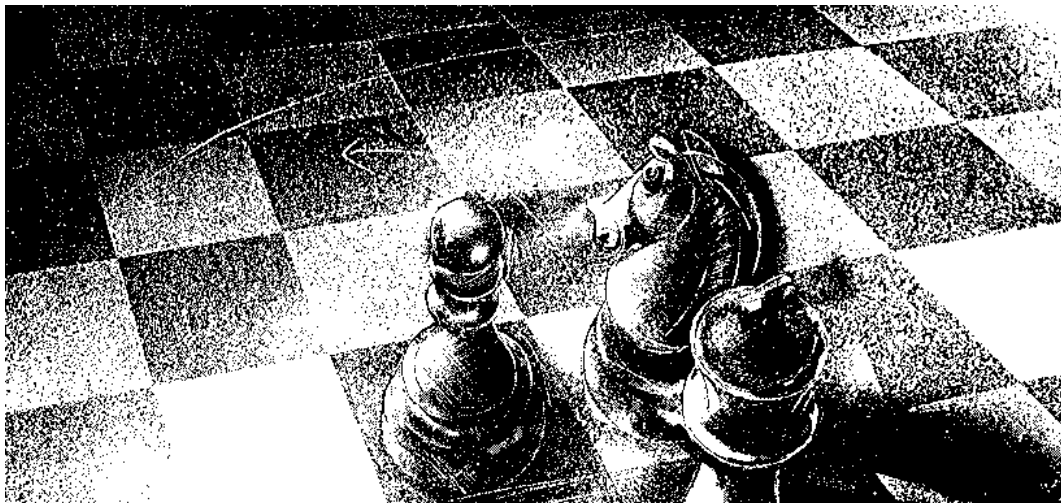


The Bristol & District Chess League

Handbook

2013 – 2014

League Fixtures and Rules and details of local competitions



The Bristol & District Chess League

Founded 7th October 1907

Affiliated to the West of England Chess Union

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Calendar for the 2013/2014 Season

Web link for full details of all events: 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 2013 – 2014

Sep	1-7	Sun-Sat	61st Paignton Congress Livermead House Hotel	Mrs E.A.Crickmore 01752 768206 (before 9pm) plymouthchess@btinternet.com
Sep	5	Thur	LMC meeting	Tony Golding Antonygolding1@hotmail.com
Sep	6-8	Fri-Sun	South Wales Autumn Congress Penarth Conservative Club	Kevin Staveley kevin.staveley@btinternet.com
Sep	15	Sun	Leamington Rapidplay Royal Spa Centre	Guy Greenland Leamcon2010@me.com
Sep	22	Sun	Harambee Rapidplay Malcolm X Centre	Kwame Benin harambeechessclub@hotmail.co.uk
Sep	21-22	Sat-Sun	3 rd Dudley Congress	enquiries@CastleChess.co.uk
Oct	5	Sat	Chipping Sodbury Rapidplay	Graham Mill-Wilson
Oct	5-6	Sat-Sun	4NCL Rapidplay	www.4ncl.co.uk
Oct	11-13	Fri-Sun	West Wales Congress Mercure Swansea Hotel	Les Philpin newsilure@hotmail.com
Oct	19-20	Sat-Sun	1 st Witney weekend Congress Cokethorpe School	Mike Truran mike@truranfamily.co.uk
Nov	1-3	Fri-Sun	41 st Dorset Open Congress Elstead Hotel, Bournemouth	Ian Clark dorset@bournemouthchesscongress.co.uk
Nov	4-8	Mon-Fri	12th Royal Beacon Seniors Royal Beacon Hotel, Exmouth	Bob Jones jones_r53@sky.com
Nov	7	<i>Thur</i>	<i>LMC Meeting</i>	<i>Tony Golding</i>
Nov	15-17	Fri-Sun	47th Torbay Chess Congress Toorak Hotel, Torquay	Mark Batten mark.batten@khlaw.co.uk
Nov	16-17	Sat-Sun	4NCL weekend 1 & 2	David Buckley
Dec	7-15	Fri..Sun	5 th London Chess Classic	www.londonchessclassic.com
Dec Jan	28 - 5	Wed- Thu	Hastings InternationalCongress www.hastingschess.org.uk	Pam Thomas Pae123@aol.com
Jan	3-5	Fri-Sun	South Wales New Year Congress Heronstan Hotel, Bridgend	Kevin Stavely kevin.stavely@btinternet.com
Jan	9 th	Thur	<i>LMC Meeting</i>	<i>Tony Golding</i>
Jan	11-12	Sat-Sun	4NCL Weekend 3 & 4	David Buckley
Jan	17-19	Fri-Sun	Bristol Winter Congress Holiday Inn	Graham Mill-Wilson

Calendar 2013 – 2014

Feb	1-2	Sat-Sun	37 th Kidlington Congress Exeter Hall	Gerard O'Reilly gerard@fianchetto.co.uk
Feb	15-16	Sat-Sun	4NCL weekend 5 & 6	David Buckley
Feb	22-23	Sat-Sun	Wiltshire & West of England Junior Open Championships Swindon	Bev Schofield 01793 487575
Feb	21-23	Fri-Sun	43 rd Dyfed Congress Fishguard Bay Hotel	
Mar	1-2	Sat-Sun	Warwickshire Open Congress Trident Centre, Warwick	Guy Greenland warkscoc@gmail.com
Mar	6 th	Thur	LMC Meeting	Tony Golding
Mar	7-9	Fri-Sun	36 th East Devon Congress Corn Exchange, Fore St, Exeter	
Mar	22-23	Sat-Sun	4NCL Weekend 7 & 8	David Buckley
Apr	11-13	Fri-Sun	Bristol Spring Congress Holiday Inn	Graham Mill-Wilson
Apr	18-21	Fri-Mon	64 th WECU Easter Congress Royal Beacon Hotel, Exmouth www.chessdevon.co.uk/	Andrew Footner andrew@footner.wanadoo.co.uk
May	3-5	Sat-Mon	4NCL Weekend 9 & 10 & 11	David Buckley
May	9-11	Fri-Sun	24 th Frome Congress www.somersetchess.org/	Gerry Jepps 01749 344191
May	29	Thur	League AGM Filton Sports Centre	Tony Golding antonygolding1@hotmail.com
May	24-26	Sat-Mon	46 th Cotswold Congress St Edwards School, Cheltenham	
Jun	tbc	Fri-Sun	Steve Boniface Memorial Congress	Graham Mill-Wilson
July	3		LMC Meeting	Tony Golding

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Graham Mill-Wilson Tel: 01454 880162 0779 0167415 e-mail tugmw@blueyonder.co.uk	Will have an up to date listing of local Congresses & Rapidplays www.chessit.co.uk
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Club Directory 2013 - 2014

H Home night(s) for matches
(may meet on other nights)

t&c Tea and coffee available

W Wheelchair access

C Number of chess clocks
available for use

B Licensed bar

Bath

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

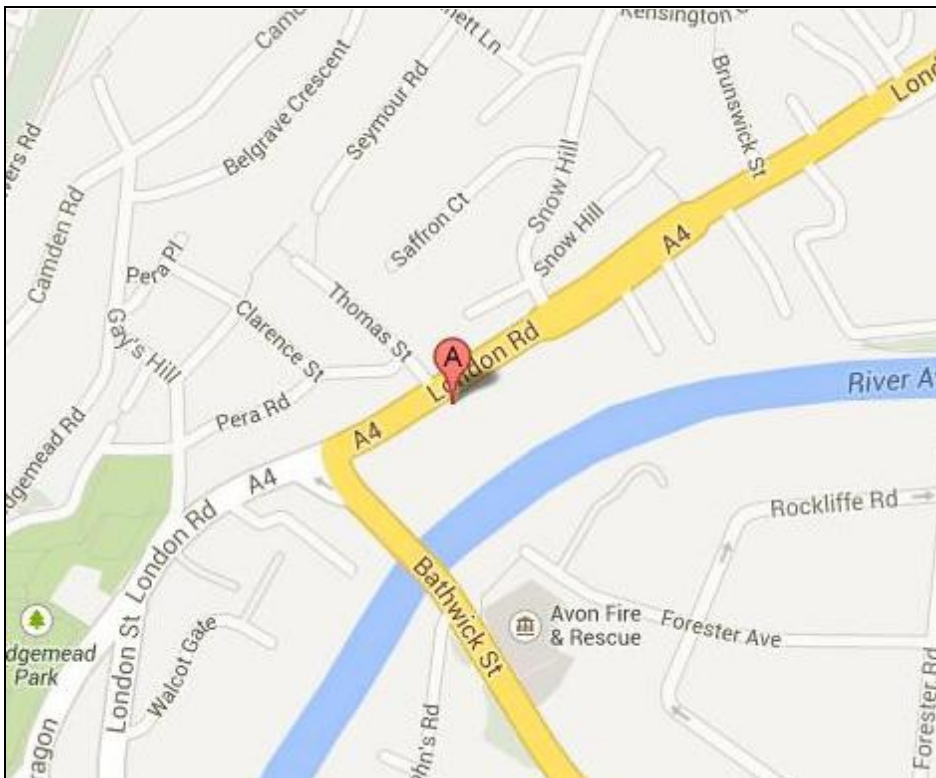
Tel: 01225 425651

h – Wednesdays *w t&c 18c*

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

Tel: 01225 836067 email: jecaleon@hotmail.com

New Venue



Bath University

University of Bath, Claverton Down, Bath BA2 7AY

Room 8W Level 2 (room varies)

h – Thursday *w t&c 8c*

Oshada Athulathmudali Secretary - mob: 07983001312

email: oa237@bath.ac.uk

William Gordon - Treasurer – mob: 07982023311 – email: wgg21@bath.ac.uk

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

Bristol & Clifton

Holiday Inn, Bond St, City Centre, BS1 3LE

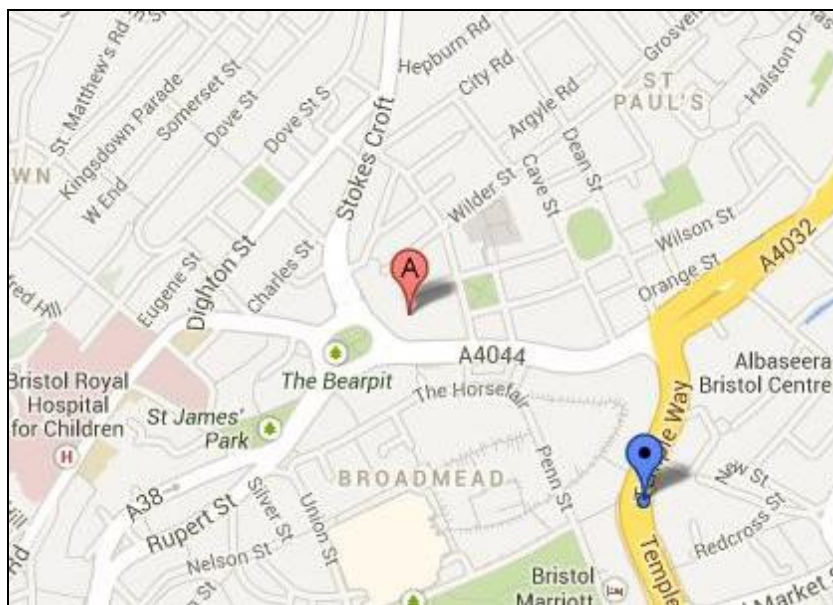
h – Wednesday b 16c

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

Tel: 07899826515 email: chinadoc@chinadoc.force9.co.uk

Website: <http://www.cliftonchess.pwp.blueyonder.co.uk>

New Venue



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

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 email: david@peters4005.fsnet.co.uk

Downend & Fishponds

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website: www.michaeljmeadows.com/chess/

Grendel

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Mike Jennings Tel: 0117 9592516 email: mike.jennings@naturalengland.org.uk

Hanham

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Roger Williams, 116 Mounthill Road, Hanham, Bristol BS15 8QR.

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website: www.hanhamchess.co.uk/

Harambee

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h - Thursday b w 12c

Errol Campbell, Port Sea, 141 Beaufort Road, St George, Bristol BS5 8JG.

Tel: 0117 955 7148 email: errol.campbell@blueyonder.co.uk

Horfield & Redland

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(next to United Reformed Church, Whiteladies Road)

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Keynsham

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

h – Wednesday t&c 18c

Duncan Macarthur, 26 Henleaze Road, Henleaze, Bristol BS9

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Patchway

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South Bristol

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h – Thursday b 12c

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Tel: 01275 836280 (0117 928 4448) email: Gerald.Mobbs@friendslife.co.uk

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Thornbury

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h – Thursday b w t&c 12c

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website: www.bris.ac.uk/Depts/Union/Chess

Yate & Sodbury

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h – Tuesday b w t&c 18c

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League Tables 2012 - 2013

Division One

Club		Played	Pts	Game Points	Def Pts
Clifton	A	18	32	69.5	1
University	A	18	21	58	
Downend	A	18	20	57	5
Clifton	B	18	19	54.5	1
Horfield	A	18	18	51.5	
South Bristol	A	18	17	56	
Bath	A	18	17	55.5	1
Clevedon	A	18	16	51.5	
Thornbury	A	18	12	49.5	
Horfield	B	18	8	34	

Division Two

Club		Played	Pts	Game Points	Def Pts
Downend	B	19	29	74	
South Bristol	B	20	27	71	
Keynsham	A	20	24	68.5	
Grendel		20	23	67	1
Yate	A	20	21	59.5	4
Bath	B	20	20	58	5
Downend	C	20	19	62	1
Cabot	A	20	19	55	8
Clifton	C	20	18	57.5	2
Patchway	A	20	12	45	4
Clifton	C1	19	5	35.5	19

Division Three

Club		Played	Pts	Game Points	Def Pts
Horfield	C	16	26	59	6
University	B	16	22	59.5	1
Hanham	A	16	20	52.5	
Clevedon	B	16	16	54	4
Downend	D	16	15	47.5	4
South Bristol	C	16	15	42	3
Harambee	A	16	13	44.5	39
Clifton	D	16	7	39.5	3
Hanham	B	16	7	33.5	2
Bath Uni		0	0	0	

Division Four

Club		Played	Pts	Game Points	Def Pts
Yate	B	16	29	52	
Thornbury	B	16	27	48.5	
Cabot	B	16	20	37.5	4
Keynsham	B	15	19	39	4
Downend	E	16	11	27.5	1
Downend	G	16	10	23.5	
Hanham	C	14	9	17	6
Downend	F	15	7	19	
Harambee	B	14	6	11	1
Patchway	B	0	0	0	

STEVE BONIFACE MEMORIAL TROPHY

Did you know that this trophy is open to **all** Bristol League players?

The trophy is presented to the player who makes the **most enterprising attack** in a standard time control game played either at a Bristol congress, or in a league or cup game.

It is not a “best game” prize.

The trophy was inaugurated to take into account two of Steve’s favourite things; attacking chess and real ale!

The prize consists of an engraved beer tankard and a pint bottle of real ale.

Winners so far:

2008-09 Graham Strickland (Horfield)
2009-10 David Peters (Clevedon)
2010-11 Christian Brown (Bath)
2011-12 Tom Thorpe (Patchway)
2012-13 Adam Musson (Bath)

So, if you’re proud of an attack, send it in to the match secretary before the end of the season. At the time of judging, the identities of the players involved are not known, neither is it known which division they play in, or at what level. Only two of the winners so far were playing in division one, so there’s hope for us all!

Steve Boniface Attack winning game 2012 - 2013

Musson,Adam - Waterfield,John [A57]
Bath A v Clifton B, 21.11.2012
[Adam Musson]

[Download Pgn](#)

We have a Benko Gambit where white sacrifices a piece for a few pawns and an attack. The position gets very complicated and is practically very difficult to defend over the board. This is shown when John finds a series of only moves without knowing all the theory behind the line which is quite impressive but finally makes one mistake and it's all over.

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.f3 e6 This is the sharpest line. Black takes the bull by the horns and enters the complications.

6.e4 exd5 7.e5 Qe7 8.Qe2 Ng8 9.Nc3 Bb7 10.Nh3 c4 11.Nf4 Qc5 12.Nfxd5

Diagram



This piece sac has renewed interest in the whole variation since Nakamura used it to beat Vachier-Lagrave in 2008. I like it because it forces Benko players to play a position that is nothing like a typical Benko.

12...Bxd5 13.Be3 Qb4 14.a3 Qa5 15.Bd2 Be6 16.Nd5 Qd8 17.Qxc4 Ra7 18.Rc1 Forced to meet the threat of Nc7+.

Reaching the critical position of the f3 system. If we take stock white is effectively a pawn down at the moment but has great compensation for it as black's pieces have very few moves, find it difficult to develop and his king will be stuck in the centre.

18...d6

Diagram



The position is difficult to play over the board. This looks like it is a mistake. Up until this point black's defence has been very good. [18...Bxd5 19.Qxd5 axb5 20.Bxb5 Ne7 21.Qe4 (21.Qd4 Rb7 22.Bc4 (22.a4 Nec6) 22...Nec6 23.Qd5 Qh4+ 24.g3 Qh5 25.Bc3 Be7 26.f4 0-0 27.0-0 Qf5) 21...Nbc6 (21...Nec6 22.Bc4 Qb6 23.Be3 Qxb2 24.Qf4 Rxa3 25.Bxf7+ Ke7 (25...Kd8 26.0-0 Rxe3 27.Qxe3 Qxe5) 26.Bc5+ Kd8)]

19.Nc7+ [19.b6 Bxd5 20.Qxd5 Re7]

19...Kd7 20.Nxe6 fxe6 21.bxa6

[21.b6 Qxb6 22.Qc8+ Ke7 23.exd6+ Kf7 24.Rc7+]

21...Ne7 22.Qa4+ Nec6 23.Be3 Ra8 24.a7 Qa5+ 25.Qxa5 Nxa5 26.Bb5+ Ke7 27.Rc7+ Kd8 28.Bb6

Diagram



Setting up a windmill to take all blacks pieces. So Black resigned. 1-0

League Honours 2012/13

League Championships

Div 1	Clifton A	Div 3	Horfield C
Div 2	Downend B	Div 4	Yate B

Team Knock-Outs

Team KO	Clifton	Minor KO	Clifton
Summer Lightning	Clifton		

Individual Championships

Sect.1	David Buckley (Bath)	Sect.3	Alastair Marston (Cabot)
Sect.2	Harvey Atkinson (Horfield)	Sect.4	Not Awarded

Alan Ashby Salver	Kevin Langmaid (Yate)
Steve Boniface Tankard Award	Adam Musson (Bath)

Internet Directory

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

4 Nations Chess League 2012-2013

Division 2 - Bristol 1

First named team has white on odd boards

Round 1	-	03 November 2012	<i>Bristol 1</i>	vs.	<i>North East England</i>	6 - 1½
Round 2	-	04 November 2012	<i>White Rose 2</i>	vs.	<i>Bristol 1</i>	4 - 4
Round 3	-	12 January 2013	<i>3Cs 1</i>	vs.	<i>Bristol 1</i>	6 - 2
Round 4	-	13 January 2013	<i>Bristol 1</i>	vs.	<i>King's Head</i>	3 - 5
Round 5	-	23 February 2013	<i>Bristol 1</i>	vs.	<i>Barbican 4NCL Youth</i>	5½ - 2½
Round 6	-	24 February 2013	<i>The ADs</i>	vs.	<i>Bristol 1</i>	4 - 4
Round 7	-	23 March 2013	<i>Bristol 1</i>	vs.	<i>KJCA Kings</i>	6 - 2
Round 8	-	24 March 2013	<i>Oxford 1</i>	vs.	<i>Bristol 1</i>	4 - 4
Round 9	-	04 May 2013	<i>Bristol 1</i>	vs.	<i>Pandora's Box Grant'm</i>	3½ - 4½
Round 10	-	05 May 2013	<i>Anglian Avengers 1</i>	vs.	<i>Bristol 1</i>	4½ - 3½
Round 11	-	06 May 2013	<i>Bristol 1</i>	vs.	<i>Wessex</i>	4 - 4

Division 2 Final Promotion Pool

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	GP	Pts
1 Kings Head		3-5	4½-3½	4-4	4½-3½	4½-3½	5-3	6½-1½	32	11
2 Pandora's Box Grantham	5-3		4½-3½	2½-5½	4½-3½	3-5	4½-3½	4½-3½	28½	10
3 3Cs 1	3½-4½	3½-4½		4½-3½	3-5	5-3	6-2	5-3	30½	8
4 Oxford 1	4-4	5½-2½	3½-4½		4-4	4-4	4-4	5-3	30	8
5 Anglian Avengers 1	3½-4½	3½-4½	5-3	4-4		6½-1½	4½-3½	3½-4½	30½	7
6 White Rose 2	3½-4½	5-3	3-5	4-4	1½-6½		4-4	6-2	27	6
7 Bristol 1	3-5	3½-4½	2-6	4-4	3½-4½	4-4		4-4	24	3
8 Wessex	1½-6½	3½-4½	3-5	3-5	4½-3½	2-6	4-4		21½	3

Division 3s - Bristol 2

Results and Standings 2012 – 2013 for Bristol 2 are available on the 4NCL website

http://www.4ncl.co.uk/1213/1213_d3steam_BRI2.htm

Bristol 4ncl Fixture Dates 2013-2014

www.4ncl.co.uk/1314_d2team_BRI1.htm

www.4ncl.co.uk/1314_d3steam_BRI2.htm

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League Tournaments

The 37th League Championships

There will be a congress, called the **Bristol Spring Congress**, open to all, on the weekend of 11-13 April 2014, which will incorporate the league championships. This is likely to have three sections. 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 18th 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 17-19 January 2014.

The date for the **Steve Boniface Memorial Congress** is yet to be decided, but it is likely it will be in June 2014.

All of the above tournaments will be included in the **Bristol Chess Grand Prix**.

All the above congresses will be played at:

Holiday Inn, Bond St. Bristol, BS1 3LE

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

www.chessit.co.uk

or from the Congress Secretary,
Graham Mill-Wilson, 8 Lyndale Road, Yate, Bristol, BS37 4DD
Tel: 01454 880162 or
email tugmw@blueyonder.co.uk

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

Arbiters in the Bristol League

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:

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Summary of Playing Conditions

The full rules of the League are given at the back of this Handbook. This table is extracted from those rules.

Competition	Playing session	Normal time limit	Alternative time limit (if agreed by both players in advance)	then if not finished (Alternative time limit)
Division 1	7.30 - 10.30pm	All moves in 1½ hrs	36 in 1½ hrs then 24 per hr	Adjourn All moves in 1½ hours
Divisions 2, 3 & 4	7.30 - 10.30pm	All moves in 1½ hrs	42 in 1½ hrs then 6 per ¼ hr	Adjourn All moves in 1½ hours
Team Knock-Out	7.30 - 10.30pm	All moves in 1½ hrs	n/a	None
Minor Team Knock-Out	7.30 - 10.30pm	All moves in 1½ hrs	n/a	None

Grading Thresholds (Rule 6.3)

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

Rule 6.3 has the following effects:

- a) Whichever team you are registered for, you may play up as many times as you wish for higher teams in your club.
- 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 6.3g).

“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 2012-13 season are:

DIVISION	↓2	↓3	↓4	↓5
GRADING THRESHOLD	161	124	102	74

The Two Minute Rule

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.

FIDE law Appendix D, which refers to quickplay finishes without an arbiter present, says the following:

D.1 Where games are played as in Article 10 (Quickplay finishes), 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:

- a. that his opponent cannot win by normal means, and/or*
- b. that his opponent has been making no effort to win by normal means.*

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

In b) 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.

The claim shall be referred to an arbiter whose decision shall be final.

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

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

In a) ‘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.

b) 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.

PLEASE ALSO NOTE THAT THE LAWS DO NOT ALLOW FOR AN APPEAL AGAINST THE ARBITER’S DECISION.

It may be advisable to keep this in mind before sending a game to the league for a decision, as the losing player’s club will be fined.

Another 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.

Bristol Grand Prix 2012 - 2013

Ten events subscribed to the Grand Prix this year (a decrease of one from 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 changed to reflect the structure of the high scoring events more, and as there were a similar number of qualified players in each, these will very likely be retained for the coming season.

The changing of grading bands to 3 sections has allowed a greater prize fund to become available for this season. The loss of two rapidplay events in the Grand Prix season was offset by the inclusion of a new event (South Bristol Rapidplay) and unclaimed prizes from a few years previous.

Over the year 120 League members from 16 clubs competed in the ten events on 274 occasions, scoring a total of 4195 Grand Prix points. Four players scored 100 points or more (down from last year's 13).

The Open was a runaway success for Michael Harris; however there was a huge fight for the minor placings as 2nd to 7th were separated by only four points. Alan Papier was the clear winner in the U-155 category, and John Burrows triumphed in the U-125.

Of the ten individual prizewinners this year, they represented nine different clubs in the League.

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).

Bristol Grand Prix Continued

The Prizewinners are as follows

<u>Open</u>	1 st	Michael Harris	Horfield	£50.00
	2 nd	Gareth Morris	Clifton	£25.00
	3 rd	Robert Thompson	University	£10.00
<u>U-155</u>	1 st	Alan Papier	Patchway	£60.00
	2 nd	Duncan MacArthur	Keynsham	£25.00
	3 rd	Anthony Sage	Bath	£10.00
<u>U-125</u>	1 st	John Burrows	Bath	£50.00
	2 nd	David McGeeney	Cabot	£25.00
	3 rd	Anthony Carver	Hanham	£10.00

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

The Junior trophy to Tom Thorpe for being the highest scoring junior.

Along with £20.00 prize money.

<u>Team</u>	1 st	Bristol & Clifton	£15.00
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[Bristol Grand Prix Rules](#)

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League Knockouts 2013 - 2014

League Knockout

ROUND	DAY	DATE	HOME	AWAY	Result
Quarter final	Tue	26th Nov	Downend	Clifton	
Quarter final	Wed	27th Nov	Bath	South Bristol	
Quarter final	N/A	N/A	Clevedon	Bye	
Quarter final	N/A	N/A	Horfield	Bye	
Semi Final	w/c	10th Feb	Downend/Clifton	Horfield	
Semi Final	w/c	10th Feb	Bath/South Bristol	Clevedon	
Final					

Minor League Knockout

ROUND	DAY	DATE	HOME	AWAY	Result
Preliminary	Wed	25th Sep	Keynsham	Clifton	
Preliminary	Thu	26th Sep	South Bristol	Patchway	
Preliminary					
Quarter final	Tue	5th Nov	Yate	Grendel	
Quarter final	Tue	5th Nov	Hanham	Downend	
Quarter final	Tue	5th Nov	Horfield	Keynsham/Clifton	
Quarter final	Thu	7th Nov	South Bristol/Patchway	Clevedon	
Semi Final	w/c	13th Jan			
Semi Final	w/c	13th Jan			
Final					

League Fixtures 2013 - 2014

Division One

Bath A

Wed	04-Sep	H	South Bristol A	Wed	15-Jan	H	Downend A
Wed	25-Sep	H	Downend B	Thu	23-Jan	A	South Bristol A
Wed	02-Oct	A	Clifton A	Mon	17-Feb	A	Clevedon A
Wed	09-Oct	H	Clevedon A	Wed	26-Feb	H	Horfield A
Wed	23-Oct	H	University A	Wed	05-Mar	H	South Bristol B
Tue	05-Nov	A	Horfield A	Tue	11-Mar	A	Downend B
Wed	20-Nov	H	Clifton B	Thu	20-Mar	A	University A
Thu	12-Dec	A	South Bristol B	Wed	02-Apr	H	Clifton A
Tue	17-Dec	A	Downend A	Wed	23-Apr	A	Clifton B

Clevedon A

Thu	05-Sep	A	South Bristol B	Mon	06-Jan	H	Horfield A
Wed	11-Sep	A	Clifton A	Thu	23-Jan	A	University A
Mon	16-Sep	H	Clifton B	Mon	27-Jan	H	Clifton A
Tue	24-Sep	A	Downend A	Mon	03-Feb	H	South Bristol B
Wed	09-Oct	A	Bath A	Mon	17-Feb	H	Bath A
Mon	14-Oct	H	South Bristol A	Tue	04-Mar	A	Downend B
Mon	18-Nov	H	University A	Wed	12-Mar	A	Clifton B
Tue	03-Dec	A	Horfield A	Mon	24-Mar	H	Downend A
Mon	16-Dec	H	Downend B	Thu	03-Apr	A	South Bristol A

Clifton A

Wed	11-Sep	H	Clevedon A	Thu	09-Jan	A	South Bristol B
Wed	18-Sep	H	Horfield A	Wed	15-Jan	H	University A
Thu	26-Sep	A	South Bristol A	Tue	21-Jan	A	Downend A
Wed	02-Oct	H	Bath A	Mon	27-Jan	A	Clevedon A
Wed	09-Oct	A	Clifton B	Wed	05-Feb	H	Clifton B
Wed	16-Oct	H	Downend A	Wed	26-Feb	H	South Bristol A
Tue	05-Nov	A	Downend B	Wed	26-Mar	H	Downend B
Wed	13-Nov	H	South Bristol B	Wed	02-Apr	A	Bath A
Thu	05-Dec	A	University A	Tue	08-Apr	A	Horfield A

Clifton B

Thu	12-Sep	A	South Bristol A	Tue	07-Jan	A	Downend A
Mon	16-Sep	A	Clevedon A	Thu	16-Jan	A	South Bristol B
Wed	25-Sep	H	Horfield A	Wed	22-Jan	H	Downend B
Wed	09-Oct	H	Clifton A	Wed	05-Feb	A	Clifton A
Thu	17-Oct	A	University A	Wed	19-Feb	H	University A
Tue	22-Oct	A	Downend B	Wed	12-Mar	H	Clevedon A
Wed	20-Nov	A	Bath A	Tue	18-Mar	A	Horfield A
Wed	11-Dec	H	Downend A	Wed	16-Apr	H	South Bristol A
Wed	18-Dec	H	South Bristol B	Wed	23-Apr	H	Bath A

Downend A

Tue	17-Sep	H	South Bristol A	Tue	07-Jan	H	Clifton B
Tue	24-Sep	H	Clevedon A	Wed	15-Jan	A	Bath A
Tue	01-Oct	A	Horfield A	Tue	21-Jan	H	Clifton A
Wed	16-Oct	A	Clifton A	Tue	28-Jan	A	Downend B
Tue	12-Nov	H	University A	Tue	18-Feb	H	Horfield A
Tue	19-Nov	H	Downend B	Thu	27-Feb	A	University A
Thu	05-Dec	A	South Bristol B	Mon	24-Mar	A	Clevedon A
Wed	11-Dec	A	Clifton B	Thu	10-Apr	A	South Bristol A
Tue	17-Dec	H	Bath A	Tue	22-Apr	H	South Bristol B

Downend B

Tue	10-Sep	A	Horfield A	Tue	14-Jan	H	Horfield A
Thu	19-Sep	A	South Bristol B	Wed	22-Jan	A	Clifton B
Wed	25-Sep	A	Bath A	Tue	28-Jan	H	Downend A
Tue	22-Oct	H	Clifton B	Thu	06-Feb	A	University A
Tue	29-Oct	H	University A	Tue	25-Feb	H	South Bristol B
Tue	05-Nov	H	Clifton A	Tue	04-Mar	H	Clevedon A
Tue	19-Nov	A	Downend A	Tue	11-Mar	H	Bath A
Tue	10-Dec	H	South Bristol A	Wed	26-Mar	A	Clifton A
Mon	16-Dec	A	Clevedon A	Thu	24-Apr	A	South Bristol A

Horfield A

Tue	10-Sep	H	Downend B	Mon	06-Jan	A	Clevedon A
Wed	18-Sep	A	Clifton A	Tue	14-Jan	A	Downend B
Wed	25-Sep	A	Clifton B	Tue	04-Feb	H	South Bristol A
Tue	01-Oct	H	Downend A	Tue	18-Feb	A	Downend A
Tue	15-Oct	H	South Bristol B	Wed	26-Feb	A	Bath A
Thu	24-Oct	A	South Bristol A	Tue	18-Mar	H	Clifton B
Tue	05-Nov	H	Bath A	Tue	01-Apr	H	University A
Tue	03-Dec	H	Clevedon A	Tue	08-Apr	H	Clifton A
Thu	12-Dec	A	University A	Thu	17-Apr	A	South Bristol B

South Bristol A

Wed	04-Sep	A	Bath A	Thu	23-Jan	H	Bath A
Thu	12-Sep	H	Clifton B	Tue	04-Feb	A	Horfield A
Tue	17-Sep	A	Downend A	Thu	20-Feb	A	South Bristol B
Thu	26-Sep	H	Clifton A	Wed	26-Feb	A	Clifton A
Thu	03-Oct	H	South Bristol B	Thu	27-Mar	H	University A
Mon	14-Oct	A	Clevedon A	Thu	03-Apr	H	Clevedon A
Thu	24-Oct	H	Horfield A	Thu	10-Apr	H	Downend A
Thu	07-Nov	A	University A	Wed	16-Apr	A	Clifton B
Tue	10-Dec	A	Downend B	Thu	24-Apr	H	Downend B

South Bristol B

Thu	05-Sep	H	Clevedon A	Thu	09-Jan	H	Clifton A
Thu	19-Sep	H	Downend B	Thu	16-Jan	H	Clifton B
Thu	03-Oct	A	South Bristol A	Thu	30-Jan	A	University A
Thu	10-Oct	H	University A	Mon	03-Feb	A	Clevedon A
Tue	15-Oct	A	Horfield A	Thu	20-Feb	H	South Bristol A
Wed	13-Nov	A	Clifton A	Tue	25-Feb	A	Downend B
Thu	05-Dec	H	Downend A	Wed	05-Mar	A	Bath A
Thu	12-Dec	H	Bath A	Thu	17-Apr	H	Horfield A
Wed	18-Dec	A	Clifton B	Tue	22-Apr	A	Downend A

University A

Thu	10-Oct	A	South Bristol B	Wed	15-Jan	A	Clifton A
Thu	17-Oct	H	Clifton B	Thu	23-Jan	H	Clevedon A
Wed	23-Oct	A	Bath A	Thu	30-Jan	H	South Bristol B
Tue	29-Oct	A	Downend B	Thu	06-Feb	H	Downend B
Thu	07-Nov	H	South Bristol A	Wed	19-Feb	A	Clifton B
Tue	12-Nov	A	Downend A	Thu	27-Feb	H	Downend A
Mon	18-Nov	A	Clevedon A	Thu	20-Mar	H	Bath A
Thu	05-Dec	H	Clifton A	Thu	27-Mar	A	South Bristol A
Thu	12-Dec	H	Horfield A	Tue	01-Apr	A	Horfield A

Division Two

Bath B							
Wed	11-Sep	H	Horfield B	Wed	08-Jan	A	Keynsham
Wed	18-Sep	H	Thornbury A	Tue	14-Jan	A	Thornbury A
Tue	24-Sep	A	Hanham A	Wed	22-Jan	H	Horfield C
Wed	16-Oct	H	Clifton C	Wed	05-Feb	H	Hanham A
Tue	22-Oct	A	Yate A	Wed	19-Feb	H	Patchway
Tue	29-Oct	A	Horfield C	Tue	25-Feb	A	Horfield B
Thu	14-Nov	A	Patchway	Wed	26-Mar	A	Clifton C
Tue	19-Nov	A	Downend C	Wed	09-Apr	H	Downend C
Wed	11-Dec	H	Keynsham	Wed	16-Apr	H	Yate A
Wed	18-Dec	H	Grendel	Tue	22-Apr	A	Grendel

Clifton C							
Tue	10-Sep	A	Thornbury A	Wed	08-Jan	H	Grendel
Wed	18-Sep	H	Horfield C	Tue	21-Jan	A	Downend C
Wed	02-Oct	H	Hanham A	Wed	29-Jan	H	Thornbury A
Wed	16-Oct	A	Bath B	Wed	12-Feb	H	Keynsham
Wed	23-Oct	H	Downend C	Tue	18-Feb	A	Horfield C
Wed	13-Nov	H	Yate A	Thu	27-Feb	A	Patchway
Tue	19-Nov	A	Horfield B	Wed	26-Mar	H	Bath B
Wed	27-Nov	H	Patchway	Wed	09-Apr	H	Horfield B
Wed	04-Dec	A	Keynsham	Tue	15-Apr	A	Hanham A
Tue	10-Dec	A	Grendel	Tue	22-Apr	A	Yate A

Downend C							
Wed	04-Sep	A	Keynsham	Tue	07-Jan	A	Hanham A
Tue	17-Sep	H	Patchway	Tue	21-Jan	H	Clifton C
Tue	24-Sep	H	Yate A	Tue	04-Feb	A	Horfield C
Tue	08-Oct	A	Thornbury A	Tue	18-Feb	A	Yate A
Tue	15-Oct	A	Grendel	Tue	18-Mar	H	Grendel
Wed	23-Oct	A	Clifton C	Thu	27-Mar	A	Patchway
Tue	19-Nov	H	Bath B	Tue	01-Apr	H	Thornbury A
Tue	03-Dec	H	Horfield C	Wed	09-Apr	A	Bath B
Tue	10-Dec	A	Horfield B	Tue	15-Apr	H	Keynsham
Tue	17-Dec	H	Hanham A	Tue	22-Apr	H	Horfield B

Grendel							
Tue	03-Sep	H	Thornbury A	Wed	08-Jan	A	Clifton C
Tue	10-Sep	A	Hanham A	Tue	21-Jan	H	Hanham A
Tue	17-Sep	H	Keynsham	Tue	28-Jan	H	Patchway
Tue	01-Oct	A	Horfield C	Tue	04-Feb	A	Thornbury A
Tue	08-Oct	A	Yate A	Tue	11-Feb	H	Yate A
Tue	15-Oct	H	Downend C	Wed	19-Feb	A	Keynsham
Thu	31-Oct	A	Patchway	Tue	04-Mar	H	Horfield C
Tue	12-Nov	H	Horfield B	Tue	18-Mar	A	Downend C
Tue	10-Dec	H	Clifton C	Tue	15-Apr	A	Horfield B
Wed	18-Dec	A	Bath B	Tue	22-Apr	H	Bath B

Hanham A						
Tue	03-Sep	A	Yate A	Tue	07-Jan	H Downend C
Tue	10-Sep	H	Grendel	Tue	21-Jan	A Grendel
Tue	24-Sep	H	Bath B	Wed	29-Jan	A Keynsham
Wed	02-Oct	A	Clifton C	Wed	05-Feb	A Bath B
Tue	08-Oct	H	Keynsham	Tue	11-Feb	H Patchway
Thu	17-Oct	A	Patchway	Tue	18-Feb	A Thornbury A
Tue	22-Oct	H	Thornbury A	Tue	25-Feb	H Yate A
Tue	19-Nov	A	Horfield C	Tue	25-Mar	A Horfield B
Tue	26-Nov	H	Horfield B	Tue	01-Apr	H Horfield C
Tue	17-Dec	A	Downend C	Tue	15-Apr	H Clifton C

Horfield B						
Wed	11-Sep	A	Bath B	Tue	07-Jan	A Horfield C
Tue	17-Sep	H	Yate A	Tue	21-Jan	H Keynsham
Tue	24-Sep	H	Horfield C	Tue	28-Jan	A Yate A
Tue	08-Oct	H	Patchway	Thu	06-Feb	A Patchway
Wed	16-Oct	A	Keynsham	Tue	11-Feb	H Thornbury A
Tue	12-Nov	A	Grendel	Tue	25-Feb	H Bath B
Tue	19-Nov	H	Clifton C	Tue	25-Mar	H Hanham A
Tue	26-Nov	A	Hanham A	Wed	09-Apr	A Clifton C
Tue	10-Dec	H	Downend C	Tue	15-Apr	H Grendel
Tue	17-Dec	A	Thornbury A	Tue	22-Apr	A Downend C

Horfield C							
Tue	10-Sep	H	Yate A	Tue	07-Jan	H	Horfield B
Wed	18-Sep	A	Clifton C	Wed	22-Jan	A	Bath B
Tue	24-Sep	A	Horfield B	Tue	04-Feb	H	Downend C
Tue	01-Oct	H	Grendel	Tue	18-Feb	H	Clifton C
Tue	15-Oct	A	Thornbury A	Tue	04-Mar	A	Grendel
Tue	22-Oct	H	Patchway	Tue	11-Mar	A	Yate A
Tue	29-Oct	H	Bath B	Tue	18-Mar	H	Thornbury A
Tue	19-Nov	H	Hanham A	Tue	01-Apr		Hanham A
Tue	03-Dec	A	Downend C	Tue	08-Apr	H	Keynsham
Wed	18-Dec	A	Keynsham	Thu	24-Apr	A	Patchway

Keynsham A							
Wed	04-Sep	H	Downend C	Wed	08-Jan	H	Bath B
Tue	17-Sep	A	Grendel	Tue	21-Jan	A	Horfield B
Thu	03-Oct	A	Patchway	Wed	29-Jan	H	Hanham A
Tue	08-Oct	A	Hanham A	Wed	05-Feb	H	Yate A
Wed	16-Oct	H	Horfield B	Wed	12-Feb	A	Clifton C
Wed	13-Nov	H	Thornbury A	Wed	19-Feb	H	Grendel
Tue	19-Nov	A	Yate A	Tue	25-Feb	A	Thornbury A
Wed	04-Dec	H	Clifton C	Wed	05-Mar	H	Patchway
Wed	11-Dec	A	Bath B	Tue	08-Apr	A	Horfield C
Wed	18-Dec	H	Horfield C	Tue	15-Apr	A	Downend C

Patchway							
Tue	17-Sep	A	Downend C	Tue	07-Jan	A	Thornbury A
Thu	03-Oct	H	Keynsham	Thu	23-Jan	H	Yate A
Tue	08-Oct	A	Horfield B	Tue	28-Jan	A	Grendel
Thu	17-Oct	H	Hanham A	Thu	06-Feb	H	Horfield B
Tue	22-Oct	A	Horfield C	Tue	11-Feb	A	Hanham A
Thu	31-Oct	H	Grendel	Wed	19-Feb	A	Bath B
Thu	14-Nov	H	Bath B	Thu	27-Feb	H	Clifton C
Wed	27-Nov	A	Clifton C	Wed	05-Mar	A	Keynsham
Thu	05-Dec	H	Thornbury A	Thu	27-Mar	H	Downend C
Tue	17-Dec	A	Yate A	Thu	24-Apr	H	Horfield C

Thornbury A							
Tue	03-Sep	A	Grendel	Tue	07-Jan	H	Patchway
Tue	10-Sep	H	Clifton C	Tue	14-Jan	H	Bath B
Wed	18-Sep	A	Bath B	Wed	29-Jan	A	Clifton C
Tue	08-Oct	H	Downend C	Tue	04-Feb	H	Grendel
Tue	15-Oct	H	Horfield C	Tue	11-Feb	A	Horfield B
Tue	22-Oct	A	Hanham A	Tue	18-Feb	H	Hanham A
Wed	13-Nov	A	Keynsham	Tue	25-Feb	H	Keynsham
Tue	26-Nov	H	Yate A	Tue	18-Mar	A	Horfield C
Thu	05-Dec	A	Patchway	Tue	01-Apr	A	Downend C
Tue	17-Dec	H	Horfield B	Tue	08-Apr	A	Yate A

Yate A

Tue	03-Sep	H	Hanham A	Thu	23-Jan	A	Patchway
Tue	10-Sep	A	Horfield C	Tue	28-Jan	H	Horfield B
Tue	17-Sep	A	Horfield B	Wed	05-Feb	A	Keynsham
Tue	24-Sep	A	Downend C	Tue	11-Feb	A	Grendel
Tue	08-Oct	H	Grendel	Tue	18-Feb	H	Downend C
Tue	22-Oct	H	Bath B	Tue	25-Feb	A	Hanham A
Wed	13-Nov	A	Clifton C	Tue	11-Mar	H	Horfield C
Tue	19-Nov	H	Keynsham	Tue	08-Apr	H	Thornbury A
Tue	26-Nov	A	Thornbury A	Wed	16-Apr	A	Bath B
Tue	17-Dec	H	Patchway	Tue	22-Apr	H	Clifton C

Division Three

Cabot							
Tue	03-Sep	H	South Bristol C	Tue	07-Jan	H	Clifton D
Tue	01-Oct	A	Yate B	Thu	23-Jan	A	South Bristol C
Tue	08-Oct	H	Clevedon B	Tue	28-Jan	H	Harambee A
Tue	22-Oct	A	Downend D	Tue	04-Feb	A	Hanham B
Wed	30-Oct	A	Clifton D	Mon	03-Mar	A	Clevedon B
Thu	28-Nov	A	Harambee A	Tue	11-Mar	H	Downend D
Tue	03-Dec	H	Clifton E	Wed	02-Apr	A	Clifton E
Tue	10-Dec	H	Hanham B	Tue	15-Apr	H	Yate B

Clevedon B							
Mon	02-Sep	H	Downend D	Tue	07-Jan	A	Yate B
Mon	09-Sep	H	Yate B	Mon	20-Jan	H	Hanham B
Tue	17-Sep	A	Hanham B	Tue	28-Jan	A	Downend D
Tue	08-Oct	A	Cabot	Thu	20-Feb	A	Harambee A
Thu	17-Oct	A	South Bristol C	Mon	24-Feb	H	Clifton E
Wed	23-Oct	A	Clifton E	Mon	03-Mar	H	Cabot
Mon	11-Nov	H	Harambee A	Mon	17-Mar	H	South Bristol C
Mon	02-Dec	H	Clifton D	Wed	23-Apr	A	Clifton D

Clifton D							
Wed	11-Sep	H	Harambee A	Tue	07-Jan	A	Cabot
Tue	15-Oct	A	Hanham B	Thu	23-Jan	A	Harambee A
Thu	24-Oct	A	South Bristol C	Wed	05-Feb	H	Clifton E
Wed	30-Oct	H	Cabot	Wed	19-Feb	H	Hanham B
Wed	20-Nov	H	Yate B	Wed	26-Feb	H	South Bristol C
Mon	02-Dec	A	Clevedon B	Tue	01-Apr	A	Yate B
Wed	11-Dec	H	Downend D	Wed	23-Apr	H	Clevedon B
Wed	18-Dec	A	Clifton E	Tue	29-Apr	A	Downend D

Clifton E

Tue	10-Sep	A	Downend D	Wed	08-Jan	H	Downend D
Wed	18-Sep	H	South Bristol C	Wed	22-Jan	H	Yate B
Wed	09-Oct	H	Hanham B	Wed	05-Feb	A	Clifton D
Thu	17-Oct	A	Harambee A	Wed	12-Feb	H	Harambee A
Wed	23-Oct	H	Clevedon B	Mon	24-Feb	A	Clevedon B
Tue	12-Nov	A	Yate B	Wed	02-Apr	H	Cabot
Tue	03-Dec	A	Cabot	Thu	10-Apr	A	South Bristol C
Wed	18-Dec	H	Clifton D	Tue	22-Apr	A	Hanham B

Downend D

Mon	02-Sep	A	Clevedon B	Wed	08-Jan	A	Clifton E
Tue	10-Sep	H	Clifton E	Tue	28-Jan	H	Clevedon B
Thu	19-Sep	A	Harambee A	Thu	06-Feb	A	South Bristol C
Tue	22-Oct	H	Cabot	Tue	25-Feb	H	Harambee A
Tue	29-Oct	A	Yate B	Tue	11-Mar	A	Cabot
Tue	12-Nov	H	Hanham B	Tue	25-Mar	H	Yate B
Tue	26-Nov	H	South Bristol C	Tue	08-Apr	A	Hanham B
Wed	11-Dec	A	Clifton D	Tue	29-Apr	H	Clifton D

Hanham B

Thu	12-Sep	A	South Bristol C	Thu	09-Jan	A	Harambee A
Tue	17-Sep	H	Clevedon B	Mon	20-Jan	A	Clevedon B
Tue	01-Oct	H	Harambee A	Tue	28-Jan	H	South Bristol C
Wed	09-Oct	A	Clifton E	Tue	04-Feb	H	Cabot
Tue	15-Oct	H	Clifton D	Wed	19-Feb	A	Clifton D
Tue	12-Nov	A	Downend D	Tue	18-Mar	A	Yate B
Tue	03-Dec	H	Yate B	Tue	08-Apr	H	Downend D
Tue	10-Dec	A	Cabot	Tue	22-Apr	H	Clifton E

Harambee A

Thu	05-Sep	H	Yate B	Thu	09-Jan	H	Hanham B
Wed	11-Sep	A	Clifton D	Thu	23-Jan	H	Clifton D
Thu	19-Sep	H	Downend D	Tue	28-Jan	A	Cabot
Tue	01-Oct	A	Hanham B	Tue	04-Feb	A	Yate B
Thu	17-Oct	H	Clifton E	Wed	12-Feb	A	Clifton E
Mon	11-Nov	A	Clevedon B	Thu	20-Feb	H	Clevedon B
Thu	28-Nov	H	Cabot	Tue	25-Feb	A	Downend D
Thu	19-Dec	A	South Bristol C	Thu	24-Apr	H	South Bristol C

South Bristol C

Tue	03-Sep	A	Cabot	Thu	23-Jan	H	Cabot
Thu	12-Sep	H	Hanham B	Tue	28-Jan	A	Hanham B
Wed	18-Sep	A	Clifton E	Thu	06-Feb	H	Downend D
Thu	17-Oct	H	Clevedon B	Thu	13-Feb	H	Yate B
Thu	24-Oct	H	Clifton D	Wed	26-Feb	A	Clifton D
Tue	26-Nov	A	Downend D	Mon	17-Mar	A	Clevedon B
Tue	10-Dec	A	Yate B	Thu	10-Apr	H	Clifton E
Thu	19-Dec	H	Harambee A	Thu	24-Apr	A	Harambee A

Yate B

Thu	05-Sep	A	Harambee A	Tue	07-Jan	H	Clevedon B
Mon	09-Sep	A	Clevedon B	Wed	22-Jan	A	Clifton E
Tue	01-Oct	H	Cabot	Tue	04-Feb	H	Harambee A
Tue	29-Oct	H	Downend D	Thu	13-Feb	A	South Bristol C
Tue	12-Nov	H	Clifton E	Tue	18-Mar	H	Hanham B
Wed	20-Nov	A	Clifton D	Tue	25-Mar	A	Downend D
Tue	03-Dec	A	Hanham B	Tue	01-Apr	H	Clifton D
Tue	10-Dec	H	South Bristol C	Tue	15-Apr	A	Cabot

Division Four

Bath University

Thu	03-Oct	H	Clifton F	Thu	06-Feb	H	Downend G
Tue	08-Oct	A	Downend E	Tue	11-Feb	A	Hanham C
Thu	17-Oct	H	Downend F	Thu	20-Feb	A	South Bristol D
Tue	22-Oct	A	Downend G	Thu	27-Feb	H	Downend E
Tue	29-Oct	A	Thornbury B	Tue	18-Mar	A	Downend F
Thu	21-Nov	H	University B	Wed	26-Mar	A	Clifton F
Thu	28-Nov	H	Hanham C	Thu	03-Apr	A	University B
Thu	05-Dec	A	Harambee B	Thu	10-Apr	H	Thornbury B
Thu	12-Dec	H	South Bristol D	Thu	17-Apr	H	Harambee B

Clifton F

Tue	17-Sep	A	Thornbury B	Wed	29-Jan	H	Downend E
Thu	03-Oct	A	Bath University	Thu	13-Feb	A	University B
Thu	10-Oct	A	Harambee B	Wed	19-Feb	H	Harambee B
Wed	16-Oct	H	University B	Tue	25-Feb	A	Hanham C
Wed	20-Nov	H	South Bristol D	Wed	19-Mar	H	Thornbury B
Tue	26-Nov	A	Downend G	Wed	26-Mar	H	Bath University
Wed	04-Dec	H	Downend F	Tue	08-Apr	A	Downend F
Wed	11-Dec	H	Hanham C	Thu	17-Apr	A	South Bristol D
Tue	17-Dec	A	Downend E	Wed	23-Apr	H	Downend G

Downend E

Tue	03-Sep	H	Harambee B	Tue	07-Jan	H	Hanham C
Tue	17-Sep	A	Downend F	Wed	29-Jan	A	Clifton F
Tue	08-Oct	H	Bath University	Tue	04-Feb	H	Downend F
Tue	15-Oct	H	Downend G	Tue	11-Feb	A	Downend G
Thu	24-Oct	A	University B	Thu	27-Feb	A	Bath University
Thu	14-Nov	A	South Bristol D	Tue	18-Mar	H	University B
Tue	19-Nov	A	Hanham C	Thu	27-Mar	A	Harambee B
Tue	03-Dec	H	Thornbury B	Tue	15-Apr	A	Thornbury B
Tue	17-Dec	H	Clifton F	Tue	22-Apr	H	South Bristol D

Downend F

Thu	05-Sep	A	South Bristol D	Tue	21-Jan	H	University B
Tue	10-Sep	A	Hanham C	Tue	28-Jan	A	Thornbury B
Tue	17-Sep	H	Downend E	Tue	04-Feb	A	Downend E
Tue	24-Sep	H	Downend G	Thu	13-Feb	A	Harambee B
Thu	17-Oct	A	Bath University	Tue	18-Feb	H	Hanham C
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Tue	12-Nov	H	Thornbury B	Tue	04-Mar	H	South Bristol D
Thu	28-Nov	A	University B	Tue	18-Mar	H	Bath University
Wed	04-Dec	A	Clifton F	Tue	08-Apr	H	Clifton F

Downend G

Tue	03-Sep	H	Hanham C	Tue	07-Jan	H	Harambee B
Thu	12-Sep	A	Harambee B	Thu	06-Feb	A	Bath University
Tue	24-Sep	A	Downend F	Tue	11-Feb	H	Downend E
Tue	01-Oct	H	South Bristol D	Thu	20-Feb	A	University B
Tue	15-Oct	A	Downend E	Tue	25-Feb	H	Downend F
Tue	22-Oct	H	Bath University	Tue	11-Mar	H	Thornbury B
Tue	19-Nov	A	Thornbury B	Tue	25-Mar	A	Hanham C
Tue	26-Nov	H	Clifton F	Thu	03-Apr	A	South Bristol D
Tue	03-Dec	H	University B	Wed	23-Apr	A	Clifton F

Hanham C

Tue	03-Sep	A	Downend G	Tue	07-Jan	A	Downend E
Tue	10-Sep	H	Downend F	Tue	21-Jan	H	Thornbury B
Tue	24-Sep	A	Thornbury B	Thu	30-Jan	A	South Bristol D
Thu	03-Oct	A	Harambee B	Tue	11-Feb	H	Bath University
Tue	08-Oct	H	University B	Tue	18-Feb	A	Downend F
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Thu	28-Nov	A	Bath University	Tue	25-Mar	H	Downend G
Wed	11-Dec	A	Clifton F	Tue	29-Apr	H	Harambee B

Harambee B

Tue	03-Sep	A	Downend E	Tue	07-Jan	A	Downend G
Thu	12-Sep	H	Downend G	Thu	06-Feb	H	University B
Thu	03-Oct	H	Hanham C	Thu	13-Feb	H	Downend F
Thu	10-Oct	H	Clifton F	Wed	19-Feb	A	Clifton F
Thu	17-Oct	A	South Bristol D	Thu	27-Feb	H	South Bristol D
Thu	24-Oct	H	Thornbury B	Thu	27-Mar	H	Downend E
Tue	29-Oct	A	Downend F	Thu	17-Apr	A	Bath University
Thu	14-Nov	A	University B	Tue	22-Apr	A	Thornbury B
Thu	05-Dec	H	Bath University	Tue	29-Apr	A	Hanham C

South Bristol D

Thu	05-Sep	H	Downend F	Thu	30-Jan	H	Hanham C
Tue	01-Oct	A	Downend G	Thu	20-Feb	H	Bath University
Thu	17-Oct	H	Harambee B	Thu	27-Feb	A	Harambee B
Tue	22-Oct	A	Hanham C	Tue	04-Mar	A	Downend F
Thu	31-Oct	A	University B	Thu	13-Mar	H	University B
Thu	14-Nov	H	Downend E	Tue	25-Mar	A	Thornbury B
Wed	20-Nov	A	Clifton F	Thu	03-Apr	H	Downend G
Thu	28-Nov	H	Thornbury B	Thu	17-Apr	H	Clifton F
Thu	12-Dec	A	Bath University	Tue	22-Apr	A	Downend E

Thornbury B

Tue	17-Sep	H	Clifton F	Thu	16-Jan	A	University B
Tue	24-Sep	H	Hanham C	Tue	21-Jan	A	Hanham C
Thu	24-Oct	A	Harambee B	Tue	28-Jan	H	Downend F
Tue	29-Oct	H	Bath University	Tue	11-Mar	A	Downend G
Tue	12-Nov	A	Downend F	Wed	19-Mar	A	Clifton F
Tue	19-Nov	H	Downend G	Tue	25-Mar	H	South Bristol D
Thu	28-Nov	A	South Bristol D	Thu	10-Apr	A	Bath University
Tue	03-Dec	A	Downend E	Tue	15-Apr	H	Downend E
Tue	10-Dec	H	University B	Tue	22-Apr	H	Harambee B

University B

Tue	08-Oct	A	Hanham C	Thu	16-Jan	H	Thornbury B
Wed	16-Oct	A	Clifton F	Tue	21-Jan	A	Downend F
Thu	24-Oct	H	Downend E	Thu	06-Feb	A	Harambee B
Thu	31-Oct	H	South Bristol D	Thu	13-Feb	H	Clifton F
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The Constitution and Rules of the Bristol & District Chess League

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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 30th November. 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 10.
- 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.
- f. The secretary of each Member Club shall receive two copies of these rules each year.

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 10).

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, and 4NCL Team Manager ("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 30th 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 Rates of Play

- a. All games shall be played with specified rates of play regulated by the use of a chess clock.
- b. The LMC may modify the rates of play and playing sessions imposed by these rules if exceptional circumstances should require this.
- c. When a second or subsequent time limit is not a whole number of hours, the clocks should be stopped immediately on completion of the previous time limit, and both clocks wound back by the period of the next time limit. (For example, if the first time limit is 42 moves in 1¾ hours and the second time limit is 6 moves in ¼ hour, then after Black's 42nd move, both clocks should be wound back by 15 minutes).

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. The fixtures, club directory and Rules will all be available separately for download in Word and PDF format. One copy of the handbook will be provided as hardcopy and sent to each club secretary. 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.

- c. If after these preliminaries the advertised or agreed start time for the playing session has been passed, then the delay shall be debited from all the clocks of the team causing the delay, and the clocks then started for the White players. Otherwise, the clocks shall be started for the White players at the start of the advertised or agreed playing session.

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 UNFINISHED GAMES

4.1 General

Any game unfinished at the end of a playing session under the alternative rate of play shall be resolved by continuation.

- a. In any game is unfinished at the end of a playing session for which the competition rules permit, the player to move at the end of the playing session should first seal a continuation move and give custody of it to his opponent before stopping the clocks, regardless of whether he or his opponent wish to continue.
- b. The game shall be continued at the away player's Bristol League club premises, but the venue for any continuation may be varied by mutual agreement at any time.
- c. Players should decide the continuation date on the night of the match, failing that they must each take steps to arrange a date at the earliest possible

opportunity. If a player makes insufficient co-operation in setting a date, the LMC may decide the result of the game.

- d. Any game that is unfinished by the weekend before the AGM shall be declared void, unless there are reasonable grounds for the delay.

5 QUICKPLAY FINISHES

5.1 Rules of Play

Quickplay finishes shall be played without an arbiter and shall be subject to the latest FIDE Laws of Chess, particularly those Laws which refer specifically to games played with quickplay finishes.

5.2 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.

6. TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS

6.1 Format

- a. Team Championships shall be held from September 1st to April 30th 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 6.5),
 - 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.

6.2 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 1st prior to the start of the season.

6.3 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.
- 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.
- 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.

6.4 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. In divisions 1, 2, 3 and 4 the playing session shall be from 7.30pm until 10.30pm. In all divisions, the period of grace before default of game ends at 8pm.
- c. The standard rates of play shall be as follows: In division 1, 2, 3 and 4 all moves shall be completed in 1½ hours and quickplay finishes (Rule 5) shall apply.
- d. Players on any single board may agree before the start of the game to use the alternative rate of play applicable to that division. Games played using the

alternative rates of play shall be designated as such on the team scoresheet before the start of the match by a means specified to clubs by the Match Secretary. In division 1 the alternative rate of play shall be 36 moves in 1½ hours followed by 24 moves in every hour. The alternative rate of play in divisions 2, 3 and 4 shall be 42 moves in 1½ hours followed by 6 moves every ¼ hour.

In any agreed continuation session all moves shall be completed in 1½ hours and quickplay finishes (Rule 5) shall apply.

- e. If at the start of the match only one player is present on a particular board, then that player shall have the right to nominate the rate of play for that board, being either the standard rate of play applicable to the division as specified in Rule 6.4.c or the alternative rate of play applicable to the division as specified in Rule 6.4.d. If at the start of the game neither player is present on a particular board then Rule 6.4.c shall apply.

6.5 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.

6.6 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.

7. TEAM KNOCK-OUT

7.1 Format

- a. A Team Knock-Out competition shall be held from September 1st to April 30th each year.

- 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.

7.2 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 1st prior to the start of the season. There is no fee.

7.3 Eligibility of Players

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

7.4 Playing Sessions & Rates of Play

These are as for matches using the standard rate of play (Rule 6.4.c) in division 1 of the Team Championships.

8 MINOR TEAM KNOCK-OUT

8.1 Format

- a. A Minor Team Knock-Out competition shall be held between September 1st and April 30th each season.
- b. Each match shall be between two teams of six players. The format shall otherwise be as for the Team Knock-Out.

8.2 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.

8.3 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.

8.4 Playing Sessions & Rates of Play

These are as for matches using the standard rate of play (Rule 6.4.c) in division 2 of the Team Championships.

9 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.

10 ECF MEMBERSHIP

10.1 General

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

10.2 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 30th November.
- 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.

10.3 Individual Competitions

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

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