# The Bristol & District Chess League

# Handbook 2015-2016

League Fixtures and Rules and details of local competitions



## The Bristol & District Chess League

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#### Calendar for the 2015/2016 Season

Web link for full details of all events: www.englishchess.org.uk/event-calendar/

('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.

Keep watching the calendar. Events will be added/updated as details become known.

			Calendar 2015 – 2016	
Sep	13-19	Sun-Sat	65th "Paignton" Congress Livermead House Hotel, Torquay	Mrs E.A.Crickmore 01752 768206 (before 9pm) plymouthchess@btinternet.com
Sep	24	Thur	LMC meeting	Stuart Iles stuart_sarah_iles@hotmail.com
Sep	25-27	Fri-Sat	Castle Chess Portsmouth	Tony Corfe enquiries@castlechess.co.uk
Oct	9-11	Fri-Sun	South Wales Autumn Congress Pencoed Miners Welfare	Howard Lloyd 01422 292392
Oct	9-11	Fri-Sun	Castle Chess 1 <sup>st</sup> Harrogate	Tony Corfe enquiries@castlechess.co.uk
Oct	10	Sat	Chipping Sodbury Rapidplay Old Grammar School, Broad Street, Chipping Sodbury	Graham Mill-Wilson tugmw@blueyonder.co.uk
Oct	17-18	Sat-Sun	3rd Witney weekend Congress Cokethorpe School	Mike Truran mike@truranfamily.co.uk
Nov	2-6	Mon-Fri	16th Royal Beacon Seniors (65+) Royal Beacon Hotel, Exmouth	Bob Jones jones_r53@sky.com
Nov	5	Thur	LMC Meeting	Stuart Iles
Nov	13-15	Fri-Sun	49th Torbay Chess Congress Livermead House Hotel, Torquay	Tony Tatam secretary@torbaycongress.com
Nov	20-22	Fri-Sun	West Wales Congress, Mercure Hotel, Swansea	
Nov	27-29	Fri-Sun	Bristol Winter Congress Bristol Grammar School	Alan Papier Chinadoc@chinadoc.f9.co.uk
Dec	4-13	Fri-Sat	London Chess Classic Olympia, London	http://www.londonchessclassic.com/
Dec	30 -	Wed-	Hastings InternationalCongress	Pam Thomas
Jan	7	Thu	www.hastingschess.org.uk	Pae123@aol.com
Jan	7th	Thur	LMC Meeting	Stuart Iles stuart_sarah_iles@hotmail.com
Jan	8-10	Fri-Sun	WCU New Year Congress Penarth Conservative Club	Kevin Stavely kevin.stavely@btinternet.com
Jan	8-10	Fri-Sun	Castle Chess Winchester	Tony Corfe
Feb	26-28	Fri-Sun	Bristol Spring Congress Bristol Grammar School FIDE Rated Open Section	Alan Papier Chinadoc @chinadoc.f9.co.uk
Feb	26-28	Fri-Sun	43 <sup>rd</sup> Dyfed Congress Fishguard Bay Hotel	Tony Haigh tony@brithdirmawr.co.uk
Mar	5th	Thur	LMC Meeting	Stuart Iles stuart_sarah_iles@hotmail.com

	Calendar 2015 – 2016						
Mar	4-6	Fri-Sun	37 <sup>th</sup> East Devon Congress Corn Exchange, Fore St, Exeter				
Mar	11-13	Fri-Sun	Castle Chess Hereford Green Dragon Hotel	Tony Corfe			
Mar	25-28	Fri-Mon	66th WECU Easter Congress Royal Beacon Hotel, Exmouth www.chessdevon.co.uk	Andrew Footner andrew@footner.wanadoo.co.uk			
Apr	?	Sat	Chipping Sodbury Rapidplay The Old Grammar School	Graham Mill-Wilson tugmw @blueyonder.co.uk			
May	15-17	Fri-Sun	25th Frome Congress www.somersetchess.org/	Gerry Jepps gnjepps@btinternet.com 01749 344191			
May	28	Thur	League AGM Filton Sports Centre	Stuart Iles stuart_sarah_iles@hotmail.com			
May	28-30	Sat-Mon	Cotswold Congress Gloucester				
July	3		LMC Meeting	Stuart Iles stuart_sarah_iles@hotmail.com			

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Chinadoc@chinadoc.f9.co.uk

**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

## **Club Directory 2015 - 2016**

h Home night(s) for matches W Wheelchair access (may meet on other nights)
 t&c Tea and coffee available
 b Licensed bar C 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

**Andrew Gregory** 

Tel: 01761 439387 Mob: 0741 9295678 email: mrgregory2013@hotmail.co.uk

### **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

William Thomas

email: wdt24@bath.ac.uk

Mob: 07947540119

Website: <a href="http://www.bathstudent.com/socs/societies/tabletop/chess/">http://www.bathstudent.com/socs/societies/tabletop/chess/</a>

#### **Bristol Cabot**

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

Tel: 0117 9870070

h – Tuesday b t&c 6cNeil Derrick, 21 Sloan Street, St George, Bristol BS5 7AD

Tel: 0117 939 3013 Mob: 07896756126 email: neilderrick@blueyonder.co.uk

Website: http://cabotchess.wix.com/cabotchessclub

#### **Bristol & Clifton**

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

Mob: 07899826515

email: chinadoc@chinadoc.force9.co.uk

Website: 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

Website: http://clevedonchess.moonfruit.com/

#### **Downend & Fishponds**

Downend Cricket Club, WG Grace Memorial Ground

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

h – Tuesday b w 14c

Richard Palmer, 27 Castle Road, Pucklechurch, Bristol BS16 9RF

Tel: 0117 937 3761

email: richardpalmer47@tiscali.co.uk website: http://www.downendchess.com

#### Grendel

The Drawbridge (Next to the Hippodrome)

St Augustine's Parade

Bristol City Centre, BS1 4UT

h-Tuesday b 8c

Dave Osborne Tel: 0117 9086824 Mob: 07791 002701

email: daveosbornetutor@googlemail.com

#### Hanham

Hanham Community Centre, Hanham High Street, Hanham, Bristol BS15 3EJ

Tel: 0117 967 4439

h-Tuesday b t&c 12c

**David Jones** 

Tel: 0117 9779336 Mob: 07982 147136

email: djones.46@live.co.uk

website: www.hanhamchess.btck.co.uk

#### Harambee

The Malcolm X Centre, 141 City Road, St Paul's, Bristol BS2 8YH

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**

1, Redland Park, Redland, Bristol BS7 4EQ

(next to United Reformed Church, Whiteladies Road)

h-Tuesday t&c 17c

Chris Jones, 11, Severn Grange, Ison Hill Road BS10 7QA

Tel: 0117 950 1292

email: cjajones1@yahoo.co.uk

website: 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

## **Patchway**

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

Tel: 01179 699198 mob: 07971 197233

email: anthonygolding1@hotmail.com

#### **South Bristol**

Whitchurch Folk House, East Dundry Road, Whitchurch, Bristol BS14 0LN

Tel: 01275 832222

h-Thursday b 12c

Gerald Mobbs, 694 Whitchurch Lane, Whitchurch, Bristol BS14 0EJ.

Tel: 01275 836280 (0117 928 4448)

email: Gerald.Mobbs@friendslife.co.uk

website: http://southbristolchess.wix.com/home

#### **Thornbury**

The Chantry, Castle Street, Thornbury, Bristol BS35 1HB Tel: 01454 414268

h-Tuesday b t&c 12c

Mike Minshall, 11 Chestermaster Close, Almondsbury, Bristol BS32 4EH.

Tel: 01454 619965 Mob: 07909 787737

email: mike.minshall@btinternet.com

## **University of Bristol**

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

Tel: 0117 9735035 email: unichessclub@hotmail.com

h-Thursday b w t&c 12c

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email: bm14152.2014@my.bristol.ac.uk

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

## Yate & Sodbury

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

 $h-Tuesday\ b\ w\ t\&c\ 18c$ 

Graham Mill-Wilson, 8 Lyndale Road, Yate, Bristol BS37 4DD.

Tel: 01454 880162 mob: 0779 0167415

email: Tugmw@blueyonder.co.uk

website: http://tugmw4.wix.com/yate-chess-club

## League Tables 2014 - 2015

Division One							
Club		Played	Pts	Game Points	Def Pts		
Downend	Α	18	27	70			
Horfield	Α	18	27	69			
South Bristol	Α	18	26	60.5	1		
Clifton	Α	18	22	59.5	2		
Bath	Α	18	18	56.5	1		
Horfield	В	18	16	50	1		
Clevedon	Α	18	16	49	1		
University	Α	18	14	50			
Clifton	В	18	13	50.5	3		
Clifton	С	18	1	20	4		

Division Two							
Club	Played	Pts	Game Points	Def Pts			
South Bristol	В	20	33	74.5	4		
Grendel		20	28	67			
Downend	В	20	27	78.5			
Clevedon	В	20	22	59.5			
Horfield	С	20	20	62.5	1		
Bath	В	20	20	58	8		
South Bristol	С	20	19	60	9		
Thornbury		20	18	61			
Patchway	Α	20	17	55			
Yate	Α	20	12	45	1		
Downend	С	20	4	38	4		

Division Three							
Club		Played	Pts	Game Points	Def Pts		
Keynsham	Α	18	32	76.5	0		
South Bristol	D	18	31	75	0		
Cabot	Α	18	29	76.5	0		
Hanham	Α	18	20	60	7		
Yate	В	18	20	55	6		
Downend	D	18	15	51	5		
Clifton	D	18	11	38.5	15		
Harambee	Α	18	7	47	32		
Clifton	Е	17	5	29.5	31		
Hanham	В	17	1	20	7		

Division Four							
Club	Played	Pts	Game Points	Def Pts			
University	В	17	29	53.5			
Clevedon	С	17	27	48	5		
Cabot	В	17	24	41.5	3		
Keynsham E		17	24	40.5	4		
South Bristol E		16	21	37			
Patchway	В	16	18	33			
Harambee B		16	11	24.5	11		
Horfield	D	17	10	29.5			
Bath University		13	9	18	12		
Downend E		17	7	25			
Hanham C		16	7	21			
Downend	F	15	4	13.5	15		

## League Honours 2014/15

#### League Championships

Div 1	Downend A	Div 3	Keynsham A
Div 2	South Bristol B	Div 4	University B

#### Team Knock-Outs

#### **Individual Championships**

Sect.1	Richard Savory ( Downend )	Sect.3	Kevin Langmaid (Yate)
Sect.2	Alan Papier ( Clifton )	Sect.4	Not Awarded

Alan Ashby Salver	Chris Snook-Lumb ( Clevedon C )
Steve Boniface Tankard Award	Tbd

## **Internet Directory**

Bristol League Website www.chessit.co.uk

Cabot http://cabotchess.wix.com/cabotchessclub

Clevedon http://clevedonchess.moonfruit.com/
Clifton www.bristolandcliftonchess.club

Downend www.downendchess.com/
Hanham www.hanhamchess.btck.co.uk
Horfield www.horfieldchess.org.uk

South Bristol http://southbristolchess.wix.com/home

University of Bristol www.bris.ac.uk/Depts/Union/Chess/
Yate http://tugmw4.wix.com/yate-chess-club

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.freeserve.co.uk/

Keverelchess www.keverelchess.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

## League Tournaments

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

There will be a congress, called the Bristol Spring Congress, open to all, on the weekend of Feb 27th 2016 (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 27-29<sup>th</sup> November, 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

or from the Congress Secretary, Alan Papier, 17 First Avenue, St. Annes, Bristol BS4 4DU Email: chinadoc@chinadoc.force9.co.uk

Tel: 07899826515

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:

Jerry Humphreys (BCF)	0117 9650097	jerryh@blueyonder.co.uk
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Tyson Mordue	0117 9325557	tyson.mordue@blueyonder.co.uk
David Woodruff (BCF)	0117 9862301	dg.woodruff@yahoo.co.uk
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Graham Mill-Wilson	01454 880162	tugmw@blueyonder.co.uk
Tom Thorpe		thomas.g.thorpe@googlemail.com

## **Acknowledgements**

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

## **Grading Thresholds**

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 2015 AGM with regards to playing up

i. Players registered for a team in Division 1 or 2 may play for a particular senior team up to four times without penalty. On a fifth occasion the player will automatically become registered for that senior team.

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- a) This is a simple rule and only affects players in Division 1 or 2.
- 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** <u>must</u> 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 2015-16 season are:

DIVISION	<b>↓2</b>	<b>↓3</b>	<b>↓4</b>	<b>↓5</b>
GRADING THRESHOLD	166	129	104	80

### 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.

With "The revised FIDE Laws of Chess: For competitions starting on or after 1 July 2014 <a href="http://www.fide.com/component/handbook/?id=171&view=article">http://www.fide.com/component/handbook/?id=171&view=article</a> 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 games 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.

#### Bristol Grand Prix 2014 - 2015

Nine events subscribed to the Grand Prix this year and of those four were League based and five 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. This will be changing for next season – there will be no grading of sections. Although there will be less prizewinners, having all in one section will allow allocation of prizes to be higher for the winners.

The prize fund has remained stable as although there were a lower number of events, the inclusion of an extra weekend congress helped to redress the balance.

Over the year 119 League members competed in the ten events on 288 occasions, scoring a total of 5406 Grand Prix points, all of which were higher than the previous year, and in the points scored, an increase of over 1500 points. Nine players scored 100 points or more, and all of these were our prizewinners.

Of the ten prizewinners (including the Junior Prize), nine different clubs were represented.

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).

#### The Prizewinners are as follows:

<u>Open</u>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Chris Beaumont	Clifton	£50.00
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Stephen Dilleigh	Horfield	£25.00
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Stephen Meek	S. Bristol	£10.00
<u>U-155</u>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Alan Papier	Clifton	£50.00
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Duncan MacArthur	Keynsham	£25.00
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Anthony Carver	Hanham	£10.00
<u>U-125</u>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Anthony Sage	Bath	£60.00
	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Richard Porter	University	£25.00
	3 <sup>rd</sup>	David McGeeney	Cabot	£10.00

Bonus of £10 included for Anthony Sage of Bath for having the highest score across all sections this year.

The Junior trophy to Jack Tye of Downend for being the highest scoring junior, along with £20.00 prize.

Anyone wishing to register an event should contact me below

Steve Woolgar (Grand Prix Secretary)

Tel: 0117 960 6158 (Answerphone)

Email: knightskies@sky.com

## League Knockout 2015 - 2016

ROUND	DAY	DATE	HOME	AWAY	Result
Quarter final Quarter final Quarter final	Tue Thu N/A	24-Nov 26-Nov N/A	Horfield South Bristol Bath	Clevedon Clifton Bye	
Quarter final	N/A	N/A	Downend	Bye	
Semi Final Semi Final	Tue Wed	22-Mar 23-Mar	Downend Bath	South Bristol / Clifton Horfield / Clevedon	
Final					

## Minor League Knockout 2015 - 2016

ROUND	DAY	DATE	HOME	AWAY	Result
Preliminary	Thu	24-Sep	South Bristol	Downend	
Quarter final	Mon	02-Nov	Clevedon	Clifton	
Quarter final	Tue	03-Nov	Hanham	Horfield	
Quarter final	Wed	04-Nov	Keynsham	Yate	
Quarter final	T/Th	05-Nov	S Bristol/Downend	Patchway	
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Semi Final	w/c	Jan			
Carri Final	/-	11th			
Semi Final	w/c	Jan			
Final					
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## League Fixtures 2015 - 2016

# **Division One**

			Bat	h A			
Wed	02-Sep	Н	Clevedon A	Mon	04-Jan	Α	Clevedon A
Tue	08-Sep	Α	Clifton A	Tue	19-Jan	Α	Grendel
Thu	17-Sep	Α	South Bristol A	Tue	23-Feb	Α	Horfield B
Tue	22-Sep	Α	Horfield A	Thu	03-Mar	Α	University A
Wed	14-Oct	Н	Horfield B	Wed	16-Mar	Н	South Bristol A
Wed	04-Nov	Н	Downend A	Wed	30-Mar	Н	Horfield A
Wed	11-Nov	Н	University A	Wed	13-Apr	Н	Downend B
Tue	24-Nov	Α	Downend B	Wed	20-Apr	Н	Clifton A
Wed	16-Dec	Н	Grendel	Tue	26-Apr	Α	Downend A

	Clevedon A										
Wed	02-Sep	Α	Bath A	Mon	04-Jan	Н	Bath A				
Thu	10-Sep	Α	South Bristol A	Tue	19-Jan	Α	Horfield B				
Mon	14-Sep	Н	Downend A	Mon	01-Feb	Н	Horfield A				
Mon	21-Sep	Н	Horfield B	Thu	11-Feb	Α	University A				
Tue	06-Oct	Α	Downend B	Mon	15-Feb	Н	South Bristol A				
Tue	20-Oct	Α	Horfield A	Mon	29-Feb	Н	Clifton A				
Tue	10-Nov	Α	Clifton A	Mon	14-Mar	Н	Downend B				
Mon	16-Nov	Н	Grendel	Tue	29-Mar	Α	Downend A				
Mon	30-Nov	Н	University A	Tue	19-Apr	Α	Grendel				

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Clifton A											
Tue	08-Sep	Н	Bath A	Tue	19-Jan	Α	Downend B				
Tue	15-Sep	Н	Downend B	Thu	04-Feb	Α	South Bristol A				
Wed	30-Sep	Α	Grendel	Tue	16-Feb	Α	Horfield A				
Tue	06-Oct	Α	Horfield B	Tue	23-Feb	Н	University A				
Thu	15-Oct	Α	University A	Mon	29-Feb	Α	Clevedon A				
Tue	27-Oct	Α	Downend A	Tue	08-Mar	Н	Downend A				
Tue	03-Nov	Н	South Bristol A	Tue	15-Mar	Н	Horfield B				
Tue	10-Nov	Н	Clevedon A	Tue	12-Apr	Н	Grendel				
Tue	01-Dec	Н	Horfield A	Wed	20-Apr	Α	Bath A				

Downend A									
Tue	08-Sep	Α	Horfield B	Tue	12-Jan	Н	Horfield B		
Mon	14-Sep	Α	Clevedon A	Tue	26-Jan	Α	Downend B		
Tue	29-Sep	Н	Downend B	Thu	11-Feb	Α	South Bristol A		
Thu	08-Oct	Α	University A	Tue	08-Mar	Α	Clifton A		
Tue	13-Oct	Н	Horfield A	Tue	15-Mar	Н	Grendel		
Tue	27-Oct	Н	Clifton A	Tue	29-Mar	Н	Clevedon A		
Wed	04-Nov	Α	Bath A	Tue	05-Apr	Α	Horfield A		
Tue	01-Dec	Н	South Bristol A	Tue	12-Apr	Н	University A		
Tue	08-Dec	Α	Grendel	Tue	26-Apr	Н	Bath A		

			Down	end B			
Tue	15-Sep	Α	Clifton A	Tue	05-Jan	Н	Horfield A
Tue	22-Sep	Н	Grendel	Tue	19-Jan	Н	Clifton A
Tue	29-Sep	Α	Downend A	Tue	26-Jan	Н	Downend A
Tue	06-Oct	Н	Clevedon A	Thu	04-Feb	Α	University A
Thu	22-Oct	Α	South Bristol A	Tue	09-Feb	Α	Grendel
Tue	03-Nov	Н	University A	Tue	23-Feb	Н	South Bristol A
Tue	10-Nov	Н	Horfield B	Mon	14-Mar	Α	Clevedon A
Tue	24-Nov	Н	Bath A	Wed	13-Apr	Α	Bath A
Tue	15-Dec	Α	Horfield A	Tue	19-Apr	Α	Horfield B

	Grendel									
Wed	16-Sep	Н	Horfield B	Tue	12-Jan	Н	South Bristol A			
Tue	22-Sep	Α	Downend B	Tue	19-Jan	Н	Bath A			
Wed	30-Sep	Н	Clifton A	Tue	02-Feb	Α	Horfield B			
Tue	20-Oct	Н	University A	Tue	09-Feb	Н	Downend B			
Tue	03-Nov	Α	Horfield A	Thu	18-Feb	Α	University A			
Thu	12-Nov	Α	South Bristol A	Tue	01-Mar	Н	Horfield A			
Mon	16-Nov	Α	Clevedon A	Tue	15-Mar	Α	Downend A			
Tue	08-Dec	Н	Downend A	Tue	12-Apr	Α	Clifton A			
Wed	16-Dec	Α	Bath A	Tue	19-Apr	Н	Clevedon A			

	Horfield A										
Tue	01-Sep	Α	Horfield B	Tue	05-Jan	Α	Downend B				
Tue	22-Sep	Н	Bath A	Thu	21-Jan	Α	South Bristol A				
Tue	29-Sep	Н	South Bristol A	Tue	26-Jan	Н	University A				
Tue	13-Oct	Α	Downend A	Mon	01-Feb	Α	Clevedon A				
Tue	20-Oct	Н	Clevedon A	Tue	09-Feb	Н	Horfield B				
Tue	03-Nov	Н	Grendel	Tue	16-Feb	Н	Clifton A				
Thu	19-Nov	Α	University A	Tue	01-Mar	Α	Grendel				
Tue	01-Dec	Α	Clifton A	Wed	30-Mar	Α	Bath A				
Tue	15-Dec	Н	Downend B	Tue	05-Apr	Н	Downend A				

	Horfield B									
Tue	01-Sep	Н	Horfield A	Tue	12-Jan	Α	Downend A			
Tue	08-Sep	Н	Downend A	Tue	19-Jan	Н	Clevedon A			
Wed	16-Sep	Α	Grendel	Tue	02-Feb	Н	Grendel			
Mon	21-Sep	Α	Clevedon A	Tue	09-Feb	Α	Horfield A			
Tue	06-Oct	Н	Clifton A	Tue	23-Feb	Н	Bath A			
Wed	14-Oct	Α	Bath A	Tue	15-Mar	Α	Clifton A			
Tue	10-Nov	Α	Downend B	Thu	31-Mar	Α	South Bristol A			
Tue	17-Nov	Н	South Bristol A	Tue	19-Apr	Н	Downend B			
Thu	17-Dec	Α	University A	Tue	26-Apr	Н	University A			

	South Bristol A									
Thu	10-Sep	Н	Clevedon A	Tue	12-Jan	Α	Grendel			
Thu	17-Sep	Н	Bath A	Thu	21-Jan	Н	Horfield A			
Tue	29-Sep	Α	Horfield A	Thu	04-Feb	Н	Clifton A			
Thu	22-Oct	Н	Downend B	Thu	11-Feb	Н	Downend A			
Tue	03-Nov	Α	Clifton A	Mon	15-Feb	Α	Clevedon A			
Thu	12-Nov	Н	Grendel	Tue	23-Feb	Α	Downend B			
Tue	17-Nov	Α	Horfield B	Wed	16-Mar	Α	Bath A			
Tue	01-Dec	Α	Downend A	Thu	31-Mar	Н	Horfield B			
Thu	10-Dec	Н	University A	Thu	21-Apr	Α	University A			

	University A										
Thu	08-Oct	Н	Downend A	Tue	26-Jan	Α	Horfield A				
Thu	15-Oct	Н	Clifton A	Thu	04-Feb	Н	Downend B				
Tue	20-Oct	Α	Grendel	Thu	11-Feb	Н	Clevedon A				
Tue	03-Nov	Α	Downend B	Thu	18-Feb	Н	Grendel				
Wed	11-Nov	Α	Bath A	Tue	23-Feb	Α	Clifton A				
Thu	19-Nov	Н	Horfield A	Thu	03-Mar	Н	Bath A				
Mon	30-Nov	Α	Clevedon A	Tue	12-Apr	Α	Downend A				
Thu	10-Dec	Α	South Bristol A	Thu	21-Apr	Н	South Bristol A				
Thu	17-Dec	Н	Horfield B	Tue	26-Apr	Α	Horfield B				

# **Division Two**

	Bath B										
Wed	16-Sep	Н	South Bristol B	Tue	05-Jan	Α	Yate A				
Wed	07-Oct	Н	Yate A	Wed	20-Jan	Α	Keynsham A				
Tue	13-Oct	Α	Horfield C	Wed	03-Feb	Н	Horfield C				
Wed	28-Oct	Н	Clevedon B	Wed	17-Feb	Н	Clifton B				
Thu	19-Nov	Α	Patchway A	Wed	02-Mar	Н	Patchway A				
Tue	24-Nov	Α	Clifton B	Mon	07-Mar	Α	Clevedon B				
Wed	09-Dec	Н	Keynsham A	Wed	06-Apr	Н	Thornbury				
Tue	15-Dec	Α	Thornbury	Thu	28-Apr	Α	South Bristol B				

	Clevedon B										
Mon	07-Sep	Н	South Bristol B	Tue	05-Jan	Α	Clifton B				
Tue	22-Sep	Α	Thornbury	Mon	18-Jan	Н	Horfield C				
Mon	28-Sep	Н	Yate A	Mon	25-Jan	Н	Thornbury				
Thu	08-Oct	Α	Patchway A	Wed	03-Feb	Α	Keynsham A				
Mon	19-Oct	Н	Clifton B	Mon	08-Feb	Н	Patchway A				
Wed	28-Oct	Α	Bath B	Thu	03-Mar	Α	South Bristol B				
Mon	09-Nov	Н	Keynsham A	Mon	07-Mar	Н	Bath B				
Tue	08-Dec	Α	Horfield C	Tue	12-Apr	Α	Yate A				

	Clifton B									
Tue	01-Sep	Н	Patchway A	Tue	05-Jan	Н	Clevedon B			
Tue	15-Sep	Α	Yate A	Tue	12-Jan	Н	Yate A			
Tue	22-Sep	Н	Horfield C	Tue	26-Jan	Α	Horfield C			
Wed	30-Sep	Α	Keynsham A	Wed	17-Feb	Α	Bath B			
Mon	19-Oct	Α	Clevedon B	Thu	25-Feb	Α	Patchway A			
Thu	19-Nov	Α	South Bristol B	Tue	22-Mar	Н	Keynsham A			
Tue	24-Nov	Н	Bath B	Tue	29-Mar	Α	Thornbury			
Tue	01-Dec	Н	Thornbury	Tue	05-Apr	Н	South Bristol B			

	Horfield C										
Tue	22-Sep	Α	Clifton B	Tue	05-Jan	Н	Thornbury				
Tue	13-Oct	Н	Bath B	Mon	18-Jan	Α	Clevedon B				
Tue	20-Oct	Α	Thornbury	Tue	26-Jan	Н	Clifton B				
Tue	24-Nov	Н	Yate A	Wed	03-Feb	Α	Bath B				
Thu	03-Dec	Α	Patchway A	Tue	16-Feb	Н	Patchway A				
Tue	08-Dec	Н	Clevedon B	Tue	01-Mar	Α	Yate A				
Tue	15-Dec	Н	South Bristol B	Thu	17-Mar	Α	South Bristol B				
Tue	22-Dec	Н	Keynsham A	Wed	06-Apr	Α	Keynsham A				

	Keynsham A									
Tue	08-Sep	Α	Thornbury	Thu	07-Jan	Α	South Bristol B			
Wed	30-Sep	Н	Clifton B	Wed	20-Jan	Н	Bath B			
Thu	22-Oct	Α	Patchway A	Wed	03-Feb	Н	Clevedon B			
Wed	28-Oct	Н	South Bristol B	Tue	08-Mar	Α	Yate A			
Mon	09-Nov	Α	Clevedon B	Tue	22-Mar	Α	Clifton B			
Wed	09-Dec	Α	Bath B	Wed	06-Apr	Н	Horfield C			
Wed	16-Dec	Н	Yate A	Wed	20-Apr	Н	Patchway A			
Tue	22-Dec	Α	Horfield C	Wed	27-Apr	Н	Thornbury			

	Patchway A										
Tue	01-Sep	Α	Clifton B	Tue	19-Jan	Α	Thornbury				
Tue	08-Sep	Α	Yate A	Thu	28-Jan	Н	South Bristol B				
Thu	17-Sep	Н	Thornbury	Mon	08-Feb	Α	Clevedon B				
Thu	01-Oct	Α	South Bristol B	Tue	16-Feb	Α	Horfield C				
Thu	08-Oct	Н	Clevedon B	Thu	25-Feb	Н	Clifton B				
Thu	22-Oct	Н	Keynsham A	Wed	02-Mar	Α	Bath B				
Thu	19-Nov	Н	Bath B	Thu	31-Mar	Н	Yate A				
Thu	03-Dec	Н	Horfield C	Wed	20-Apr	Α	Keynsham A				

	South Bristol B									
Mon	07-Sep	Α	Clevedon B	Thu	07-Jan	Н	Keynsham A			
Wed	16-Sep	Α	Bath B	Thu	28-Jan	Α	Patchway A			
Thu	01-Oct	Н	Patchway A	Tue	02-Feb	Α	Thornbury			
Thu	08-Oct	Н	Thornbury	Thu	18-Feb	Н	Yate A			
Wed	28-Oct	Α	Keynsham A	Thu	03-Mar	Н	Clevedon B			
Tue	10-Nov	Α	Yate A	Thu	17-Mar	Н	Horfield C			
Thu	19-Nov	Н	Clifton B	Tue	05-Apr	Α	Clifton B			
Tue	15-Dec	Α	Horfield C	Thu	28-Apr	Н	Bath B			

	Thornbury										
Tue	01-Sep	Н	Yate A	Tue	05-Jan	Α	Horfield C				
Tue	08-Sep	Н	Keynsham A	Tue	19-Jan	Н	Patchway A				
Thu	17-Sep	Α	Patchway A	Mon	25-Jan	Α	Clevedon B				
Tue	22-Sep	Н	Clevedon B	Tue	02-Feb	Н	South Bristol B				
Thu	08-Oct	Α	South Bristol B	Tue	09-Feb	Α	Yate A				
Tue	20-Oct	Н	Horfield C	Tue	29-Mar	Н	Clifton B				
Tue	01-Dec	Α	Clifton B	Wed	06-Apr	Α	Bath B				
Tue	15-Dec	Н	Bath B	Wed	27-Apr	Α	Keynsham A				

	Yate A									
Tue	01-Sep	Α	Thornbury	Tue	05-Jan	Н	Bath B			
Tue	08-Sep	Н	Patchway A	Tue	12-Jan	Α	Clifton B			
Tue	15-Sep	Н	Clifton B	Tue	09-Feb	Н	Thornbury			
Mon	28-Sep	Α	Clevedon B	Thu	18-Feb	Α	South Bristol B			
Wed	07-Oct	Α	Bath B	Tue	01-Mar	Н	Horfield C			
Tue	10-Nov	Н	South Bristol B	Tue	08-Mar	Н	Keynsham A			
Tue	24-Nov	Α	Horfield C	Thu	31-Mar	Α	Patchway A			
Wed	16-Dec	Α	Keynsham A	Tue	12-Apr	Н	Clevedon B			

# **Division Three**

	Cabot A										
Tue	22-Sep	Α	Hanham A	Tue	12-Jan	Н	Harambee A				
Thu	01-Oct	Α	Harambee A	Tue	26-Jan	Α	Downend D				
Tue	06-Oct	Н	Clifton C	Tue	16-Feb	Н	University B				
Thu	22-Oct	Α	University B	Tue	23-Feb	Α	Yate B				
Tue	27-Oct	Н	Downend D	Tue	01-Mar	Н	Downend C				
Tue	17-Nov	Α	Downend C	Thu	31-Mar	Α	South Bristol C				
Tue	24-Nov	Н	Hanham B	Tue	05-Apr	Н	Hanham A				
Tue	01-Dec	Н	South Bristol C	Tue	12-Apr	Α	Hanham B				
Tue	15-Dec	Н	Yate B	Tue	26-Apr	Α	Clifton C				

	Clifton C										
Tue	08-Sep	Н	Downend D	Thu	28-Jan	Α	South Bristol C				
Thu	17-Sep	Α	Harambee A	Tue	23-Feb	Н	Hanham A				
Tue	29-Sep	Н	Hanham B	Tue	01-Mar	Α	Hanham B				
Tue	06-Oct	Α	Cabot A	Tue	08-Mar	Н	Harambee A				
Tue	13-Oct	Н	Yate B	Tue	15-Mar	Α	Yate B				
Tue	20-Oct	Н	South Bristol C	Tue	12-Apr	Н	Downend C				
Thu	12-Nov	Α	University B	Tue	19-Apr	Н	University B				
Tue	15-Dec	Α	Hanham A	Tue	26-Apr	Н	Cabot A				
Tue	22-Dec	Α	Downend C	Tue	03-May	Α	Downend D				

	Downend C										
Thu	17-Sep	Α	South Bristol C	Thu	07-Jan	Α	Harambee A				
Tue	13-Oct	Н	University B	Thu	28-Jan	Α	University B				
Tue	20-Oct	Н	Hanham A	Tue	02-Feb	Н	Hanham B				
Tue	27-Oct	Α	Yate B	Tue	16-Feb	Н	Downend D				
Tue	17-Nov	Н	Cabot A	Tue	01-Mar	Α	Cabot A				
Tue	01-Dec	Α	Downend D	Tue	15-Mar	Н	South Bristol C				
Tue	08-Dec	Α	Hanham B	Tue	22-Mar	Н	Yate B				
Tue	15-Dec	Н	Harambee A	Tue	12-Apr	Α	Clifton C				
Tue	22-Dec	Н	Clifton C	Tue	26-Apr	Α	Hanham A				

	Downend D										
Tue	01-Sep	Α	Hanham B	Tue	19-Jan	Α	Hanham A				
Tue	08-Sep	Α	Clifton C	Tue	26-Jan	Н	Cabot A				
Tue	15-Sep	Н	Hanham A	Tue	16-Feb	Α	Downend C				
Tue	29-Sep	Α	Yate B	Thu	25-Feb	Α	University B				
Tue	06-Oct	Н	University B	Thu	03-Mar	Α	Harambee A				
Tue	27-Oct	Α	Cabot A	Tue	08-Mar	Н	South Bristol C				
Tue	24-Nov	Н	Harambee A	Tue	05-Apr	Н	Yate B				
Tue	01-Dec	Н	Downend C	Tue	19-Apr	Н	Hanham B				
Thu	10-Dec	Α	South Bristol C	Tue	03-May	Н	Clifton C				

	Hanham A										
Thu	03-Sep	Α	Harambee A	Tue	05-Jan	Α	Hanham B				
Tue	08-Sep	Н	South Bristol C	Tue	19-Jan	Н	Downend D				
Tue	15-Sep	Α	Downend D	Tue	26-Jan	Н	Harambee A				
Tue	22-Sep	Н	Cabot A	Thu	04-Feb	Α	South Bristol C				
Tue	13-Oct	Н	Hanham B	Tue	16-Feb	Α	Yate B				
Tue	20-Oct	Α	Downend C	Tue	23-Feb	Α	Clifton C				
Tue	17-Nov	Н	Yate B	Tue	08-Mar	Н	University B				
Thu	03-Dec	Α	University B	Tue	05-Apr	Α	Cabot A				
Tue	15-Dec	Н	Clifton C	Tue	26-Apr	Н	Downend C				

	Hanham B										
Tue	01-Sep	Н	Downend D	Tue	05-Jan	Н	Hanham A				
Thu	10-Sep	Α	Harambee A	Thu	21-Jan	Α	South Bristol C				
Tue	29-Sep	Α	Clifton C	Tue	02-Feb	Α	Downend C				
Tue	06-Oct	Н	South Bristol C	Tue	09-Feb	Н	University B				
Tue	13-Oct	Α	Hanham A	Tue	01-Mar	Н	Clifton C				
Thu	29-Oct	Α	University B	Tue	22-Mar	Н	Harambee A				
Tue	24-Nov	Α	Cabot A	Tue	29-Mar	Α	Yate B				
Tue	01-Dec	Н	Yate B	Tue	12-Apr	Н	Cabot A				
Tue	08-Dec	Н	Downend C	Tue	19-Apr	Α	Downend D				

	Harambee A										
Thu	03-Sep	Н	Hanham A	Thu	07-Jan	Н	Downend C				
Thu	10-Sep	Н	Hanham B	Tue	12-Jan	Α	Cabot A				
Thu	17-Sep	Н	Clifton C	Thu	21-Jan	Н	Yate B				
Tue	22-Sep	Α	Yate B	Tue	26-Jan	Α	Hanham A				
Thu	01-Oct	Н	Cabot A	Thu	11-Feb	Н	South Bristol C				
Thu	29-Oct	Α	South Bristol C	Thu	03-Mar	Н	Downend D				
Thu	05-Nov	Н	University B	Tue	08-Mar	Α	Clifton C				
Tue	24-Nov	Α	Downend D	Thu	17-Mar	Α	University B				
Tue	15-Dec	Α	Downend C	Tue	22-Mar	Α	Hanham B				

	South Bristol C										
Tue	08-Sep	Α	Hanham A	Thu	21-Jan	Н	Hanham B				
Thu	17-Sep	Н	Downend C	Thu	28-Jan	Н	Clifton C				
Tue	06-Oct	Α	Hanham B	Thu	04-Feb	Н	Hanham A				
Tue	20-Oct	Α	Clifton C	Thu	11-Feb	Α	Harambee A				
Thu	29-Oct	Н	Harambee A	Tue	08-Mar	Α	Downend D				
Thu	26-Nov	Н	University B	Tue	15-Mar	Α	Downend C				
Tue	01-Dec	Α	Cabot A	Thu	31-Mar	Н	Cabot A				
Thu	10-Dec	Н	Downend D	Thu	14-Apr	Α	University B				
Tue	22-Dec	Α	Yate B	Thu	05-May	Н	Yate B				

	University B										
Tue	06-Oct	Α	Downend D	Thu	28-Jan	Н	Downend C				
Tue	13-Oct	Α	Downend C	Tue	02-Feb	Α	Yate B				
Thu	22-Oct	Н	Cabot A	Tue	09-Feb	Α	Hanham B				
Thu	29-Oct	Н	Hanham B	Tue	16-Feb	Α	Cabot A				
Thu	05-Nov	Α	Harambee A	Thu	25-Feb	Н	Downend D				
Thu	12-Nov	Н	Clifton C	Tue	08-Mar	Α	Hanham A				
Thu	26-Nov	Α	South Bristol C	Thu	17-Mar	Н	Harambee A				
Thu	03-Dec	Н	Hanham A	Thu	14-Apr	Н	South Bristol C				
Thu	10-Dec	Н	Yate B	Tue	19-Apr	Α	Clifton C				

	Yate B										
Tue	22-Sep	Н	Harambee A	Thu	21-Jan	Α	Harambee A				
Tue	29-Sep	Н	Downend D	Tue	02-Feb	Н	University B				
Tue	13-Oct	Α	Clifton C	Tue	16-Feb	Н	Hanham A				
Tue	27-Oct	Н	Downend C	Tue	23-Feb	Н	Cabot A				
Tue	17-Nov	Α	Hanham A	Tue	15-Mar	Н	Clifton C				
Tue	01-Dec	Α	Hanham B	Tue	22-Mar	Α	Downend C				
Thu	10-Dec	Α	University B	Tue	29-Mar	Н	Hanham B				
Tue	15-Dec	Α	Cabot A	Tue	05-Apr	Α	Downend D				
Tue	22-Dec	Н	South Bristol C	Thu	05-May	Α	South Bristol C				

# **Division Four**

	Bath University										
Thu	01-Oct	Н	Downend E	Thu	07-Jan	Α	South Bristol D				
Tue	06-Oct	Α	Horfield D	Thu	14-Jan	Α	Harambee B				
Thu	15-Oct	Н	Cabot B	Thu	21-Jan	Н	Patchway B				
Thu	22-Oct	Н	Keynsham B	Tue	02-Feb	Α	Downend E				
Mon	26-Oct	Α	Clevedon C	Thu	11-Feb	Н	Clevedon C				
Thu	19-Nov	Н	Harambee B	Thu	18-Feb	Н	Horfield D				
Tue	24-Nov	Α	Downend F	Thu	03-Mar	Н	Downend F				
Thu	03-Dec	Н	South Bristol D	Tue	08-Mar	Α	Cabot B				
Thu	10-Dec	Α	Patchway B	Wed	06-Apr	Α	Keynsham B				

			Cab	ot B			
Tue	01-Sep	Н	Keynsham B	Tue	19-Jan	Н	Horfield D
Tue	08-Sep	Α	Horfield D	Wed	03-Feb	Α	Keynsham B
Tue	29-Sep	Н	Harambee B	Tue	09-Feb	Α	Downend E
Thu	15-Oct	Α	Bath University	Thu	25-Feb	Α	Harambee B
Tue	20-Oct	Α	Downend F	Tue	08-Mar	Н	Bath University
Tue	10-Nov	Н	South Bristol D	Tue	15-Mar	Н	Downend F
Mon	30-Nov	Α	Clevedon C	Tue	29-Mar	Н	Clevedon C
Tue	08-Dec	Н	Downend E	Thu	07-Apr	Α	South Bristol D
Thu	17-Dec	Α	Patchway B	Tue	19-Apr	Н	Patchway B

	Clevedon C										
Thu	24-Sep	Α	Harambee B	Mon	04-Jan	Н	Downend E				
Thu	01-Oct	Α	South Bristol D	Tue	19-Jan	Α	Downend F				
Mon	05-Oct	Н	Downend F	Tue	02-Feb	Α	Horfield D				
Mon	12-Oct	Н	Horfield D	Thu	11-Feb	Α	Bath University				
Mon	26-Oct	Н	Bath University	Mon	15-Feb	Н	Harambee B				
Tue	10-Nov	Α	Downend E	Mon	22-Feb	Н	Keynsham B				
Mon	23-Nov	Н	Patchway B	Mon	29-Feb	Н	South Bristol D				
Mon	30-Nov	Н	Cabot B	Tue	29-Mar	Α	Cabot B				
Wed	16-Dec	Α	Keynsham B	Thu	14-Apr	Α	Patchway B				

	Downend E										
Thu	01-Oct	Α	Bath University	Mon	04-Jan	Α	Clevedon C				
Thu	08-Oct	Α	South Bristol D	Tue	12-Jan	Α	Downend F				
Wed	28-Oct	Α	Keynsham B	Tue	02-Feb	Н	Bath University				
Tue	10-Nov	Н	Clevedon C	Tue	09-Feb	Н	Cabot B				
Tue	17-Nov	Н	Horfield D	Tue	01-Mar	Н	Harambee B				
Thu	03-Dec	Α	Harambee B	Tue	22-Mar	Α	Horfield D				
Tue	08-Dec	Α	Cabot B	Tue	29-Mar	Н	Keynsham B				
Tue	15-Dec	Н	Downend F	Tue	12-Apr	Н	South Bristol D				
Tue	22-Dec	Н	Patchway B	Thu	28-Apr	Α	Patchway B				

Downend F								
Thu	03-Sep	Α	Patchway B	Tue	05-Jan	Н	Patchway B	
Tue	08-Sep	Н	Keynsham B	Tue	12-Jan	Н	Downend E	
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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 Seconder, 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 £27 per team (for teams in divisions 1, 2 and 3) or £18 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 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.
- 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 31<sup>st</sup> March 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 2014].

See Link below for the July 2014 FIDE Laws of Chess

#### http://www.fide.com/fide/handbook.html?id=171&view=article

- 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 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 1<sup>st</sup> to the first week in May 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. Players registered for a team in Division 1 or 2 may play for a particular senior team up to four times without penalty. On a fifth occasion the player will automatically become registered for that senior team.

#### 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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