

The Bristol & District Chess League

Handbook 2019–2020

League Fixtures and Rules and details of local competitions



The Bristol & District Chess League

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Calendar for the 2019 - 2020 Season

Web link for full details of all events is on the ECF website: www.englishchess.org.uk/event-calendar/

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

Calendar 2019 - 2020				
Aug	31-7 Sep	Sat-Sat	DCCA Paignton Congress @ Livermead House Hotel, Torquay TQ2 6QJ	Paul Brooks: pauljbrooks13@gmail.com Web: www.dccapaigntonchess.com [MAP]
Sep	8	Sun	UK Open Blitz 2019 Regional Qualifiers @ Bristol	Nigel Towers: nigel.towers@englishchess.org.uk
Sep	18	Wed	LMC Meeting Filton Sports & Leisure	Stuart Iles (Secretary) stuart_sarah_iles@hotmail.co.uk
Oct	4	Fri	Castle Chess 15th Fareham Congress @ The Lysses House Hotel, 51 High Street, Fareham	Tony Corfe: tony@mrcoffe.co.uk Web: http://www.castlechess.co.uk [MAP]
Oct	11 - 13	Fri-Sun	52nd West Wales Congress @ Mercure Swansea Hotel, Phoenix Way, Llansamlet, Swansea	Les Philpin newsilure@hotmail.com
Oct	11 - 13	Fri-Sun	54th Dorset Open Chess Congress @ The Elstead Hotel 12-14 Knyveton Road Bournemouth	Ian Clark: ianclark@dorsetchess.co.uk Web: http://dorsetchess.co.uk [MAP]
Oct	12 - 13	Sat-Sun	Millfield International Chess	Chris Strong cms121@btopenworld.com
Nov	1	Fri	Hampshire Congress @ Lysses House Hotel, 51 High Street, Fareham	Gillian Moore: congressentry@hampshirechess.co.uk Web: http://www.hampshirechess.co.uk [MAP]
Nov	2 - 3	Sat-Sun	7th Witney Congress @ Cokethorpe School, Witney OX29 7PU	http://www.witneychess.co.uk/ [MAP]
Nov	4 - 8	Mon-Fri	20th Royal Beacon Seniors Congress @ Royal Beacon Hotel, Exmouth, Devon	RH Jones: jones_r53@sky.com Web: http://keverelchess.com [MAP]
Nov	8 - 10	Fri-Sun	Torbay Chess Congress @ Livermead House Hotel, Seafront, Torquay	Phil McConnell: secretary@torbaycongress.com Web: http://www.torbaycongress.com/ [MAP]
Nov	13	Wed	LMC Meeting Filton Sports & Leisure	Stuart Iles (Secretary) stuart_sarah_iles@hotmail.co.uk
Nov	24	Sun	2nd Bristol League Open Blitz Championship @ Bristol Grammar School (BGS) University Road, Bristol	Igor Doklestic: chessinbristol@gmail.com Web: https://www.bristolcongress.co.uk/ [MAP]
Nov	31 - 1	Sat-Sun	Hereford Chess Congress @ The Green Dragon Hotel, Broad Street, Hereford	Rebecca & Colin Gardiner: congresssecretary@hotmail.com
Jan	4 - 6	Fri-Sun	South Wales New Year Congress The Heronston Hotel, Bridgend	kevin.staveley@btinternet.com
Jan	11 - 12	Sat-Sun	4th Somerset New Year Chess Congress @ Walton Park Hotel Wellington Terrace, Clevedon, North Somerset	Rebecca and Colin Gardiner: congresssecretary@hotmail.com

Jan	16	Thu	LMC Meeting	Stuart Iles (Secretary) stuart_sarah_iles@hotmail.co.uk
Jan	25 – 26	Sat-Sun	South of England Junior Chess Congress @ Yateley Manor School 51 Reading Rd Yateley	Amy Grieve: amy@southofenglandjunior.com Web: http://www.southofenglandjunior.com [MAP]
Feb	14-16	Fri-Sun	Bristol Winter Congress & 88th Bristol League Championship	Igor Dokleptic: chessinbristol@gmail.com Web: https://www.bristolcongress.co.uk/ [MAP]
Mar	6 - 8	Fri-Sun	45th East Devon Chess Congress @ Exeter Corn Exchange, Market Street, Exeter	Tim Paulden timpaulden@gmail.com www.eastdevonchesscongress.com
Mar	11	Wed	LMC Meeting	Stuart Iles (Secretary) stuart_sarah_iles@hotmail.co.uk
Apr	10 - 13	Fri-Mon	68 th WECU Easter Congress Royal Beacon Hotel, Exmouth	Website address www.chessdevon.org.uk
May	Tbc		31 st Frome Congress	http://www.somersetchess.org/frome_congress/FromeHome.html
May	23 - 25	Sat-Mon	52 nd Cotswold Congress (May Bank Holiday), King's School, Gloucester	Website address dmshome.co.uk/CotswoldCongress/
Jun	Tbc		10th Graeme Thomson Memorial Rapidplay	Igor Dokleptic: chessinbristol@gmail.com Web: https://www.bristolcongress.co.uk/ [MAP]
Aug	Tbc		14 th Steve Boniface Memorial Congress	Igor Dokleptic: chessinbristol@gmail.com Web: https://www.bristolcongress.co.uk/ [MAP]

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Club Directory 2019 - 2020

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

w Wheelchair access

c Number of chess clocks available for us

b Licensed bar

t&c Tea and coffee available

Bath

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

Tel: 01225 425651

h - Wednesdays, w, t&c, 12c, b

David Allen, Tel: 01225 317236

email: david.allen99@gmail.com

Bristol Cabot (New Venue)

The Colosseum, Redcliff Hill, Bristol, BS1 6SJ

Tel: 0117 987 0070

h - Wednesday, b, t&c, 12c

Alastair Drummond, Mob: 07840409120

email: alastair004@gmail.com

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

Bristol & Clifton (New Venue)

The Redland Green Club, Redland Green, Bristol, BS6 7HF

Tel: 0117 9731139

H - Tuesday, b, 16c

Tomas Jankowski, Mob: 07510 390821

email: tomas_jankowski@yahoo.ie

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, Tel: 01934 843193, Mob: 07812 973387

email: dacmp1379@gmail.com

Downend & Fishponds (New Venue)

The Cross Hands, 1 Staple Hill, Fishponds, Bristol, BS16 5AA

Tel: 0117 9657759

h - Wednesday, b, 16c

John Paines, Mob: 07775 906276

email: john.paines@cegedim.com

website: <http://www.downendchess.com>

Grendel (New Venue)

The Eastfield Inn, 219 Henleaze Road, Bristol BS9 4NQ

Tel: 0117 239 1466

h - Tuesday, b, 8c

Dave Osborne, Tel: 0117 9086824, Mob: 07791 002701

email: daveosbornetutor@gmail.com

Hanham

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

Tel: 0117 967 4439

h - Tuesday, b, t&c, 12c

Please arrive for league games at 7.30pm as club closes at 10.45pm

Phil Lawson (acting secretary)

email: hanhamchess@gmail.com

website: www.hanhamchess.btck.co.uk

Harambee

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

h – Thursday, w, 12c

Kwesi Ngozi, Mob: 07949 519796

email: harambeechessclub@hotmail.co.uk

Horfield & Redland

1 Redland Park, Redland, Bristol BS7 4EQ

(next to United Reformed Church, Whiteladies Road)

h - Tuesday, t&c, 17c

Peter Marks, Tel: 07815 566564

email: peter_d_marks@yahoo.co.uk

website: www.horfieldchess.org.uk

Keynsham

Queens Road Methodist Church, Queens Road, Keynsham BS31 2NN

h – Thursday, t&c, 12c, w

John Kilmister, Mob: 07884 314582

email: keynshamchessclub2013@gmail.com

North Bristol

Squash Court, Rate Payers Pub, Filton Sports & Leisure Centre, Elm Park

Filton, Bristol BS34 7PS

h - Thursday, t&c, w, b, 8c

Tony Golding, Tel: 01179 699198, Mob: 07971 197233

email: anthonygolding1@hotmail.com

Website: www.northbristolchess.wixsite.com/home

South Bristol

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

Tel: 01275 832222

h – Thursday, b, 12c

Gerald Mobbs, Tel: 01275 836280 (0117 928 4448)

email: Gerald.Mobbs@gmail.com

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

Thornbury

The Anchor Inn, Gloucester Road, Thornbury, BS35 1JY

Tel: 01454 281375

h - Thursday, b, t&c, 12c, w

Mike Minshall, Mob: 07909 787737

email: mike.minshall@btinternet.com

University of Bristol

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

Room Odium Level 2 (room varies please contact team captains, secretary, etc.)

h - Thursday, b, w, t&c, 10c

Conor Newton, Mob: 07415464160

email: cn15588@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, 10c

Kevin Langmaid, Mob: 07988 263389

email: kevinlangmaid@gmail.com

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

League Tables 2018 - 2019

Division One					
Club		Played	Pts	Game Points	Def Pts
Clifton	A	18	30	67.5	
Bath	A	18	25	70.5	
Downend	B	18	23	60	
Downend	A	18	19	57	2
Horfield	A	17	19	53.5	4
Clifton	B	17	18	51	7
Clevedon	A	18	17	48.5	
Horfield	B	18	12	47	1
Horfield	C	18	9	40.5	1
University	A	18	6	34.5	3

Division Two					
Club		Played	Pts	Game Points	Def Pts
North Bristol	A	18	34	70	
Grendel		18	27	69	
Clevedon	B	18	24	62	1
South Bristol	A	17	20	56.5	2
Downend	C	18	17	55	
Keynsham	A	17	14	46.5	
Thornbury		17	13	45	4
Bath	B	17	12	45	
University	B	18	10	47.5	
Yate	A	18	4	31.5	18

Division Three					
Club		Played	Pts	Game Points	Def Pts
Downend	D	16	27	59.5	0
Cabot	A	16	25	65	4
North Bristol	B	16	22	54	0
Horfield	D	16	22	54	1
Downend	E	16	14	49	0
Keynsham	B	16	11	38	2
South Bristol	B	16	9	41.5	6
Hanham	A	16	9	37.5	0
Clifton	C	16	4	32.5	10

Division Four					
Club		Played	Pts	Game Points	Def Pts
Clevedon	C	18	24	45	
University	C	18	24	45	2
Horfield	E	18	23	42	
North Bristol	C	19	19	37	
Bath University		17	18	32	15
Cabot	B	18	17	36	3
Yate	B	18	16	35.5	1
Downend	F	18	16	32.5	
Harambee		17	15	31	11
Hanham	B	18	4	20	1
Congresbury		1	2	3	0

League Honours 2018 - 2019

League Championships

Div 1	Bristol & Clifton A	Div 3	Downend & Fishponds D
Div 2	North Bristol A	Div 4	Clevedon C

Team Knock-Outs

Team KO	Downend & Fishponds	Minor KO	South Bristol
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Individual Championships

Sect.1	Chris Beaumont (Bristol & Clifton)	Sect.3	Peter Marks (Horfield & Redland)
Sect.2	Aron Saunders (Downend & Fishponds)	Sect.4	Not Awarded

Alan Ashby Salver	James Cobb (Bristol & Clifton)
Steve Boniface Tankard Award	Tbd

Internet Directory

Bristol League Website	www.chessit.co.uk
Bristol Congress Website	www.bristolcongress.co.uk
Bristol Chess Times	www.bristolchesstimes.com
Cabot	www.cabotchess.wix.com/cabotchessclub
Clifton	www.bristolandcliftonchess.club
Downend	www.downendchess.com
Hanham	www.hanhamchess.btck.co.uk
Horfield	www.horfieldchessclub.com
North Bristol	https://northbristolchess.wixsite.com/home
South Bristol	www.southbristolchess.wix.com/home
University of Bristol	www.bris.ac.uk/Depts/Union/Chess
Yate	https://tugmw4.wixsite.com/yate-chess-club
English Chess Federation	www.englishchess.org.uk/
WECU	www.chessdevon.org.uk
4NCL	www.4ncl.co.uk
Somerset County Chess	www.somersetchess.org
Frome Chess Congress	http://www.somersetchess.org/frome_congress/FromeHome.html
Cotswold Chess Congress	www.dmshome.co.uk/CotswoldCongress/
South Wales Chess	www.southwaleschess.co.uk
Keverelchess – Bob Jones	www.keverelchess.com
Exeter Chess Home Page	www.exeterchessclub.org.uk
Taunton Chess Club Home	www.tauntonchessclub.co.uk
Chess Journal Blog -	www.thechessjournalblog.wordpress.com
ECF Forum	www.ecforum.org.uk/
Chess Direct Catalogue	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

All League tournaments will be played at 6th Form Common Rooms, Bristol Grammar School (BGS); University Road, Bristol BS8 1SR.

Detailed information will be available on the Congress Website: www.bristolcongress.co.uk or from the Congress Secretary, Igor Dokleštic, email: chessinbristol@gmail.com

2nd Bristol League Blitz Championship Sunday 24th November

All moves to be completed in 5 minutes plus a 3 second increment after each move.

Bristol Winter Congress & 88th Bristol League Championship 14-16 February

The Congress is a 5 rounds Swiss tournament with three Sections: Open (FIDE), Major (U160) and Minor (U120). 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 2019/20 season.

All moves to be completed in 90 minutes, plus a 30 second increment after each move. All moves must be recorded.

Results from 71st Championship and the full prize list is available on the Congress Website: www.bristolcongress.co.uk/71st-bristol-open-championship

10th Graeme Thomson Memorial Rapidplay TBA June 2020.

The Rapidplay is 6 rounds Swiss tournament with two Sections: Open (FIDE) and Major (U145). Rate of play is 20 mins per player plus 5 sec increments after each move.

14th Steve Boniface Memorial TBA August 2020.

The Congress is a 5 rounds Swiss tournament with three Sections: Open (FIDE), Major (U160) and Minor (U120).

All moves to be completed in 90 minutes, plus a 30 second increment after each move. All moves must be recorded.

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
Jack Rudd	01237 475185	jackkelshallrudd@aol.com
Tyson Mordue	0117 9325557	tyson.mordue@blueyonder.co.uk
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Igor Doklestic		igor@doklestich.co.uk

Acknowledgements

The League thanks Jerry Humphreys for producing the fixtures for this season

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 affect 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.
 - 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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This is a simple rule and only affects players in Division 1 or 2.

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.

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).

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

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

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

The grading thresholds for playing down to the four divisions in the 2019-20 season are:

DIVISION	↓2	↓3	↓4	↓5
GRADING THRESHOLD	161	133	102	82

The Two Minute Rule

“Please note that players are unable to claim a draw under the two-minute rule where an increment of 10 sec per move has been added from the start of the game.” Rule 3.3 c

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.

The revised FIDE Laws of Chess refers to quickplay finishes without an arbiter present in Guidelines III. Games without increment including Quickplay Finishes. See Link below for the FIDE Laws of Chess taking effect from 1 January 2018.

<https://www.fide.com/fide/handbook.html?id=208&view=article>

III.6 The following shall apply when the competition is not supervised by an arbiter:

III.6.1. 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:

III.6.1.1 that his opponent cannot win by normal means, and/or

III.6.1.2 that his opponent has been making no effort to win by normal means.

In III.6.1.1 the player must write down the final position and his opponent must verify it.

In III.6.1.2 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

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 III 6.1.1. ‘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.

III 6.1.2 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 2018 - 2019

Eight events subscribed to the Grand Prix this season, and of those, three 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.

Unfortunately, the loss of a couple events meant that this season there was a lower overall prize pot to distribute winnings from and prizewinners were reduced as a result.

Over the year 123 League members competed in the ten events on 254 occasions, scoring a total of 4546 Grand Prix points. Only four players scored 100 points or more, down on last year's eleven, but the loss of events had an impact on the number of available points.

Prizewinners from this year are represented by three different clubs.

As one section was being maintained rather than graded sections, there was no longer any need to use either July or January gradings to determine where to place entrants.

The Junior Grand Prix has seen good representation again, with 5 juniors in the top 25 places.

A reminder please to ALL clubs/secretaries to inform me of juniors representing their clubs in the League - without that I cannot run the Junior Grand Prix knowing if I have missed players out. If anyone wants to check eligibility for the Grand Prix (main and junior) then feel free to contact me.

Unfortunately, due to the lower number of events, it will be increasingly difficult to sustain a worthwhile prize structure with the resources available to the Grand Prix. For the season 2019-20, an assessment will be made around February as to the current state of the prize pool and any remaining events – if there are insufficient funds to sustain the current prize structure then the event will become a rolling 2-year cycle this time around, with an interim prize (for each year) given out.

The Prizewinners are as follows:

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|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 st | Lewis Martin (Downend) |
| 2 nd | Duncan Macarthur (Keynsham) |
| 3 rd | William Taplin (Keynsham) |
| 4 th | Tim Jones (Cabot) |

The Junior GP prize goes to Toby Kan (Downend) for being the highest scoring junior.

For anyone who wishes to view the guidelines regarding eligibility and prizes, a copy of the Grand Prix rules is available on the website (latest revision is May 2017). If anyone has any questions regarding them, feel free to contact me for more details.

Anyone wishing to register an event should contact me by either:

Email: knightskies@sky.com, telephone: 0117 960 6158

(Please note we have a call screening phone; you will have to say your name and press the hash key otherwise the call will not come through). Steve Woolgar (Grand Prix Secretary)

League Knockout Fixtures 2019 - 2020

League Knockout 2019 – 2020

ROUND	DAY	DATE	HOME	AWAY	Result
Quarter final	Tue	03-Dec	Horfield	Clifton	
Quarter final	Wed	04-Dec	Bath	Clevedon	
Semi Final 1	Tue	25-Feb	Horfield/Clifton	Bath/Clevedon	
Semi Final 2	Wed	26-Feb	Downend	Grendel	
Final	w/c	27-Apr	Semi Final 1	Semi Final 2	

Minor League Knockout 2019 – 2020

ROUND	DAY	DATE	HOME	AWAY	Result
Preliminary Rd	Tue	01-Oct	Grendel	Clifton	
Preliminary Rd	Tue	01-Oct	Hanham	Downend	
Preliminary Rd	Tue	01-Oct	Horfield	North Bristol	
Quarter final 1	Wed	20-Nov	Cabot	Keynsham	
Quarter final 2	Tue	26-Nov	Grendel/Clifton	Horfield/North Bristol	
Quarter final 3	Tue	26-Nov	Yate	Clevedon	
Quarter final 4	w/c	25-Nov	Hanham/Downend	South Bristol	
Semi Final 1	w/c	20-Jan	Quarter final 2	Quarter final 4	
Semi Final 2	w/c	20-Jan	Quarter final 1	Quarter final 3	
Final	w/c	20-Apr	Semi Final 1	Semi Final 2	

League Fixtures 2019 - 2020

Division One

Bath A							
Tues	10-Sep	A	Grendel A	Wed	15-Jan	H	Downend A
Wed	25-Sep	H	Clifton B	Mon	27-Jan	A	Clevedon A
Wed	02-Oct	A	Downend A	Tues	11-Feb	A	Clifton B
Wed	09-Oct	H	Downend B	Wed	19-Feb	H	Horfield B
Wed	16-Oct	H	Horfield A	Thurs	05-Mar	A	North Bristol A
Wed	23-Oct	H	North Bristol A	Tues	24-Mar	A	Horfield A
Tues	29-Oct	A	Horfield B	Wed	01-Apr	H	Clifton A
Tues	05-Nov	A	Clifton A	Wed	15-Apr	H	Grendel A
Wed	27-Nov	H	Clevedon A	Wed	22-Apr	A	Downend B

Clevedon A							
Mon	09-Sep	H	Horfield B	Mon	13-Jan	H	North Bristol A
Mon	23-Sep	H	Grendel A	Mon	27-Jan	H	Bath A
Thurs	10-Oct	A	North Bristol A	Mon	17-Feb	H	Horfield A
Tues	29-Oct	A	Clifton B	Mon	09-Mar	H	Downend B
Tues	12-Nov	A	Horfield A	Tues	17-Mar	A	Grendel A
Mon	18-Nov	H	Downend A	Mon	30-Mar	H	Clifton B
Wed	27-Nov	A	Bath A	Tues	07-Apr	A	Horfield B
Mon	09-Dec	H	Clifton A	Wed	15-Apr	A	Downend A
Wed	18-Dec	A	Downend B	Tues	21-Apr	A	Clifton A

Clifton A							
Tues	03-Sep	H	Clifton B	Tues	07-Jan	A	Clifton B
Tues	10-Sep	H	Downend B	Tues	14-Jan	H	Horfield B
Tues	17-Sep	A	Grendel A	Tues	21-Jan	H	Grendel A
Tues	24-Sep	H	Horfield A	Wed	29-Jan	A	Downend B
Tues	01-Oct	H	North Bristol A	Thurs	13-Feb	A	North Bristol A
Wed	30-Oct	A	Downend A	Tues	18-Feb	H	Downend A
Tues	05-Nov	H	Bath A	Tues	10-Mar	A	Horfield A
Tues	19-Nov	A	Horfield B	Wed	01-Apr	A	Bath A
Mon	09-Dec	A	Clevedon A	Tues	21-Apr	H	Clevedon A

Clifton B							
Tues	03-Sep	A	Clifton A	Tues	07-Jan	H	Clifton A
Wed	25-Sep	A	Bath A	Wed	22-Jan	A	Downend A
Tues	08-Oct	H	Horfield B	Tues	11-Feb	H	Bath A
Tues	15-Oct	H	Downend A	Tues	03-Mar	A	Horfield B
Tues	29-Oct	H	Clevedon A	Tues	17-Mar	H	Horfield A
Thurs	07-Nov	A	North Bristol A	Tues	24-Mar	H	Downend B
Tues	12-Nov	H	Grendel A	Mon	30-Mar	A	Clevedon A
Wed	27-Nov	A	Downend B	Tues	07-Apr	A	Grendel A
Tues	10-Dec	A	Horfield A	Tues	14-Apr	H	North Bristol A

Downend A							
Wed	04-Sep	H	Downend B	Wed	08-Jan	A	Downend B
Wed	18-Sep	H	Horfield A	Wed	15-Jan	A	Bath A
Wed	02-Oct	H	Bath A	Wed	22-Jan	H	Clifton B
Tues	08-Oct	A	Grendel A	Thurs	06-Feb	A	North Bristol A
Tues	15-Oct	A	Clifton B	Tues	18-Feb	A	Clifton A
Tues	22-Oct	A	Horfield B	Wed	04-Mar	H	Grendel A
Wed	30-Oct	H	Clifton A	Wed	25-Mar	H	Horfield B
Mon	18-Nov	A	Clevedon A	Wed	15-Apr	H	Clevedon A
Wed	11-Dec	H	North Bristol A	Tues	21-Apr	A	Horfield A

Downend B							
Wed	04-Sep	A	Downend A	Wed	08-Jan	H	Downend A
Tues	10-Sep	A	Clifton A	Tues	14-Jan	A	Grendel A
Tues	01-Oct	A	Horfield A	Wed	29-Jan	H	Clifton A
Wed	09-Oct	A	Bath A	Tues	04-Feb	A	Horfield B
Thurs	31-Oct	A	North Bristol A	Wed	19-Feb	H	North Bristol A
Wed	06-Nov	H	Horfield B	Mon	09-Mar	A	Clevedon A
Wed	20-Nov	H	Grendel A	Tues	24-Mar	A	Clifton B
Wed	27-Nov	H	Clifton B	Wed	01-Apr	H	Horfield A
Wed	18-Dec	H	Clevedon A	Wed	22-Apr	H	Bath A

Grendel A							
Tues	10-Sep	H	Bath A	Tues	14-Jan	H	Downend B
Tues	17-Sep	H	Clifton A	Tues	21-Jan	A	Clifton A
Mon	23-Sep	A	Clevedon A	Tues	11-Feb	A	Horfield A
Tues	08-Oct	H	Downend A	Wed	04-Mar	A	Downend A
Tues	15-Oct	H	North Bristol A	Tues	17-Mar	H	Clevedon A
Tues	05-Nov	H	Horfield A	Thurs	26-Mar	A	North Bristol A
Tues	12-Nov	A	Clifton B	Tues	31-Mar	H	Horfield B
Wed	20-Nov	A	Downend B	Tues	07-Apr	H	Clifton B
Tues	26-Nov	A	Horfield B	Wed	15-Apr	A	Bath A

Horfield A							
Tues	03-Sep	H	Horfield B	Tues	07-Jan	A	Horfield B
Wed	18-Sep	A	Downend A	Tues	21-Jan	H	North Bristol A
Tues	24-Sep	A	Clifton A	Tues	11-Feb	H	Grendel A
Tues	01-Oct	H	Downend B	Mon	17-Feb	A	Clevedon A
Wed	16-Oct	A	Bath A	Tues	10-Mar	H	Clifton A
Tues	05-Nov	A	Grendel A	Tues	17-Mar	A	Clifton B
Tues	12-Nov	H	Clevedon A	Tues	24-Mar	H	Bath A
Thurs	28-Nov	A	North Bristol A	Wed	01-Apr	A	Downend B
Tues	10-Dec	H	Clifton B	Tues	21-Apr	H	Downend A

Horfield B							
Tues	03-Sep	A	Horfield A	Tues	07-Jan	H	Horfield A
Mon	09-Sep	A	Clevedon A	Tues	14-Jan	A	Clifton A
Tues	17-Sep	H	North Bristol A	Tues	04-Feb	H	Downend B
Tues	08-Oct	A	Clifton B	Wed	19-Feb	A	Bath A
Tues	22-Oct	H	Downend A	Tues	03-Mar	H	Clifton B
Tues	29-Oct	H	Bath A	Wed	25-Mar	A	Downend A
Wed	06-Nov	A	Downend B	Tues	31-Mar	A	Grendel A
Tues	19-Nov	H	Clifton A	Tues	07-Apr	H	Clevedon A
Tues	26-Nov	H	Grendel A	Thurs	23-Apr	A	North Bristol A

North Bristol A							
Tues	17-Sep	A	Horfield B	Mon	13-Jan	A	Clevedon A
Tues	01-Oct	A	Clifton A	Tues	21-Jan	A	Horfield A
Thurs	10-Oct	H	Clevedon A	Thurs	06-Feb	H	Downend A
Tues	15-Oct	A	Grendel A	Thurs	13-Feb	H	Clifton A
Wed	23-Oct	A	Bath A	Wed	19-Feb	A	Downend B
Thurs	31-Oct	H	Downend B	Thurs	05-Mar	H	Bath A
Thurs	07-Nov	H	Clifton B	Thurs	26-Mar	H	Grendel A
Thurs	28-Nov	H	Horfield A	Tues	14-Apr	A	Clifton B
Wed	11-Dec	A	Downend A	Thurs	23-Apr	H	Horfield B

Division Two

Bath B						
Wed	04-Sep	H	Cabot A	Wed	08-Jan	H Thornbury
Thurs	12-Sep	A	Thornbury	Wed	29-Jan	A Cabot A
Wed	18-Sep	A	Downend D	Thurs	06-Feb	A University A
Thurs	26-Sep	A	Keynsham A	Wed	12-Feb	H Keynsham A
Mon	07-Oct	A	Clevedon B	Wed	04-Mar	A Downend C
Wed	30-Oct	H	Downend C	Tues	17-Mar	A Horfield C
Wed	06-Nov	H	South Bristol A	Wed	25-Mar	H Clevedon B
Wed	20-Nov	H	University A	Thurs	02-Apr	A South Bristol A
Wed	11-Dec	H	Horfield C	Wed	08-Apr	H Downend D

Cabot A						
Wed	04-Sep	A	Bath B	Wed	15-Jan	H South Bristol A
Thurs	26-Sep	A	South Bristol A	Wed	29-Jan	H Bath B
Thurs	17-Oct	A	University A	Thurs	06-Feb	A Keynsham A
Wed	30-Oct	H	Thornbury	Mon	10-Feb	A Clevedon B
Tues	12-Nov	A	Horfield C	Wed	26-Feb	H University A
Wed	27-Nov	H	Keynsham A	Thurs	19-Mar	A Thornbury
Wed	04-Dec	A	Downend C	Wed	01-Apr	A Downend D
Wed	11-Dec	H	Clevedon B	Wed	08-Apr	H Horfield C
Wed	18-Dec	H	Downend D	Wed	15-Apr	H Downend C

Clevedon B						
Thurs	12-Sep	A	Keynsham A	Mon	06-Jan	H Keynsham A
Mon	16-Sep	H	Horfield C	Thurs	30-Jan	A University A
Wed	25-Sep	A	Downend D	Mon	03-Feb	H Downend D
Thurs	03-Oct	A	Thornbury	Mon	10-Feb	H Cabot A
Mon	07-Oct	H	Bath B	Thurs	20-Feb	A South Bristol A
Mon	21-Oct	H	University A	Mon	02-Mar	H Thornbury
Mon	28-Oct	H	South Bristol A	Wed	18-Mar	A Downend C
Mon	11-Nov	H	Downend C	Wed	25-Mar	A Bath B
Wed	11-Dec	A	Cabot A	Tues	14-Apr	A Horfield C

Downend C							
Wed	11-Sep	H	Downend D	Wed	15-Jan	A	Downend D
Thurs	19-Sep	A	South Bristol A	Thurs	30-Jan	A	Thornbury
Tues	24-Sep	A	Horfield C	Wed	05-Feb	H	South Bristol A
Wed	16-Oct	H	Thornbury	Wed	12-Feb	H	University A
Wed	30-Oct	A	Bath B	Wed	26-Feb	H	Horfield C
Thurs	07-Nov	A	University A	Wed	04-Mar	H	Bath B
Mon	11-Nov	A	Clevedon B	Wed	18-Mar	H	Clevedon B
Wed	04-Dec	H	Cabot A	Thurs	02-Apr	A	Keynsham A
Wed	11-Dec	H	Keynsham A	Wed	15-Apr	A	Cabot A

Downend D							
Wed	11-Sep	A	Downend C	Wed	15-Jan	H	Downend C
Wed	18-Sep	H	Bath B	Tues	28-Jan	A	Horfield C
Wed	25-Sep	H	Clevedon B	Mon	03-Feb	A	Clevedon B
Wed	09-Oct	H	University A	Wed	19-Feb	H	Keynsham A
Wed	23-Oct	H	Horfield C	Thurs	05-Mar	A	University A
Thurs	31-Oct	A	Keynsham A	Thurs	12-Mar	A	South Bristol A
Thurs	14-Nov	A	Thornbury	Wed	25-Mar	H	Thornbury
Wed	20-Nov	H	South Bristol A	Wed	01-Apr	H	Cabot A
Wed	18-Dec	A	Cabot A	Wed	08-Apr	A	Bath B

Horfield C							
Mon	16-Sep	A	Clevedon B	Tues	28-Jan	H	Downend D
Tues	24-Sep	H	Downend C	Thurs	06-Feb	A	Thornbury
Thurs	10-Oct	A	South Bristol A	Tues	18-Feb	H	University A
Tues	15-Oct	H	Keynsham A	Wed	26-Feb	A	Downend C
Wed	23-Oct	A	Downend D	Thurs	12-Mar	A	Keynsham A
Thurs	31-Oct	A	University A	Tues	17-Mar	H	Bath B
Tues	05-Nov	H	Thornbury	Tues	24-Mar	H	South Bristol A
Tues	12-Nov	H	Cabot A	Wed	08-Apr	A	Cabot A
Wed	11-Dec	A	Bath B	Tues	14-Apr	H	Clevedon B

Keynsham A							
Thurs	12-Sep	H	Clevedon B	Mon	06-Jan	A	Clevedon B
Thurs	26-Sep	H	Bath B	Thurs	06-Feb	H	Cabot A
Thurs	03-Oct	H	South Bristol A	Wed	12-Feb	A	Bath B
Tues	15-Oct	A	Horfield C	Wed	19-Feb	A	Downend D
Thurs	24-Oct	A	Thornbury	Thurs	12-Mar	H	Horfield C
Thurs	31-Oct	H	Downend D	Thurs	26-Mar	A	University A
Thurs	14-Nov	H	University A	Thurs	02-Apr	H	Downend C
Wed	27-Nov	A	Cabot A	Thurs	09-Apr	A	South Bristol A
Wed	11-Dec	A	Downend C	Thurs	16-Apr	H	Thornbury

South Bristol A							
Thurs	05-Sep	H	Thornbury	Wed	15-Jan	A	Cabot A
Thurs	19-Sep	H	Downend C	Wed	05-Feb	A	Downend C
Thurs	26-Sep	H	Cabot A	Thurs	20-Feb	H	Clevedon B
Thurs	03-Oct	A	Keynsham A	Thurs	27-Feb	A	Thornbury
Thurs	10-Oct	H	Horfield C	Thurs	12-Mar	H	Downend D
Mon	28-Oct	A	Clevedon B	Thurs	19-Mar	H	University A
Wed	06-Nov	A	Bath B	Tues	24-Mar	A	Horfield C
Wed	20-Nov	A	Downend D	Thurs	02-Apr	H	Bath B
Thurs	05-Dec	A	University A	Thurs	09-Apr	H	Keynsham A

Thornbury							
Thurs	05-Sep	A	South Bristol A	Wed	08-Jan	A	Bath B
Thurs	12-Sep	H	Bath B	Thurs	30-Jan	H	Downend C
Thurs	03-Oct	H	Clevedon B	Thurs	06-Feb	H	Horfield C
Wed	16-Oct	A	Downend C	Thurs	27-Feb	H	South Bristol A
Thurs	24-Oct	H	Keynsham A	Mon	02-Mar	A	Clevedon B
Wed	30-Oct	A	Cabot A	Thurs	12-Mar	A	University A
Tues	05-Nov	A	Horfield C	Thurs	19-Mar	H	Cabot A
Thurs	14-Nov	H	Downend D	Wed	25-Mar	A	Downend D
Thurs	28-Nov	H	University A	Thurs	16-Apr	A	Keynsham A

University A							
Wed	09-Oct	A	Downend D	Thurs	30-Jan	H	Clevedon B
Thurs	17-Oct	H	Cabot A	Thurs	06-Feb	H	Bath B
Mon	21-Oct	A	Clevedon B	Wed	12-Feb	A	Downend C
Thurs	31-Oct	H	Horfield C	Tues	18-Feb	A	Horfield C
Thurs	07-Nov	H	Downend C	Wed	26-Feb	A	Cabot A
Thurs	14-Nov	A	Keynsham A	Thurs	05-Mar	H	Downend D
Wed	20-Nov	A	Bath B	Thurs	12-Mar	H	Thornbury
Thurs	28-Nov	A	Thornbury	Thurs	19-Mar	A	South Bristol A
Thurs	05-Dec	H	South Bristol A	Thurs	26-Mar	H	Keynsham A

Division Three

Clifton C						
Tues	10-Sep	H	North Bristol B	Tues	14-Jan	A Yate A
Tues	17-Sep	H	Downend E	Tues	28-Jan	H Keynsham B
Tues	24-Sep	H	Yate A	Tues	04-Feb	H Grendel B
Thurs	17-Oct	A	Keynsham B	Tues	18-Feb	A Horfield E
Tues	22-Oct	A	Horfield D	Tues	25-Feb	A Hanham A
Tues	05-Nov	H	Hanham A	Tues	10-Mar	H University B
Tues	12-Nov	H	Horfield E	Wed	18-Mar	A Downend E
Tues	19-Nov	A	Grendel B	Tues	31-Mar	H Horfield D
Thurs	12-Dec	A	University B	Thurs	09-Apr	A North Bristol B

Downend E						
Tues	17-Sep	A	Clifton C	Thurs	09-Jan	A Keynsham B
Thurs	26-Sep	A	North Bristol B	Wed	29-Jan	H Yate A
Tues	08-Oct	A	Yate A	Wed	05-Feb	H North Bristol B
Wed	16-Oct	H	Horfield D	Tues	11-Feb	A Horfield D
Wed	30-Oct	H	University B	Thurs	20-Feb	A University B
Wed	13-Nov	H	Keynsham B	Wed	11-Mar	H Horfield E
Tues	19-Nov	A	Horfield E	Wed	18-Mar	H Clifton C
Wed	04-Dec	H	Grendel B	Tues	24-Mar	A Grendel B
Tues	10-Dec	A	Hanham A	Wed	15-Apr	H Hanham A

Grendel B						
Tues	03-Sep	H	Horfield E	Tues	07-Jan	A Yate A
Thurs	19-Sep	A	Keynsham B	Tues	28-Jan	H University B
Tues	24-Sep	H	Hanham A	Tues	04-Feb	A Clifton C
Thurs	10-Oct	A	University B	Tues	18-Feb	A Hanham A
Tues	22-Oct	H	Yate A	Tues	03-Mar	H Horfield D
Tues	29-Oct	H	North Bristol B	Tues	10-Mar	H Keynsham B
Tues	19-Nov	H	Clifton C	Tues	24-Mar	H Downend E
Wed	04-Dec	A	Downend E	Thurs	02-Apr	A North Bristol B
Tues	10-Dec	A	Horfield D	Tues	14-Apr	A Horfield E

Hanham A							
Tues	03-Sep	A	Yate A	Tues	07-Jan	H	North Bristol B
Tues	10-Sep	H	Keynsham B	Thurs	16-Jan	A	Keynsham B
Tues	17-Sep	H	Horfield D	Tues	04-Feb	H	Yate A
Tues	24-Sep	A	Grendel B	Thurs	13-Feb	A	University B
Tues	15-Oct	A	Horfield E	Tues	18-Feb	H	Grendel B
Tues	05-Nov	A	Clifton C	Tues	25-Feb	H	Clifton C
Thurs	21-Nov	A	North Bristol B	Tues	10-Mar	A	Horfield D
Tues	03-Dec	H	University B	Tues	24-Mar	H	Horfield E
Tues	10-Dec	H	Downend E	Wed	15-Apr	A	Downend E

Horfield D							
Tues	10-Sep	H	Horfield E	Tues	14-Jan	A	Horfield E
Tues	17-Sep	A	Hanham A	Tues	04-Feb	H	University B
Tues	08-Oct	H	North Bristol B	Tues	11-Feb	H	Downend E
Wed	16-Oct	A	Downend E	Thurs	20-Feb	A	North Bristol B
Tues	22-Oct	H	Clifton C	Tues	25-Feb	A	Yate A
Tues	29-Oct	H	Yate A	Tues	03-Mar	A	Grendel B
Thurs	07-Nov	A	Keynsham B	Tues	10-Mar	H	Hanham A
Thurs	21-Nov	A	University B	Tues	31-Mar	A	Clifton C
Tues	10-Dec	H	Grendel B	Tues	07-Apr	H	Keynsham B

Horfield E							
Tues	03-Sep	A	Grendel B	Tues	14-Jan	H	Horfield D
Tues	10-Sep	A	Horfield D	Tues	28-Jan	H	North Bristol B
Tues	24-Sep	H	Keynsham B	Thurs	13-Feb	A	Keynsham B
Tues	15-Oct	H	Hanham A	Tues	18-Feb	H	Clifton C
Tues	05-Nov	H	University B	Thurs	27-Feb	A	University B
Tues	12-Nov	A	Clifton C	Wed	11-Mar	A	Downend E
Tues	19-Nov	H	Downend E	Tues	17-Mar	H	Yate A
Tues	03-Dec	A	Yate A	Tues	24-Mar	A	Hanham A
Thurs	12-Dec	A	North Bristol B	Tues	14-Apr	H	Grendel B

Keynsham B							
Tues	10-Sep	A	Hanham A	Thurs	09-Jan	H	Downend E
Thurs	19-Sep	H	Grendel B	Thurs	16-Jan	H	Hanham A
Tues	24-Sep	A	Horfield E	Tues	28-Jan	A	Clifton C
Thurs	17-Oct	H	Clifton C	Thurs	13-Feb	H	Horfield E
Thurs	07-Nov	H	Horfield D	Thurs	27-Feb	A	North Bristol B
Wed	13-Nov	A	Downend E	Thurs	05-Mar	H	University B
Thurs	28-Nov	A	University B	Tues	10-Mar	A	Grendel B
Thurs	05-Dec	H	North Bristol B	Tues	31-Mar	A	Yate A
Thurs	12-Dec	H	Yate A	Tues	07-Apr	A	Horfield D

North Bristol B							
Tues	10-Sep	A	Clifton C	Tues	07-Jan	A	Hanham A
Thurs	26-Sep	H	Downend E	Tues	28-Jan	A	Horfield E
Tues	08-Oct	A	Horfield D	Wed	05-Feb	A	Downend E
Thurs	24-Oct	H	University B	Thurs	20-Feb	H	Horfield D
Tues	29-Oct	A	Grendel B	Thurs	27-Feb	H	Keynsham B
Tues	05-Nov	A	Yate A	Thurs	19-Mar	A	University B
Thurs	21-Nov	H	Hanham A	Thurs	02-Apr	H	Grendel B
Thurs	05-Dec	A	Keynsham B	Thurs	09-Apr	H	Clifton C
Thurs	12-Dec	H	Horfield E	Thurs	16-Apr	H	Yate A

University B							
Thurs	10-Oct	H	Grendel B	Tues	28-Jan	A	Grendel B
Thurs	24-Oct	A	North Bristol B	Tues	04-Feb	A	Horfield D
Wed	30-Oct	A	Downend E	Thurs	13-Feb	H	Hanham A
Tues	05-Nov	A	Horfield E	Thurs	20-Feb	H	Downend E
Thurs	14-Nov	H	Yate A	Thurs	27-Feb	H	Horfield E
Thurs	21-Nov	H	Horfield D	Thurs	05-Mar	A	Keynsham B
Thurs	28-Nov	H	Keynsham B	Tues	10-Mar	A	Clifton C
Tues	03-Dec	A	Hanham A	Thurs	19-Mar	H	North Bristol B
Thurs	12-Dec	H	Clifton C	Tues	24-Mar	A	Yate A

Yate A							
Tues	03-Sep	H	Hanham A	Tues	07-Jan	H	Grendel B
Tues	24-Sep	A	Clifton C	Tues	14-Jan	H	Clifton C
Tues	08-Oct	H	Downend E	Wed	29-Jan	A	Downend E
Tues	22-Oct	A	Grendel B	Tues	04-Feb	A	Hanham A
Tues	29-Oct	A	Horfield D	Tues	25-Feb	H	Horfield D
Tues	05-Nov	H	North Bristol B	Tues	17-Mar	A	Horfield E
Thurs	14-Nov	A	University B	Tues	24-Mar	H	University B
Tues	03-Dec	H	Horfield E	Tues	31-Mar	H	Keynsham B
Thurs	12-Dec	A	Keynsham B	Thurs	16-Apr	A	North Bristol B

Division Four

Cabot B							
Thurs	05-Sep	A	Harambee	Tues	14-Jan	A	Hanham B
Wed	11-Sep	H	Yate B	Mon	27-Jan	A	Clevedon C
Wed	18-Sep	H	Hanham B	Thurs	13-Feb	A	South Bristol B
Wed	25-Sep	H	South Bristol B	Wed	19-Feb	H	Downend F
Wed	09-Oct	H	North Bristol C	Thurs	05-Mar	A	North Bristol C
Thurs	31-Oct	A	University C	Wed	11-Mar	H	North Bristol D
Wed	06-Nov	A	Downend F	Wed	18-Mar	H	University C
Wed	13-Nov	H	Clevedon C	Wed	25-Mar	H	Harambee
Thurs	12-Dec	A	North Bristol D	Tues	14-Apr	A	Yate B

Clevedon C							
Mon	09-Sep	H	Downend F	Mon	13-Jan	H	Yate B
Thurs	19-Sep	A	North Bristol C	Mon	27-Jan	H	Cabot B
Tues	01-Oct	A	Yate B	Thurs	06-Feb	A	University C
Thurs	17-Oct	A	South Bristol B	Wed	12-Feb	A	Downend F
Tues	22-Oct	A	Hanham B	Mon	17-Feb	H	North Bristol C
Mon	04-Nov	H	North Bristol D	Mon	09-Mar	H	South Bristol B
Wed	13-Nov	A	Cabot B	Mon	30-Mar	H	Hanham B
Mon	18-Nov	H	Harambee	Thurs	09-Apr	A	North Bristol D
Mon	09-Dec	H	University C	Thurs	16-Apr	A	Harambee

Downend F							
Mon	09-Sep	A	Clevedon C	Thurs	16-Jan	A	North Bristol C
Wed	25-Sep	H	North Bristol C	Thurs	30-Jan	A	South Bristol B
Wed	09-Oct	H	Yate B	Wed	12-Feb	H	Clevedon C
Thurs	17-Oct	A	University C	Wed	19-Feb	A	Cabot B
Wed	23-Oct	H	South Bristol B	Wed	04-Mar	H	University C
Wed	06-Nov	H	Cabot B	Tues	10-Mar	A	Yate B
Thurs	21-Nov	A	North Bristol D	Wed	25-Mar	H	North Bristol D
Thurs	12-Dec	A	Harambee	Wed	08-Apr	H	Harambee
Wed	18-Dec	H	Hanham B	Tues	14-Apr	A	Hanham B

Hanham B							
Wed	18-Sep	A	Cabot B	Tues	14-Jan	H	Cabot B
Tues	08-Oct	H	Harambee	Tues	28-Jan	H	Yate B
Thurs	17-Oct	A	North Bristol C	Thurs	06-Feb	A	Harambee
Tues	22-Oct	H	Clevedon C	Thurs	27-Feb	A	University C
Tues	29-Oct	H	North Bristol D	Tues	03-Mar	H	South Bristol B
Tues	12-Nov	H	University C	Thurs	19-Mar	A	North Bristol D
Tues	19-Nov	A	Yate B	Mon	30-Mar	A	Clevedon C
Thurs	12-Dec	A	South Bristol B	Tues	07-Apr	H	North Bristol C
Wed	18-Dec	A	Downend F	Tues	14-Apr	H	Downend F

Harambee							
Thurs	05-Sep	H	Cabot B	Thurs	16-Jan	A	South Bristol B
Thurs	19-Sep	H	Yate B	Thurs	06-Feb	H	Hanham B
Tues	08-Oct	A	Hanham B	Thurs	13-Feb	A	North Bristol C
Thurs	24-Oct	A	North Bristol D	Thurs	20-Feb	H	University C
Thurs	07-Nov	H	South Bristol B	Tues	03-Mar	A	Yate B
Thurs	14-Nov	H	North Bristol C	Wed	25-Mar	A	Cabot B
Mon	18-Nov	A	Clevedon C	Thurs	02-Apr	H	North Bristol D
Thurs	05-Dec	A	University C	Wed	08-Apr	A	Downend F
Thurs	12-Dec	H	Downend F	Thurs	16-Apr	H	Clevedon C

North Bristol C							
Thurs	05-Sep	H	North Bristol D	Thurs	09-Jan	A	North Bristol D
Thurs	19-Sep	H	Clevedon C	Thurs	16-Jan	H	Downend F
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Wed	09-Oct	A	Cabot B	Thurs	13-Feb	H	Harambee
Thurs	17-Oct	H	Hanham B	Mon	17-Feb	A	Clevedon C
Thurs	31-Oct	A	South Bristol B	Thurs	05-Mar	H	Cabot B
Thurs	07-Nov	H	University C	Thurs	12-Mar	A	University C
Thurs	14-Nov	A	Harambee	Thurs	26-Mar	H	Yate B
Tues	10-Dec	A	Yate B	Tues	07-Apr	A	Hanham B

North Bristol D							
Thurs	05-Sep	A	North Bristol C	Thurs	09-Jan	H	North Bristol C
Thurs	12-Sep	H	South Bristol B	Thurs	30-Jan	H	University C
Thurs	26-Sep	H	Yate B	Tues	18-Feb	A	Yate B
Thurs	10-Oct	A	University C	Wed	11-Mar	A	Cabot B
Thurs	24-Oct	H	Harambee	Thurs	19-Mar	H	Hanham B
Tues	29-Oct	A	Hanham B	Wed	25-Mar	A	Downend F
Mon	04-Nov	A	Clevedon C	Thurs	02-Apr	A	Harambee
Thurs	21-Nov	H	Downend F	Thurs	09-Apr	H	Clevedon C
Thurs	12-Dec	H	Cabot B	Thurs	16-Apr	A	South Bristol B

South Bristol B							
Thurs	12-Sep	A	North Bristol D	Thurs	09-Jan	H	Yate B
Wed	25-Sep	A	Cabot B	Thurs	16-Jan	H	Harambee
Thurs	17-Oct	H	Clevedon C	Thurs	30-Jan	H	Downend F
Wed	23-Oct	A	Downend F	Thurs	06-Feb	A	North Bristol C
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Thurs	07-Nov	A	North Bristol C	Thurs	27-Feb	H	Hanham B
Tues	12-Nov	A	Hanham B	Wed	04-Mar	A	Downend F
Thurs	21-Nov	A	South Bristol B	Thurs	12-Mar	H	North Bristol C
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Yate B							
Wed	11-Sep	A	Cabot B	Thurs	09-Jan	A	South Bristol B
Thurs	19-Sep	A	Harambee	Mon	13-Jan	A	Clevedon C
Thurs	26-Sep	A	North Bristol D	Tues	28-Jan	A	Hanham B
Tues	01-Oct	H	Clevedon C	Tues	11-Feb	H	University C
Wed	09-Oct	A	Downend F	Tues	18-Feb	H	North Bristol D
Thurs	24-Oct	A	University C	Tues	03-Mar	H	Harambee
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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, 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 £30 per team (for teams in divisions 1, 2 and 3) or £20 per team (for teams in all other divisions) entered in the Team Championship.
- c. Each Member Club shall also pay the ECF dues for any player who was not a member during the previous season and is required to pay a fee or subscription for that season under the rules of the ECF.
- 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. The LMC may fine the club up to £5 per team for each month or part thereof by which the payment is late.
- f. 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 1.2.c).

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 appoints or terminates 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 if 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 if 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 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 if 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 winner's 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. Each club must have a copy of these laws available at their home matches. See Link below for the FIDE Laws of Chess taking effect from 1 January 2018.

<https://www.fide.com/fide/handbook.html?id=208&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 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 whose mobile phone makes an audible noise shall have their opponent awarded an extra two minutes for the first offence claimed and shall lose their game for any subsequent offence during the same game.

A player who has a reasonable necessity may request permission of the captains to keep their phone switched on in silent mode.

A player who, without such permission, makes or answers a phone call or text or consults a mobile phone in any way other than to switch it off shall lose their game immediately.
- 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. Where suitable digital clocks are available and the playing venue allows enough time, the standard rate of play shall be 80 minutes on the clock for each player, with additional time of 10 seconds after each move. An alternative of 55 minutes with additional time of 10 seconds per move may be used for any game in which a junior is playing (see 3.3.e).
- d. In other circumstances, or where captains agree, an alternative time of 90 minutes for all the moves may be used. An alternative of 65 minutes for all moves may be used for any game in which a junior is playing (see 3.3.e). In these cases, Rule 4 regarding quickplay finishes shall apply.
- e. Any junior who is aged under 16 on the 1 September of the current chess season may use the alternative time rates stated in sections 3.3.c and 3.3.d. To use these reduced time rates the club should give the opposing club 72 hours' notice of intent.
- f. The normal playing session is regulated using a chess clock.
- g. 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. 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 Article 9 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 1 September 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 1 July 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. 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 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 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 1 July 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 who's mean (average) ECF grade shall exceed 135.
- b. Where a player has no current ECF grade they shall use firstly their last published standard grade. Failing that they shall use their last published quickplay grade. Failing that they shall use a grade of 135.
- c. The July ECF grading shall be used throughout the season for eligibility purposes. However, where a player has no July ECF grade but then subsequently obtains a January ECF grade then that January grade shall be used for the remainder of that season's competition.
- d. No player may play in the competition if they are 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.

Grading Thresholds Explained

General

In order to minimise the occurrence of defaults some players are allowed to play for teams in their own club other than their registered team. This facility to play up and down between teams of a club is **not** intended to be used as a tactical ploy and misuse may incur a penalty.

Attention should be given to Rule 5.3a which stipulates '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.'

Playing down

Where a player is playing down to a team less senior (less strong) than the player's registered team it is often the case that the opponent is weaker than one that would be met when playing for the registered team. It is plainly not desirable that a team should be significantly strengthened by playing a strong reserve from a more senior team. To prevent this occurring, players playing down must be graded below the threshold set for the division into which they are playing. Compliance with Rule 5.3a must still be observed.

Grading Thresholds

Grading thresholds are based on the previous season's playing strength and are set to prevent the strongest two thirds of players in a division playing down into the division below. The thresholds also apply to playing down between teams within the same division.

Examples

The thresholds used in these examples are those in use for the 2009 -2010 season which are:

$$\downarrow 2 = 158 \quad \downarrow 3 = 128 \quad \downarrow 4 = 111 \quad \text{and} \quad \downarrow 5 = 107$$

1. White Knights A play in Division 1, the B team in Division 2 and the C team in Division 3, an A team player playing down to the B team must be graded below 158 (Rule 5.3g). A and B team players playing down to the C team must be graded below 128 (Rule 5.3g).
2. Black Bishops A, B and C teams all compete in Division 2, an A team player playing down to the B team must be graded below 128 (Rule 5.3h). A and B team players playing down to the C team must be graded below 128 (Rule 5.3h).
3. Red Rooks A and B teams play in Division 1 whilst the C team compete in Division 2, an A team player playing down to the B team must be graded below 158 (Rule 5.3h). A and B team players playing down to the C team must be graded below 158 (Rule 5.3g).
4. Purple Pawns A play in Division 1 and the B and C teams in Division 2, an A team player playing down to the B team must be graded below 158 (Rule 5.3g), a B team player playing down to the C team must be graded below 128 (Rule 5.3h). An A team player playing down to the C team must be graded below 128 (Rule 5.3g second sentence). This is to prevent an A team player playing down to the C team whilst a lower graded B team player may not.