumulated in one season, one Match Point shall be deducted from the team's total.  
If a team exceeds 45 DPPs during the season, it shall be required to resign from the Team Championships.
- e. In divisions 4 and below, for each five DPPs accumulated in one season, one Match Point shall be deducted from the team's total.  
If a team exceeds 22 DPPs during the season, it shall be required to resign from the Team Championships.

#### **5.5 Resignation or Dismissal of Team**

- a. If a team resigns or is dismissed from the Team Championships, the entire record of that team shall be deleted from the Team Championship records.
- b. If a club cannot meet the obligations of all of its teams in the Team Championships, the LMC may decide which team is to be withdrawn.

## **6. TEAM KNOCK-OUT**

### **6.1 Format**

- a. A Team Knock-Out competition shall be held during the season.
- b. The fixtures for each round shall be determined by a draw made by the LMC and communicated to the club secretaries by the Match Secretary. The team drawn first in each fixture shall play at home.
- c. Each match shall be between two teams of eight players, and shall be played on a knock-out basis. If the match is tied, board count will be used to break the tie. If this fails to resolve the tie, board elimination will apply. If the match is still tied, the match shall be replayed at the away team's premises.

### **6.2 Entry**

Entry to the Team Knock-Out is open to any Member Club whose League subscriptions are fully paid up. A club may enter only one team. Entries to the Team Knock-Out shall be delivered to the Match Secretary on or before July 1<sup>st</sup> prior to the start of the season. There is no fee.

### **6.3 Eligibility of Players**

A player may play for only one team in the Team Knock-Out in any one season.

## **7 MINOR TEAM KNOCK-OUT**

### **7.1 Format**

- a. A Minor Team Knock-Out competition shall be held during the season.
- b. Each match shall be between two teams of six players. The format shall otherwise be as for the Team Knock-Out.

### **7.2 Entry**

- a. A club may enter one or more teams, but no player may play for more than one team during any one season's competition.
- b. The rules for entry are otherwise as for the Team Knock-Out.

### **7.3 Team Eligibility**

- a. No team may be fielded in any match whose mean (average) ECF grade shall exceed 135.
- b. Where a player has no ECF grade, his ECF grade shall be deemed to be 135 for the purposes of determining eligibility.
- c. No player may play in the competition if he is registered for a team playing in division 1 of the Team Championships.

## **8 OTHER COMPETITIONS**

All other competitions shall be played according to rules laid down by the LMC. The LMC may organise a Summer Lightning Competition, an Individual Knock-Out competition, Individual Championships to be decided by a weekend congress, and other competitions as it sees fit.

## **9 ECF MEMBERSHIP**

### **9.1 General**

The League will support and participate in the ECF Membership Registration scheme.

### **9.2 All Competitions**

- a. All clubs will be charged a deposit at the start of the season to cover unregistered player game fees payable to the ECF for using unregistered players during the course of the season.
- b. This deposit will be treated as a club due to be reimbursed at the end of each season, the amount reimbursed dependent on the number of game fees payable to the ECF during the course of the season due to the club using unregistered players.
- c. Clubs will be notified in September of the due for the season, which will be payable by 31<sup>st</sup> December.
- d. Club dues for the following season will be adjusted to reflect any difference between the original deposit and ECF game fees actually incurred during the season.

### **9.3 Individual Competitions**

- a. All games played in the Individual Championships by unregistered players are subject to Game Fee.

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