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# **BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT CHESS LEAGUE**

## **SEASON 2023-24**

***President: Stewart Fishburne***

***Immediate Past President: Julian Summerfield***

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S Campbell  
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JE Crump  
C Evans  
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AP Ruffle  
D Short  
P Staley  
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A Szatanik  
DR Thomas  
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Stewart Fishburne,

### **Honorary General Secretary:**

TA Lane,

### **Honorary Treasurer:**

Richard Collett,

### **Honorary Records Secretary:**

Alan Woollaston,

### **Assistants to the Hon. General Secretary:**

### **Fixtures/Grading Officer:**

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### **Bulletin:**

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**Webmaster:**

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**ECF Representative:** P Hughes

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**Safeguarding Officer:** Paul Sharratt,

**Trustees:** KR Ingram

**Hon Reporting Accountant:** SK Fishburne, B. Com

## **COMPOSITION OF SUB-COMMITTEES**

### **Match Committee:**

Chairman: TW Walker,

M Biddle, G Christie, A Szatanik, DR Thomas

### **Team Lightning Tournament Committee:**

Chairman: J Mildenhall,

M Biddle, L Collier, RC Reynolds

### **Summer Tournament Committee:**

Chairman: Alan Woollaston,

P Bull, G Christie, K Escott, DR Thomas, T Walker

### **Rules Committee:**

Chairman: M Biddle,

P Bull, JE Crump, D Green, M Groombridge, A Holowczak, P Hughes,

J Mildenhall, R Sandhu, P Sharratt, DR Thomas

### **Individual Tournament Committee:**

Chairman: R Glass,

M Biddle, RC Reynolds

### **Rapidplay Tournament Committee:**

Chairman: A Holowczak

Dipal Patel, Margarita Nasibova

### **Morry-Wood Memorial Committee:**

Chairman: P Maddocks

G Cartwright, L Collier, JE Crump, RC Reynolds, M Smyth, TW Walker

### **Online Committee:**

Chairman: Chris Evans

P Maybury, J Moore, J Wilson

### **Eligibility Committee:**

Chairman: Des Green

T Benson, G Christie, DR Thomas

### **Finance and General Purposes Committee:**

By custom and practice the Committee is formed of the Chairmen of the above committees and is chaired by the League President. It has also been agreed *pro tem* that the Webmaster be co-opted as a member.

By custom and practice, the President, Hon. Treasurer, Hon. General Secretary and Hon. Records Secretary are ex-officio members of all sub-committees.

## **HONOURS LIST 2022-23**

### **All-Play-All Competitions**

#### **Division One**

**Champions:** Solihull A  
**Runners-up:** Sutton Coldfield

#### **Division Two**

**Champions:** Redditch  
**Runners-up:** West Bromwich

#### **Division Three**

**Champions:** Rushall  
**Runners-up:** Warley Quinborne

#### **Division Four**

**Champions:** Kynoch  
**Runners-up:** Shirley & Wythall A

#### **Division Five**

**Champions:** South Birmingham  
**Runners-up:** Kynoch A

#### **Minor Division**

**Champions:** Coleshill  
**Runners-up:** Solihull B

## Knock-Out Trophies

### Frank H Terrill Memorial Trophy

**Winners:** Sutton Coldfield 1  
**Runners-up:** South Birmingham 2A

### Gerald Homer Memorial Trophy

**Winners:** Sutton Coldfield 2A  
**Runners-up:** Coleshill 3

### Dudley M Townshend Memorial Trophy

**Winners:** South Birmingham 5  
**Runners-up:** Stourbridge 4

### Jim Barrington Memorial Trophy

**Winners:** South Birmingham 4  
**Runners-up:** Kynoch 5A

## HONOURS LIST 2022-23

### League Individual Tournament

**Open** – shared between Mircea-Marius Mesesan (Sutton Coldfield) and † Andy Southall (Warley Quinborne)

**Max 1900**                      **Champion:** Robert Glass (South Birmingham)  
   **Runner-up:** Ian Emery (Warley Quinborne)

**Max 1750**                      **Champion:** Bruno Silva (South Birmingham)  
   **Runner-up:** Matt Little (South Birmingham)

**Max 1600**                      **Champion:** Thomas Vanes (Coleshill)  
   **Runner-up:** Chris Cox (Mercia)

**Max 1450**                      **Champion:** Sam Fowkes (Mutual Circle)  
   **Runner-up:** Eamon Murphy (Coleshill)

**Max 1300**                      **Champion:** Chaniru Ranasinghe (South Birmingham)  
   **Runner-up:** Des Green (Coleshill)

### Team Lightning Tournament 2023

Section A    **Winners:**      South Birmingham A                      17/24  
   **Runners-up:** Mutual Circle A                      14/24

Section B	Winners:	South Birmingham C	15/24
	Runners-up:	Sutton Coldfield A	12/24
		Mutual Circle B	12/24

Section C	Winners:	Olton B	16/24
	Runners-up:	South Birmingham D	13½/24

## Summer League 2022

Open:	Sutton Coldfield
Max 7400:	Warley Quinborne
Max 6600:	Warley Quinborne
Max 5800:	South Birmingham

## BH Wood Memorial – Best Game Prize

Manvith Sandhu (Halesowen)

## W Ritson Morry Memorial – Junior Prize

Adithya Vaidyanathan (South Birmingham)

# ANNUAL REPORT

It's good to be able to report on a full season of BDCL chess. Members will recall that, following the pandemic-induced break which saw no OTB chess played under the BDCL banner in 2020-21, we resumed play in October 2021. The 2021-22 season consisted of five all-play-all divisions, but the restart of our other competitions – including the knock-out trophies and the League Individual – was deferred until the following year. These events returned in the 2022-23 season, meaning that the full menu of BDCL events is available once more.

The season's honours were widely spread with, I think, thirteen clubs listed on the preceding pages among the winners and runners-up of the team events – the all-play-all divisions, the knock-out trophies, the team lightning and the Summer League. Solihull's first team comfortably won Division 1; Sutton Coldfield finished second, and won the Terrill Trophy, the Homer Trophy, and the Open section of the 2022 Summer League. Kynoch teams achieved promotion from Divisions 4 (as champions) and 5 (as runners-up); South Birmingham teams won Division 4, the Townshend and Barrington Trophies, and two sections of the team lightning event.

The Open section of the League Individual was shared between Mircea-Marius Mesesan (Sutton Coldfield) and Andy Southall (Warley Quinborne), after Andy sadly passed away before the completion of the event. The other sections were won by Robert Glass, Bruno Silva (both South Birmingham), Tom Vanes (Coleshill), Sam Fowkes (Mutual Circle) and Chaniru Ranasinghe (South Birmingham).

A couple of League Individual competitions from 2019-20 remained uncompleted when last year's Handbook went to press. These have now been concluded. The final of the Open section, between John Edge (Halesowen) and Lee Grinsell (Bushbury) eventually took place in November 2022, resulting in victory for John – his ninth win of the top section of the Individual. The scheduled final of the fourth-tier section (for players graded, at the time, up to 120), between Bill Dixon (Oscott) and Derek Green (South Birmingham), had to be conceded on the day by Derek. Bill now has, I think, five (outright or shared) wins in various sections of the League Individual.

On the subject of reporting results, I have taken the decision to discontinue listing the results of the BDCL rapidplay events in these pages. This is due in part to the volume of events – in 2023-24 we expect to hold four rapidplays – and in part to the fact that, since these events are open to all, many of the prizewinners aren't BDCL members. You can find results back to at least 2015 by searching for "Birmingham rapidplay" on chess-results.com.

Also available on the same site (search for "Birmingham blitz grand prix") are the results of the BDCL's multi-round blitz grand prix, which was held at a range of physical and virtual venues during the 2022-23 season. This competition was enjoyable (I know – I was there), but numbers were low, so it's going to take place in a different format this year.

The past year has, I'm saddened to have to report, witnessed a large number of additions to the list of friends and teammates who are no longer with us. In addition to Andy Southall, who I mentioned above, losses since June 2022 of which I'm aware include Ken Allen, Phil Holt, Richard Smith and Robert Wallman (sadly, all members of Olton), Iain Galloway and Eric Ward (both Shirley & Wythall), Simon Jones (Walsall Kipping) and Geoff Wesson (a member of West Bromwich since about 1977). Nearly all of these were known to me personally, and each one is a great loss to their friends and family, their clubs and the BDCL.

Turning, finally, to the forthcoming season, I'm sorry to have to say that Westminster CC has decided that they won't be entering the BDCL this

year. However, the number of teams in the five all-play-all divisions of the League has risen slightly, from 60 teams who completed the 2022-23 season to 63 in the new season. Eight teams are contesting the Minor Division.

Wherever you play your chess in 2023-24, allow me to wish you an enjoyable and competitive year.

Tim Lane  
Hon. General Secretary



# LEAGUE TABLES 2022-23

## *Division One*

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Solihull A	11	10	0	1	51½	13½	20
Sutton Coldfield	11	7	2	2	42	24	16
South Birmingham A	11	6	3	2	38½	27½	15
Mutual Circle	11	5	3	3	35½	30½	13
Shirley & Wythall	11	5	1	5	31½	34½	11
Olton	11	5	1	5	30½	35½	11
South Birmingham B	11	4	2	5	29½	36½	10
Wolverhampton	11	4	1	6	27	39	9
Solihull B	11	4	1	6	26½	38½	9
Lichfield	11	3	2	6	30	36	8
Halesowen	11	2	1	8	29	37	5
Warley Quinborne	11	2	1	8	23½	42½	5

## *Division Two*

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Redditch	11	10	1	0	51½	14½	21
West Bromwich	11	7	3	1	41	25	17
South Birmingham B	11	6	3	2	40½	25½	15
Sutton Coldfield A	11	6	3	2	38	28	15
South Birmingham A	11	4	3	4	35½	30½	11
Shirley & Wythall	11	5	1	5	31	35	11
Longbridge	11	4	2	5	27½	38½	10
Walsall Kipping	11	2	5	4	31	35	9
South Birmingham C	11	2	4	5	26½	39½	8
Oscott	11	1	5	5	27	39	7
Stourbridge	11	1	2	8	25½	40½	4
Sutton Coldfield B	11	1	2	8	21	45	4

## LEAGUE TABLES 2022-23

### *Division Three*

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Rushall	11	9	1	1	46½	19½	19
Warley Quinborne	11	8	0	3	43	23	16
South Birmingham	11	7	2	2	37	29	16
Solihull	11	6	1	4	35½	30½	13
Mercia	11	6	1	4	34	32	13
Lichfield	11	4	3	4	33	33	11
Coleshill	11	3	3	5	30½	35½	9
Mutual Circle	11	4	1	6	29½	36½	9
Olton A	11	4	1	6	29	37	9
Halesowen	11	3	2	6	29	37	8
Olton B	11	2	2	7	24½	41½	6
Oscott	11	1	1	9	24½	41½	3

Promotion play-off: Warley Quinborne 4 South Birmingham 2

### *Division Four*

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Kynoch	11	9	2	0	39½	15½	20
Shirley & Wythall A	11	9	1	1	39	16	19
South Birmingham	11	7	2	2	32½	22½	16
Solihull	11	5	2	4	27½	27½	12
Redditch	11	5	1	5	32½	22½	11
Shirley & Wythall B	11	5	1	5	27½	27½	11
Stourbridge	11	4	2	5	26	29	10
Rushall	11	4	2	5	24½	30½	10
Saint George's	11	3	3	5	24	31	9
Sutton Coldfield	11	4	0	7	24½	30½	8
Walsall Kipping	11	1	2	8	15½	39½	4
Longbridge	11	0	2	9	17	38	2

## LEAGUE TABLES 2022-23

### *Division Five*

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
South Birmingham	11	9	1	1	31½	12½	19
Kynoch A	11	6	3	2	28	16	15
Solihull C	11	6	2	3	27½	16½	14
Kynoch B	11	7	0	4	24½	19½	14
Westminster	11	6	0	5	26½	17½	12
Warley Quinborne	11	5	2	4	22½	21½	12
Solihull B	11	5	2	4	20	24	12
Solihull A	11	5	1	5	22½	21½	11
Coleshill A	11	2	3	6	16½	27½	7
Ward End Social	11	3	1	7	16½	27½	7
Halesowen	11	2	1	8	14	30	5
Sutton Coldfield	11	2	0	9	14	30	4

### *Minor Division*

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Coleshill	10	7	1	2	18½	10½	15
Solihull B	10	7	0	3	18½	11½	14
Ward End Social	10	5	1	4	17	13	11
Solihull A	10	3	2	5	12½	15½	8
Solihull C	10	3	1	6	11	17	7
Solihull D	10	1	3	6	8½	18½	5

# **BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT CHESS LEAGUE**

## **CONSTITUTION**

### ***Name***

1. The League shall be called "The Birmingham and District Chess League".

### ***Objects***

2. The objects of the League shall be to run team and individual chess championships amongst its members and any other chess contests (including matches against other leagues and organisations) which the Management Committee may consider likely to be of benefit or interest to members of the League, to publish handbooks and news bulletins recording the League's activities, to run social functions for the participation of the League's members and their friends, and generally to encourage the study and playing of chess and the organisation of chess clubs within the area covered by its activities. The League shall be affiliated to the English Chess Federation.

### ***Membership Classes***

3. Membership of the League shall be open to:

(a) **Affiliated Clubs:** Any chess club whose club-room is within 12 miles of Stephenson Place, Birmingham. Clubs in membership on 1st November, 1977 and whose club-rooms are more than 12 miles radius from Stephenson Place shall have the right to retain membership, provided that if they move club-rooms, the venue shall lie no further from Stephenson Place than the venue of 1st November, 1977, excepting if the Management Committee should deem the proposed new venue more convenient.

(b) **Individual Members:** Any individual who shall be currently registered by an affiliated club as a playing member or shall be serving as an elected President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer or other officer of the League as hereinafter provided.

### ***Entrance Fees and Subscriptions***

4. An application by any club for membership of the League, made in writing to the Honorary General Secretary of the League, shall be accompanied by an entrance fee of £2, and shall be considered as soon as possible after its receipt by the Management Committee which shall have the absolute discretion to grant or refuse it.

5. The Annual General Meeting shall, in each year, settle the League fees (which may include team, individual and registration fees due to the League) to be paid in the ensuing season. All such subscriptions and fees shall be paid to the Honorary Treasurer of the League on or before October 31st in each year.

If a team that has been entered in the League for a particular season is withdrawn on or before the date of the Fixtures Meeting for that season no team fee shall be payable in respect of the entry; if it is withdrawn after the Fixtures Meeting and on or before the following 31st August the team fee payable shall be 50% of the full amount; and if it is withdrawn after 31st August no reduction in team fee payable shall be allowed.

6. The Annual General Meeting shall authorise the Game Fee to be paid to the English Chess Federation. The Honorary Treasurer shall request payment from individual clubs, as and when the ECF charges arise, and give 30 days' notice for such payment to be made by the club. Failure to pay by the due date will result in the penalties specified in clause 8a and 8c of the constitution.

The Honorary Treasurer shall be authorised to pay the annual individual ECF subscriptions of players of affiliated clubs. Clubs opting for this way of paying the ECF player membership fees shall send the appropriate players' information, the subscription level and the payment, to reach the Honorary Treasurer by 31st October.

7. Each affiliated club shall be entitled to receive one free copy of the League's current Handbook for each player registered by it. Each officer of the League shall also be entitled to a free copy thereof.

### ***Payment of Fees***

8. (a) Any affiliated club whose subscription, fees, or other dues contained in this Constitution or the Competition Rules are not received by their due date shall be fined 10 per cent of the monies outstanding, such amount to be added to the monies outstanding and become part thereof.

(b) If payment of the arrears is not received by the Honorary Treasurer within 7 days, each of the club's teams shall incur a deduction of 2 points in the All-Play-All Championship.

(c) If payment is still not received within a further 7 days the club and its members shall be suspended from the relevant competitions until such time as the arrears are paid. Any matches due to be played by the club's teams or individual members during the period of suspension shall be scored as lost by the suspended club or individual. No postponements of

matches due to be played by the club's teams during the period of suspension shall be permitted, but games due to be played in the League Individual Tournament may be postponed provided the Tournament Rules are not thereby breached.

(d) Any club whose dues continue to remain outstanding shall be liable to expulsion from the League by the Management Committee.

### **Officers**

9. (i) The Officers of the League shall be: -

- (a) a President;
- (b) Vice-Presidents as provided under (ii);
- (c) an Honorary Treasurer;
- (d) an Honorary General Secretary;
- (e) an Honorary Records Secretary;
- (f) a Grading Officer; and
- (g) such additional Honorary Treasurers or Honorary Secretaries as it may deem requisite;

who shall, with the exception of (b), be elected at the Annual General Meeting with all retiring officers being eligible for re-election.

(ii) Vice-Presidents shall consist of those having held the office of President, on retiring from such office, plus any other person the League wishes to honour. They shall nominally be elected for life with the proviso that anyone deemed to have brought discredit to the League may be removed on a resolution passed at a General Meeting by a two-thirds majority, provided that the same notice has been given of such resolution as is required by clause 22 for an amendment to the constitution.

10. The Management Committee shall have power to appoint additional Vice-Presidents (if authorised so to do by the Annual General Meeting), to appoint assistants to the Honorary Secretaries or Honorary Treasurer in such cases as it may deem desirable, and to fill any vacancy arising by reason of death or resignation of any officer until the holding of the next Annual General Meeting.

11. Nominations for the various offices of the League may be submitted in writing by any individual member or affiliated club and shall be received by the Honorary General Secretary not later than March 31st preceding the Annual General Meeting at which they are to be proposed. A nomination shall be invalid unless accompanied by a statement signed by the nominee that he is willing to be so nominated. If no nomination has been received for any office by March 31st as aforesaid the Annual General Meeting may proceed to elect a willing nominee, failing which the Management

Committee shall have power to appoint a person to fill the vacancy as though it had arisen under Clause 10 above.

### ***Honorary Reporting Accountant***

12. At each Annual General Meeting of the League an Honorary Reporting Accountant shall be appointed for the purpose of examining the League's books and accounts prior to their presentation at the next Annual General Meeting or any Special General Meeting called in the intervening period at which consideration of the accounts is part of the agenda.

### ***Trustees***

13. Three trustees shall be appointed by the League. The powers and duties of such Trustees shall be defined in a trust deed the terms of which shall be settled by the League in a general meeting. The power to appoint new Trustees shall be exercised by any general meeting of the League as vacancies arise.

### ***Management Committee***

14. All business of the League (other than such business as this Constitution requires to be transacted at a general meeting) shall be conducted by a Management Committee consisting of:

- (a) the Officers (other than Vice-Presidents) appointed by virtue of Clause 9 hereof;
- (b) the immediate past President of the League;
- (c) one representative of each club which shall be a member, for the time being, of the League;
- (d) Representatives of the League on outside bodies;
- (e) Chairmen of the subcommittees of the Management Committee together with the Webmaster;
- (f) any persons co-opted by the Management Committee in accordance with clause 16.

Only persons who are members of the Management Committee by virtue of sub-clauses (a), (b) and (c) above shall be entitled to vote at its meetings.

15. The Management Committee shall be responsible for all competitions run by the League and shall be empowered to make rules for the regulation of such events. Any proposal to adopt, amend or rescind any such rule may only be made by an affiliated Club, Officer or Sub-Committee of the League, and shall be sent in writing to the Honorary General Secretary by the proposer so as to reach him at least two months before the meeting at which it is to be submitted, and notice of such proposal shall be sent to all other members of the Management Committee by the Honorary General

Secretary at least six weeks before the said meeting is due to take place. Any amendment to such proposal may only be made by an affiliated Club, Officer or Sub-Committee of the League and shall be sent to reach the Honorary General Secretary at least one month before the said meeting and shall as soon as possible thereafter be sent by him to the members of the Management Committee. Notwithstanding anything contained in Clause 16 hereof, no sub-committee of the Management Committee shall have any power to effect any adoption, amendment or rescission of any competition rule, but may be requested to advise the Management Committee as to the effect of any such proposal and may itself initiate any such proposal for consideration by the Management Committee.

16. The Management Committee shall meet as frequently as it deems necessary, and at least 21 days' notice of each meeting (together with an agenda) shall be given by the Honorary General Secretary to all members. It shall also have power to appoint such sub-committees as it may deem convenient for the handling of any sections of its business (save only as provided in this constitution); to co-opt to itself or to any of its sub-committees such additional persons as it may think fit; and to adopt standing orders for the regulation of its business or that of its sub-committees. *[Standing Orders can be obtained from the Hon Gen Sec]*

### **General Meetings**

17. The Annual General Meeting of the League shall be held in the month of June, or at such other time as the Management Committee shall deem to be convenient, in each year for the purpose of receiving reports from the various officers of the League and the audited accounts of the Honorary Treasurer, electing the Officers for the ensuing year, effecting changes in this Constitution as hereinafter provided, and generally transacting such other business as the Management Committee shall deem proper to be transacted at an Annual General Meeting. The Honorary General Secretary shall give notice to each of the League's Officers and affiliated clubs at least 21 days before the date of the said meeting and shall include therein the agenda for such meeting.

18. A Special General Meeting of the League may be convened at any time by the Management Committee or upon a requisition signed by the secretaries of at least one third of the clubs which shall be affiliated members of the League at that time. Such requisition shall state the business required to be transacted at the meeting and, within 21 days after receiving the same and not less than 14 days before the date of the meeting, the Honorary General Secretary shall notify each of the League's Officers and affiliated clubs as to the place and date appointed by the Management Committee for such Special Meeting and shall state the purpose for which the meeting has been summoned.



## ***Voting***

19. All individual members of the League shall be entitled to attend and speak at any Annual or Special General Meeting. For both Management Committee and General Meetings the following procedure shall apply in respect of all proposals and elections of officers, etc.

- (a) Voting shall be by show of hands unless rule (b) is applied.
- (b) After a vote by show of hands any person entitled to vote may call for a full vote as set out under (e) below.
- (c) No proxy votes shall be allowed.
- (d) In the event of a full vote being tied the chairman of the meeting shall have a casting vote.
- (e) A full vote at a Management Committee or a General Meeting shall consist of the following:
  - (i) Each officer of the League (other than Vice-Presidents) shall have one vote, irrespective of the number of additional offices any such individual may hold.
  - (ii) Each member club shall have one vote for each of its teams taking part, for the time being, in the League competition and no other votes shall be allowed to be cast in respect thereof.

## ***Quorums***

20. At all general meetings of the League 16 persons present and entitled to vote thereat shall form a quorum. The Management Committee shall fix the size of a quorum for any sub-committee which it may appoint, and at all meetings of the Management Committee itself 8 voting members present shall form a quorum.

## ***Notices***

21. Any notice given to the secretary of an affiliated club shall be deemed to be a notice given to all registered playing members of such club and shall be sufficient if posted by ordinary pre-paid letter to the last known address of such secretary. With the consent of the recipient, e-mail notification shall also be considered sufficient.

## ***Amendment of Constitution***

22. No alteration or addition to this Constitution shall be made except at an Annual or Special General Meeting of the League and upon a resolution adopted by the votes of at least two-thirds of the persons present and entitled to vote. A motion for any such amendment or addition to be proposed at an Annual General Meeting shall reach the Honorary General Secretary by March 31st preceding the meeting at which it is to be

proposed and may be initiated by the Management Committee or any of its sub-committees, or any Officer or affiliated club. The Honorary General Secretary shall thereafter notify the Officers and affiliated clubs, not later than the following April 15th, of the text of all such motions. A motion for such an amendment or addition to be proposed at a Special General Meeting shall be included in the requisition (if any) and agenda for the meeting.

### ***Interpretation***

23. Where a masculine pronoun appears in this Constitution it is to be taken to include the equivalent feminine pronoun.

## **Birmingham and District Chess League – Notices**

### **Subscriptions**

In accordance with the Constitution, subscriptions of £12 per team in division five, £15 per team in division four, and £18 per team in any other division shall be paid to the Honorary Treasurer. There is no further fee payable to the League in respect of player registrations.

### **League Individual Tournament**

The entry fee for the League Individual Tournament is £3.00 per player, payable with entries.

### **Guidelines for Captains and Players**

The League's Competition Rules, which start on the next page, should be read in conjunction with the "Guidelines for Captains and Players" document that can be found on the "Rules and Docs" tab of the BDCL website.

### **In loco parentis requirement**

Clubs must ensure that a child or young person travelling to an away match or event is accompanied by a parent/carer or a person acting *in loco parentis*. The parent/carer or person acting *in loco parentis* shall be responsible for the welfare of the child or young person at all times whilst travelling or attending the match or event. The home club or organiser of the event shall be entitled to enquire who is acting *in loco parentis* before play commences or at any time whilst the child or young person is at the match or event.

# **BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT CHESS LEAGUE COMPETITION RULES**

## **1. Incorporation of Laws of Chess**

1.1 All the games in the BDCL competitions shall be played in accordance with the Laws of Chess of the International Chess Federation unless otherwise provided by these Rules.

1.2 These BDCL Rules shall apply to all competitions conducted by the League except in cases where the rules of a particular competition provide otherwise.

## **2. The League's Competitions**

2.1 The League's Team Competitions shall be open annually to teams of all clubs for the time being affiliated to the League. The following team competitions shall be run in each season: (a) The All-Play-All Championships which shall be organised in divisions according to the estimated playing strength of the competing teams; (b) The Knock-Out Competitions for the Terrill, Homer, Townshend and Barrington Trophies; and (c) The Minor Division. There shall also be Knock-Out Individual Tournaments, organised in grade-banded sections as provided for in Rule 21.

2.2 The Frank H Terrill Memorial Trophy shall be open for annual competition to all teams for the time being affiliated to the League. The Gerald Homer Memorial Trophy shall be open for annual competition to those teams which are eliminated from the Terrill Trophy competition in the first round otherwise than by default. The Dudley M Townshend Memorial Trophy shall be open for annual competition to teams from the lower divisions of the League which are not currently competing for the Frank H Terrill Memorial Trophy. The Management Committee shall determine at the start of each season the highest division of the All-Play-All Competition from which teams shall be eligible to compete for the Dudley M Townshend Memorial Trophy. The Jim Barrington Memorial Trophy shall be open for annual competition to those teams which are eliminated from the Townshend Trophy Competition in the first round otherwise than by default. The Memorial Trophies shall be held by their respective winners for a period of one year and shall be suitably engraved to record the success of the winning team.

2.3 Any team winning the right to hold any trophy belonging to the League shall be responsible for its safe keeping whilst in possession of it and shall also return it to the Honorary General Secretary or designated assistant for presentation to its successors at the proper time.

### **3. Entries and Allocations to Divisions**

3.1 Any affiliated club wishing to play in the Team Competitions for any season shall enter its teams in a written notice to the Honorary General Secretary or designated assistant to be received not later than May 31st preceding the start of the season. Late entries may be made provided that they are received by the Honorary General Secretary or designated assistant no later than the 31st August preceding the start of the season and are made in writing. The Management Committee shall have an absolute discretion to accept or refuse such late entries. Late entries accepted by the Management Committee shall be subject to a late entry fee to be decided by the Finance and General Purposes Committee. Such fees shall not exceed £10.

3.2 Before each season begins the Management Committee shall (subject to the provisions of Rule 15.1) group entries for the Team Competition into such divisions as the size and strength of the entry shall necessitate, provided that no division shall contain more than 14 teams. The Committee's decisions concerning such groupings shall be final and binding on all affiliated clubs and teams.

### **4. Ratings of Players**

4.1. Where the League's rules require discrimination between players based on order of strength the measure of strength used shall, where possible, be based on the official rating list published by the English Chess Federation at the beginning of August prior to the start of the season. Category P grades on that list are to be disregarded for this purpose, except as provided for in Rule 4.4.

4.2. If a player has an over-the-board Standard Play rating on the ECF list then this shall be taken as their rating for this purpose. If a player has no Standard Play rating then an over-the-board Rapid Play rating shall be used if available, and failing that an over-the-board Blitz rating if any.

4.3. If a player has no over-the-board rating on the ECF list but has a rating on the FIDE list that rating will be taken, with the order of priority of the different time limits being the same as specified for ECF ratings in Rule 4.2.

4.4. An unrated player shall be assigned an estimate by his club which is subject to confirmation by the league. The estimate may subsequently be revised by the League if it becomes apparent that it was seriously in error. Any official ECF online rating should be taken into account when assigning or revising this estimate, as may any category P ratings. The Management Committee shall establish a process for accepting these estimates.

4.5. Any player not having an official over-the-board Standard Play rating who acquires one during the season shall thereafter be regarded as being of that rating for the purposes of rule 8.2. In all other cases the player's rating as determined at the start of the season shall apply until the end of December. After the publication of the ECF official rating list at the start of January the ratings on that list shall be used for the purposes of Rule 8.2 and of Rule 5.5 for later registrations, but in no circumstances will amendment to existing registrations on account of changes in rating between August and January be permitted or required.

4.6. Where the rules specify that players are to be listed in approximate rating order this condition shall be regarded as satisfied if no player is rated more than 100 points below any player placed lower on the list.

## **5. Registration of Players**

5.1 All players must be registered, as individual members of the League, for the team in the All-Play-All Competition for which they are to play before they are eligible to play in any of the competitions of the League. All appropriate registration fees must be paid by 31st October.

5.2. The Honorary General Secretary or designated assistant of the League must receive the stipulated number of copies of the initial registrations and additional registrations on forms to be supplied by the League (or suitable facsimiles thereof), at least five clear days

before the first match in which the player concerned is to play. No player may be registered after 1st March in any season.

5.3 Every player so registered must have, prior to the player's registration, become a subscribing member of the club requesting the player's registration.

5.4 Any player who has been registered in this league for the last two seasons shall not be accepted for registration as one of the minimum number of players required for a team under rule 5.5 unless that player played in this League at least four times in all in the last two seasons. However, should a player play for the fourth time within the current season, that player will then automatically be accepted as one of the minimum number of players required for a team under rule 5.5. If the four games are played prior to 31 December, players from the team shall be eligible to be re-registered to play for a lower team under the terms of Rule 5.13.

5.5 When a club has more than one team competing in the League's events it shall not be entitled to play any matches in any season until it shall have validly registered for each of such teams the number of players required by Rule 8.1 and shall, despite anything contained in Rules 5.11 and 5.12, contain this minimum number of validly registered players throughout the season. In such cases each club shall register its players so that all players are allocated to their respective teams in approximate rating order in accordance with Rule 4. Clubs wishing to apply for an exemption to this rule must state their reasons when registering the players. The Management Committee shall establish a process for accepting or declining such applications.

5.6 The Honorary General Secretary shall be empowered to refuse acceptance of any individual player's registration. Such decision shall be notified to the club concerned but the Honorary General Secretary shall not be required to give reasons for his decision.

5.7 No player may be simultaneously registered for more than one affiliated club, but any player who may desire to be transferred during the season from one club to another shall be entitled to be registered with the new club under the additional registration procedure.

5.8 When a club has more than one team playing in any one division then the teams must be labelled A, B, C ... in strength order with the A team being the strongest team. These teams must correspond to the club's registered list of players submitted in accordance with Rule 5.5.

5.9 If any player shall be proved to have played in any event in the League's programme under any name other than his own in which some other player shall have been registered for play under Competition Rule 5.5 – excepting a name changed by marriage or a lawfully executed deed – the Rules Committee may, in addition to ordering the application of Rule 12.2b or any other appropriate Competition Rule, suspend such player and the team or club which included him in the event in question from participation in all match and individual tournament fixtures in the League's programme for the remainder of the season. In addition, the player and the team or club may be precluded from registering for the League's programmes for a period not exceeding five years.

During any period of suspension imposed under this rule no member of a suspended team or club may be transferred to or play for any other team or club in the League. All games scheduled to be played during any period of suspension shall be scored as lost by the offending player, team or club.

5.10 A player is deemed to have played in a match if the player's name is entered on the match card, unless the game is a default.

5.11 When a club has more than one team in the All-Play-All Championships, any player may play up to three times in any season for each of the club's higher teams than that in which the player is registered, including teams in the same division.

5.12 If, in the All-Play-All Championships, a player shall play for a fourth time in any season for any of his club's higher teams than that in which he is registered, or be re-registered in any such team, he shall be deemed to have become registered for play in that club's higher team and shall, for the remainder of the season, be ineligible to play in any lower team of that club. Nevertheless, nothing in this

rule shall affect such player's rights to continue to play for the team, for which he was originally registered, in any of the Knock-Out Competitions.

5.13 In the All-Play-All Championships a registered player may, before 31st December in any season, be re-registered to play for a lower team than that in which he is registered, provided that he shall thereafter be disqualified for the remainder of that season from playing for any higher team (save only the team, for which he was originally registered, in any of the Knock-Out Competitions.).

5.14 In the Knock-Out Competitions matches in the Terrill Memorial Trophy competition and matches in the plate competition for the Homer Memorial Trophy shall be regarded as matches in the same competition. Similarly matches in the Townshend Memorial Trophy Competition and matches in the plate competition for the Barrington Memorial Trophy shall be regarded as matches in the same competition. Nonetheless the Terrill Competition and its plate competition shall be regarded as a separate event from the Townshend Competition and its plate competition. A player may play in the Knock-Out Competition for the league team for which he is registered. The player may also play for a higher team taking part in a Knock-Out Competition than that in which he is registered provided that he shall not play for two teams in the same round of the same Knock-Out Competition.

For the purpose of this rule round two of the Terrill Competition shall be treated as the same as round one of the Homer plate and so on; and round two of the Townshend Competition shall be treated as the same as round one of the Barrington plate.

5.15 For penalties relating to the failure to comply with 5.1–5.14 refer to Rule 12.2

## **6. Arrangement of Fixtures**

6.1 The Management Committee shall arrange all match fixtures in the All-Play-All Championships so that, as far as possible, (a) each team shall have not more than one match in each fortnight of the season, and (b) each team's home and away matches shall alternate. All matches must be finished by 15th May in each season



and any game that remains uncompleted at the end of that day shall be disregarded in deciding the result of the match. The last day for the commencement of postponed matches shall be 22nd April.

6.2 If any division of the All-Play-All Competition shall contain eight or fewer teams at the start of the season, each such team shall play one home and one away match with each other team therein; but in any division containing nine or more teams each team shall play one match with each other team therein at venues to be decided by the Management Committee.

6.3 When a club has more than one team in any division of the All-Play-All Championships the matches between such teams shall be played before any of them shall be permitted to play any match against other clubs in that division.

6.4 The Management Committee shall arrange the fixtures in the Knock-Out Competitions and shall conduct all draws for the various rounds subject to the following conditions:

(a) The first round of the Terrill and Townshend Competitions shall be played in the last week of September which shall be kept free of other fixtures. In the Homer and Barrington Competitions the necessary number of byes shall be drawn in the first round. In the Terrill and Townshend Competitions there shall be no more than one bye in the first round.

(b) Six weeks shall be allotted for completion of the first round and five weeks for subsequent rounds.

(c) In the week allotted for the second round of the Terrill and Townshend Competitions the first round of the Homer and Barrington Competitions shall be played and that week shall be kept free of other fixtures. Any necessary byes in the Terrill and Townshend Competitions shall be drawn in the second round. The draw shall be made so that, as far as possible, no team which received a bye, or won a match by walk-over, in the first round shall receive a bye in the second round.

(d) In the third and subsequent rounds, League matches coinciding must be re-arranged forthwith.

(e) The first drawn team in each pairing shall have the choice of venue in all rounds except the finals, which shall be at neutral venues arranged by the Management Committee.

(f) Clubs are instructed to contact one another to confirm the playing arrangements.

(g) The weeks occupied by Christmas and New Year's Day will not be considered as playing time.

## **7. Postponements**

7.1 Any team wishing to alter the date of a fixture (other than one governed by Rules 6.3 and 6.4) shall be entitled to do so provided that it shall notify the opposing team not less than 28 days before the original date for the match. When a match is postponed it shall be the duty of both clubs within 14 days thereafter to agree a new date for the fixture and to notify the Hon. Records Secretary thereof at least 7 days before the original date of the match.

7.2 Whenever it may become necessary to request the alteration of a fixture date as a result of some unexpected emergency, bad weather conditions, or the breakdown of public travelling facilities, the team making the request shall seek the agreement of the opposing team. If such agreement be refused, it may apply to the Honorary General Secretary of the League for permission to alter the said date, whereupon the Honorary General Secretary may, after considering the circumstances of the case, either grant or refuse the application, such decision being final and binding on the teams affected thereby. If the Honorary General Secretary cannot be contacted then the club should contact, in the first place, the President, or secondly the Chairman of the Rules Committee. When a match is postponed it shall be the duty of both clubs to agree a new date within 14 days of the Honorary General Secretary's decision, and inform the Honorary Records Secretary within a further seven days.

7.3 Notwithstanding anything contained in Rule 7.1, any team having to play a match in any Knock-Out Competition shall have the right to postpone any other League fixture which it may be due to play in the week fixed for the Knock-Out match provided that at least 7 days' clear notice of the intention to do so shall have been given to the Honorary Records Secretary and to the opponents in the match which is to be postponed. It shall then be the duty of both clubs within 14 days thereafter to agree a new date for the fixture and to

notify the Honorary Records Secretary thereof within a further 7 days. For penalties refer to Rule 12.1.

## **8. Composition and Playing Order of Teams**

8.1 All matches in the League's competitions shall be played between teams of six players, except in the lowest division but one which shall have five players, and except in the lowest division where they shall consist of at least four players. The Match Committee shall decide the number of players in each team in the lowest division in each season. Teams in the lowest division which wish to enter the Knock-out Competition must have a minimum of six registered players available.

8.2 Before the start of each match the opposing captains shall list their players in descending approximate rating order in accordance with Rule 4 on a match card to be supplied by the League (or a suitable facsimile thereof). They shall then exchange cards and list their teams on the opposition's card, then returning this card to the opposition. If a captain be aware that any player in his list will be defaulting, the word **DEFAULT** shall be entered for the name on the lowest possible board and that game immediately recorded as lost by default.

8.3 No alteration or substitution of names in its list shall be made by any team after the commencement of play in any match.

8.4 Odd-numbered boards in the home team and even-numbered boards in the away team shall have the white pieces in all matches, each player playing one game with that player in the opposing team having the same number as himself.

## **9. Conduct of Play**

9.1 All clubs shall include in their entry in the BDCL Handbook the club's designated start time. The start time must be one of 7.00pm, 7.15pm, or 7.30pm and will be the usual start time for all home matches in the League's competitions.

9.2 In all matches in the League's competitions play shall commence and white players' clocks shall be started at the home club's declared start time. However, the captains in any match may

mutually agree to vary the starting time of any match provided that the amount of playing time required by Rule 9.3 shall not be shortened.

9.3 All games in any match shall be played in the home team's club-room on the date and at the time appointed therefore and shall be of sufficient length to meet the requirements of Rule 10.

9.4 Clocks shall be provided for all matches in the League's competitions, and they shall be started at all boards at the time fixed for the commencement of play. If the clocks are not started at the due time, any elapsed time must be deducted from the time allowance of the home players.

9.5 If requested at least seven days before a match the visiting club shall be responsible for providing three analogue clocks for a 6-board match.

9.6 When recording moves in accordance with Article 8.1.1 of the Laws of Chess, a player may use descriptive notation. The offer of a draw shall be marked by =

9.7 With reference to Article 11.3.2 of the Laws of Chess, the taking of mobile phones into the playing area is permitted provided that they are switched off. If a player's mobile phone emits any noise during a game then that player loses his game.

## **10. Time Limit**

10.1 In any match the home team may, provided suitable clocks are available, require that the rate of play shall be all moves in 80 minutes with 10 seconds per move added throughout ("incremental"). If the home team does not so require the rate of play shall be all moves in 90 minutes ("quickplay").

10.2 If the clocks have not already been started in any match the two players in any game may agree to play their game at either of the rates of play specified in 10.1

10.3 The captains shall indicate on the match card the nature of the time limit (incremental or quickplay) utilised in each individual game.

10.4 In all games where an incremental time limit is not adopted Guideline III of the Laws of Chess shall apply, with the exception of Article III.4. For the purposes of Article III.6 the designated arbiter shall be the Rules sub-Committee of the League.

## **11. Notification of Results**

11.1 A Result Card shall be sent to the Honorary Records Secretary by an official of the home club and also of the visiting club within five days of the date of the match. *For the purpose of this rule a result card shall include an electronic result card approved by the League.* When during a season a team fails four times to send in a card within five days, then that team shall have one match point deducted and subsequently one match point deducted for every failure thereafter. *When the results are submitted to the Records Secretary on an electronic Result Card, then the original Result Card shall be retained by a club official until the date of the AGM.*

## **12. Loss of Matches and Games by Default**

12.1 A team shall lose a match by default: (a) if it shall fail to arrive at the venue within 75 minutes of the time fixed for the start of play; (b) if it shall fail to comply with the requirements of Rules 7.1, 7.2, 7.3, 8.2, and 9.4; (c) if it shall neglect or refuse to comply with the requirements of any other of these rules, or shall agree with any other team to commit any breach thereof.

12.2 A game shall be lost by default: (a) if a player shall fail to arrive at the venue for any session of a game before his time allowance has expired; (b) by any player who is not validly registered, under Rules 5.1-5.14 hereof, for play in that particular game, and in the case of such a default the player's team shall also lose one penalty point from its score in the match.

12.3 If a team defaults an away match in the all-play-all championships and the two teams concerned are in the same Division the following season, then the defaulting team shall play away again in the corresponding fixture. This applies irrespective of the number of home and away matches that the two teams play against other teams during that season.

### 13. Scoring of Game Points

13.1 A game won in any match in the League's competitions shall score 1 point (including a game won by default). Half a point shall be scored for a drawn game and no points for a lost game (including one lost by default).

13.2 Additional game points shall be scored by any team in the Knock-Out Competitions which shall be playing a team from a division in the All-Play-All Competition higher than its own, according to the following tables:

<b>TERRILL AND HOMER TROPHIES</b>					<b>TOWNSHEND AND BARRINGTON TROPHIES</b>	
Div	1	2	3	4		
		<i>versus</i>			<i>A team versus</i>	
Div 2	2½				a team 1 division higher	½
Div 3	3½	1½			a team 2 divisions higher	1½
Div 4	4½	2½	½		a team 3 divisions higher	2½
Divs 5- 10	4½	3½	1½	½	a team 4 divisions higher	3½

### 14. Scoring of Match Points

14.1 In respect of all matches in the All-Play-All Competition a team shall score 2 points for a match won (including one won by default), 1 point for a match drawn, and 0 for a match lost (including one lost by default).

14.2 If a team shall retire from any division in the All-Play-All Competition during a season its results shall be ignored in calculating the table for that division if less than half of its fixtures have been played. If half or more of its fixtures have been played its unplayed fixtures shall be scored as won by default by its respective opponents therein.

14.3 The team scoring the greatest number of points in each division of the All-Play-All Competition shall hold the title of

Champions of its division for the ensuing 12 months together with a trophy provided by the League for that division.

14.4 If any team defaults three matches in the League competitions then that team will be deemed to have retired from the League competition and Rule 14.2 will then apply.

## **15. Promotion and Relegation**

15.1 At the end of each season's All-Play-All Competition, teams shall be promoted and relegated in the following manner:

Division 1: bottom two teams relegated to next lower division;

Lowest Division: top two teams promoted to next higher division;

All Other Divisions: top two teams promoted to next higher division and bottom two teams relegated to next lower division.

## **16. Tie Splitting**

16.1 In the event of a tie in match points between two or more teams for the championship of a division, runners-up in division one or for any place involving promotion or relegation, the teams concerned shall play a match or matches to resolve the tie on such dates and at such venues as the Management Committee shall appoint. Such matches shall be between teams composed of the number of players required by Rule 8.1., except in the case of a tie involving an odd number of teams within a Division with teams of five boards only, when a Jamboree match with four boards only from each team may be used. If any such tie-splitting match shall be drawn, the following procedure shall apply to it:

(a) each team shall add together the numbers of the boards at which it won games in the match and the team which shall have the smallest total shall be the winner, but if the tie shall not thereby be split; then

(b) games shall be eliminated from the match from the bottom board upwards until the respective team scores shall become unequal, when the team remaining with the higher total of game points shall be the winner, but if the tie shall still not thereby be split; then

(c) the match shall be replayed and the foregoing splitting procedure repeated (if necessary) until a decision shall be reached.

16.2 Where matches in the Knock-Out Competitions are drawn, the procedure as shown in Rule 16.1 (a), (b) and (c) of this Rule shall apply.

## **17. The Minor Division**

17.1 The Minor Division shall consist of teams of three players, who are registered for any division of the All-Play-All Competition and are either graded no more than 1350 on the ECF August standard play or rapid play grading lists or are ungraded and have never had a published ECF grade higher than 1350, within the last 10 years. Category P grades are to be disregarded for this purpose.

17.2 Except where provided in the remainder of this rule, the rules of the All-Play-All Competition will apply to the Minor Division.

17.3 When a club has more than one team playing in the Minor Division then the teams must be labelled A, B, C etc in strength order with the A team being the strongest. Any player may play once for each of the club's other Minor Division teams than that in which the player is registered. If a player shall play for a second time for any of the club's Minor Division teams than that originally registered, the player shall be deemed to have become registered for play in that club's Minor Division team and shall, for the remainder of the season, be ineligible to play in any other Minor Division team of that club.

17.4 Players may play any number of games in the All-Play-All and Knock-Out Competitions, without affecting their eligibility for the Minor Division. Should a player play for more than one such team, rules 5.11 and 5.12 shall apply.

17.5 In the Minor Division even- numbered boards in the home team and odd numbered boards in the away team shall have the white pieces in all matches.

17.6 The Minor Division rate of play shall be all moves in 60 minutes (quickplay finish).

17.7 Promotion and relegation does not apply to the Minor Division.



## **18. Individual Tournament Arrangements**

18.1 There shall be a separate Individual Tournament of six banded sections open to anyone eligible for ordinary League play on 1st October. Any player may enter either the banded section he/she qualifies for or; provided the Tournament sub-Committee has a place available for him/her; any higher band. The banded sections shall be determined by players' gradings as follows:

Individual One: Open

Individual Two: 1900 max

Individual Three: 1750 max

Individual Four: 1600 max

Individual Five: 1450 max

Individual Six: 1300 max

Eligibility will be determined using the ratings arrived at by the application of Rule 4. Ungraded players who cannot demonstrate a playing strength appropriate for their section will be allocated to Individual One.

18.2 Two members of each team may be nominated. Any other players may enter; if the total entry exceeds 32 players the Tournament Sub-Committee shall determine by lot which of the additional players shall be admitted. Players not admitted shall have their entry fees returned. The Management Committee shall, at the start of each season, fix the entry fee for the competition. These fees shall form the basis of a prize fund to be administered at the discretion of the Management Committee.

18.3 Each affiliated club shall forward the names, addresses and, if applicable, telephone numbers of the players entering the competition, together with the entry fees, to the Chairman of the Individual Tournament Sub-Committee not later than October 1st.

18.4 The default rate of play shall be all moves in 90 minutes or, if a suitable digital clock is available, and both players agree, the rate of play shall be all moves in 80 minutes with 10 seconds per move added throughout.

18.5 It shall be the duty of the player to whom choice of venue is given by the Tournament Sub-Committee in any game to communicate with his opponent offering alternative dates and informing him of the venue he has chosen.

18.6 The draw for each round shall be made by the Chairman of the Tournament Committee, and results must be reported to him by such dates as he shall stipulate in notifying the players of their pairings. Any application for an extension of time shall be made to the Chairman of the Committee who shall have power to grant or refuse it in his absolute discretion.

18.7 The final round of each of the divisional tournaments shall be played on such date and at such venue as the Tournament Sub-Committee shall appoint. An arbiter shall be appointed by the Tournament Sub-Committee to act thereat.

18.8 The Chairman of the Tournament Committee shall have the power to declare any game in the Individual Tournaments lost to any player who neglects or refuses to comply with these rules in any way.

18.9 Prizes and Trophies (to be held in each case for a period of one year) shall be awarded to winners of the divisional tournaments in the Tournament Sub-Committee's absolute discretion.

## **19. Disputes**

19.1 If any dispute shall arise in a match or game, particulars must be sent in writing by the complainant club to the Chairman of the Rules Sub-Committee and a copy of the complaint shall at the same time be sent to the Honorary Records Secretary. All details relating to any dispute must be sent within 7 days except those relating to a dispute about board order which must be sent within 14 days.

19.2 If a League Official shall have reason to believe that there has been a breach of the foregoing rules in connection with any match he shall, as soon as possible, notify the secretaries of the clubs involved. Any complaint arising shall then be sent in writing by the complainant club to the Chairman of the Rules Committee within 7

days of this notification. A copy of the complaint shall at the same time be sent to the Honorary Records Secretary.

19.3 The Chairman of the Rules Committee shall notify the Secretary of the Club of the player(s) against which the complaint is made, setting out details of the complaint and asking for confirmation or rebuttal of the complaint.

19.4 The Chairman of the Rules Committee shall endeavour to settle the dispute amicably, failing which the dispute will be placed before the next meeting of his Committee.

19.5 The chairman of the Rules Committee has the right to request any original match card from the holder.

19.6 Any club or individual found by the Rules Committee to be bringing the game into disrepute by misconduct shall be subject to a penalty to be fixed by the Committee.

19.7 The decision of the Rules Committee shall be final.

## **20. Interpretation**

20.1 When the responsibilities of the Honorary Records Secretary are divided between or amongst two or more people any reference in these Rules to the Honorary Records Secretary is to be taken as a reference to the Secretary responsible for the division or knock-out competition in question.

20.2 Where a masculine pronoun appears in these Rules it is to be taken to include the equivalent feminine pronoun.

20.3 Notification in writing required by these Competition Rules may, with the consent of the recipient, be given by e-mail.

## **FIDE Laws of Chess – Guidelines III – Games without increment including Quickplay Finishes**

III.1 A 'quickplay finish' is the phase of a game when all the remaining moves must be completed in a finite time.

III.2.1 The Guidelines below concerning the final period of the game including Quickplay Finishes, shall only be used at an event if their use has been announced beforehand.

III.2.2 These Guidelines shall apply only to standard play and rapidplay games without increment and not to blitz games.

III.3.1 If both flags have fallen and it is impossible to establish which flag fell first then:

III.3.1.1 the game shall continue if this occurs in any period of the game except the last period.

III.3.1.2 the game is drawn if this occurs in the period of a game in which all remaining moves must be completed.

*[III.4 omitted – does not apply in the BDCL]*

III.5 If Article III.4 does not apply and the player having the move has less than two minutes left on his clock, he may claim a draw before his flag falls. He shall summon the arbiter and may stop the chess clock (see Article 6.12.2). He may claim on the basis that his opponent cannot win by normal means, and/or that his opponent has been making no effort to win by normal means:

III.5.1 If the arbiter agrees that the opponent cannot win by normal means, or that the opponent has been making no effort to win the game by normal means, he shall declare the game drawn. Otherwise he shall postpone his decision or reject the claim.

III.5.2 If the arbiter postpones his decision, the opponent may be awarded two extra minutes and the game shall continue, if possible, in the presence of an arbiter. The arbiter shall declare the final result later in the game or as soon as possible after the flag of either player has fallen. He shall declare the game drawn if he agrees that the opponent of the player whose flag has fallen cannot win by normal means, or that he was not making sufficient attempts to win by normal means.

III.5.3 If the arbiter has rejected the claim, the opponent shall be awarded two extra minutes.

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.

III.6.2 The claim shall be referred to the designated arbiter

# **BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT CHESS LEAGUE**

## **Safeguarding**

### **Statement**

The Birmingham & District Chess League (BDCL) organises team and individual chess competitions in Birmingham and the surrounding district. The BDCL seeks to promote and develop chess. It recognises the importance of safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people aged up to 18 years and of vulnerable adults. It is committed to ensuring that safeguarding practice reflects statutory responsibilities, as well as government and ECF guidance, and complies with best practice. The BDCL recognises that the welfare and interests of children and young people and vulnerable adults are paramount in all circumstances. It aims to ensure that regardless of age, gender, religion or beliefs, ethnicity, disability, sexual orientation or identity, or socioeconomic background, all children, young people and vulnerable adults:

- have a positive and enjoyable experience of chess in a safe and sociable environment;
- are protected from harm and abuse whilst travelling to and from, and participating in chess events.

It also aims to provide staff and volunteers with the overarching principles that guide our approach to safeguarding. The BDCL acknowledges that some children, young people and vulnerable adults can be subject to abuse and recognises the need to take reasonable and appropriate steps to ensure their welfare at stand-alone BDCL-organised events. With respect to safeguarding at such events, the BDCL will seek to:

- promote and prioritise the safety and wellbeing of children, young people and vulnerable adults;
- value, listen to and respect children, young people and vulnerable adults;
- ensure that everyone understands their roles and responsibilities in respect of safeguarding and is provided with appropriate learning opportunities to recognise, identify and respond to signs of abuse, neglect and other safeguarding concerns relating to children, young people and vulnerable adults;
- make clear who the designated Lead for Safeguarding and the Safeguarding Officer are, and explain their respective roles;
- ensure that appropriate action is taken in the event of incidents/concerns of abuse, and support provided to the individual/s who raise or disclose the concern;
- ensure that confidential, detailed and accurate records of all safeguarding concerns are maintained and securely stored;

- prevent the employment/deployment of unsuitable individuals;
- ensure that robust safeguarding arrangements and procedures are in operation;
- share concerns with relevant agencies, involving parents and children appropriately.

This approach will be followed as far as is practicable for everyone involved in stand-alone BDCL-organised events, including its officers. It will also be promoted to all member clubs of the BDCL. Failure to comply will be addressed without delay and may ultimately result in dismissal or exclusion from the organisation, as appropriate.

### **BDCL Safeguarding Personnel**

The BDCL will appoint a Lead for Safeguarding and a Safeguarding Officer (SO). The responsibilities of the Safeguarding Officer (SO) will be in accordance with the role description for the Safeguarding Officer in Appendix 1.

The BDCL will reimburse any reasonable expenses for the SO in respect of safeguarding training.

### **BDCL Guidance for member clubs**

Caveat: The responsibility for any incident/concern during club meetings/club matches (including those played at neutral venues) lies with the Safeguarding Officer(s) of the participating club(s), and not with the BDCL Safeguarding Officer.

The BDCL recommends that each member club:

- has a Safeguarding Policy, based on the relevant legislative and ECF guidance as far as practicable; but which also takes account of the policies of the management of the premises in which it meets;
- appoints a Lead for Safeguarding and a Safeguarding Officer. They should read and be familiar with relevant legal and ECF guidance and this BDCL Statement;
- informs the BDCL Secretary of the identity of its SO and any subsequent change, together with contact information;
- notifies its members of the requirement promptly to report any relevant incident to the Club's SO (or to the police, in the event of an emergency or imminent threat to a child, young person or vulnerable adult). If the SO is unavailable on the day the incident occurs, reporting shall be either to a previously designated alternative, or to the SO as soon as practicable;
- makes available, within the clubroom, a copy of its Safeguarding Policy and the contact details of its SO;
- ensures that a child or young person travelling to an away match or event is accompanied by a parent/carer or person acting in loco

parentis. The parent/carer or person acting in loco parentis shall be responsible for the welfare of the child or young person at all times whilst travelling or at the match or event. The home club or organiser of the event shall be entitled to enquire who is acting as the parent/carer or person acting in loco parentis before play commences or at any time whilst the child or young person is at the match or event.

### **Legal framework**

This statement has been drawn up on the basis of law and guidance that seeks to protect children, namely:

- Children Act 1989
- United Nations Convention of the Rights of the Child 1991
- Data Protection Act 1998
- Sexual Offences Act 2003
- Children Act 2004
- Protection of Freedoms Act 2012

and relevant government guidance on safeguarding children including:

- Working Together to Safeguard Children (2015).

### **Monitoring**

The statement will be reviewed annually, or in the following circumstances:

- changes in legislation and/or government or ECF guidance
- if required by the Local Safeguarding Children Board or the BDCL
- as a result of any other significant change or event.

The BDCL Safeguarding statement is approved by the Annual General Meeting of the BDCL

### **Appendix 1 – Role description for the BDCL safeguarding officer**

Organisation: Birmingham and District Chess League (BDCL)

Reports to: BDCL Lead for Safeguarding

Requirement: Appointment is subject to a satisfactory enhanced DBS check and references. Legal background/safeguarding experience is desirable.

Purpose: To ensure that the BDCL has appropriate arrangements for keeping children, young people and vulnerable adults safe when they attend any stand-alone BDCL-organised event. Also, to promote their safety and welfare at all times.

## Responsibilities:

The safeguarding officer will use their best endeavours to:

- i. ensure that all issues concerning the safety and welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults who attend stand-alone BDCL-organised events are properly dealt with;
- ii. ensure that everyone involved with BDCL-organised events has access to the BDCL Safeguarding Statement and is aware of what they should do if they have issues/concerns about a child, young person or vulnerable adult;
- iii. receive, record and report information from anyone who attends a BDCL event and has such issues/concerns;
- iv. advise and support BDCL staff and volunteers on safeguarding and protection;
- v. take the lead on dealing with information that may constitute a protection issue/concern around a child, young person or vulnerable adult OR an allegation about a member of staff or volunteer. This includes assessing and clarifying the information, and taking decisions in consultation with the Lead for Safeguarding, and statutory Child and/or Adult Protection Agencies/ Services as required, whilst handling all information sensitively and confidentially;
- vi. consult with, pass information to and receive information from statutory Protection Agencies/Services such as the Local Authority Child and/or Adult Services and/or the Police. This includes making formal referrals to those agencies if required;
- vii. be familiar with how the local safeguarding board works and how to contact them;
- viii. be familiar with issues relating to child protection and keep up to date with developments;
- ix. attend training on issues relevant to child protection from and share knowledge from that with other members of the BDCL;
- x. encourage and advise all chess clubs affiliated to the BDCL to appoint a Safeguarding Officer and publish their Safeguarding Policy on children, young persons and vulnerable adults;
- xi. undertake risk assessments, as required, of venues proposed for stand-alone BDCL-organised events;
- xii. report to board/committee meetings as required, but at least once per year, at the AGM, on the level of risk management being achieved;
- xiii. undertake annual monitoring and review of the policy;
- xiv. assist with updating the policy in consultation with the Lead for Safeguarding.



# CLUB DIRECTORY

## COLESHILL (7.30pm Wednesday)

Des Green

Coleshill and District Social Club, Ivy Lodge, Parkfield Road, Coleshill, B46 3LD. Clubroom: 01675 462 170

Bus: 70 to Post Office in High Street; cross the road and the club entrance is next to Costa Coffee. Train: to Coleshill Parkway; club is 30 minutes' walk, but contact Secretary to arrange a lift.

By car, M6 towards London, take A446 exit towards NEC and Coventry (S&W), continue on A446 towards Lichfield and NEC.

Turn right at island towards Coleshill, take first right into Park Rd, bear right and club is on the left (bowling green is adjacent to parking area). Non-alcoholic refreshments provided; alcohol can be purchased from the bar downstairs. No wheelchair access.

Refreshments both alcoholic and non-alcoholic can be purchased from the bar downstairs. Motorists must enter their registration number into the machine inside the club on the bar or at the bottom of the stairs leading to the playing area.

Web: [coleshill.chessclub.cloud](http://coleshill.chessclub.cloud)

## HALESOWEN (7.30pm Monday)

Club secretary position is vacant. Please contact team captains for fixture-related matters. For other matters please contact Stewart Fishburne –

Division 2: Adrian Priest –

Division 3: Tony Stokes – ton

The Townsend Club, 2 Stourbridge Road, Halesowen. B63 3US.  
Clubroom: 0121 550 1258

Bus: No 9 bus from Colmore Row to Halesowen centre. Club is less than half a mile away. Train: the nearest rail station is Old Hill, but that is two miles away and there is no easy bus link.

Car: Leave Birmingham on the A456. Follow that to Quinton and join the A458. The club is on the right immediately after the second large roundabout in Halesowen (the first is at the very bottom of Mucklow Hill where the A458 meets the A459). Parking is available. Ground floor premises with a limited number of steps to navigate. Normal bar service available. Please press the buzzer at the main entrance to be allowed into the building.

Web: [halesowenchessclub.org.uk](http://halesowenchessclub.org.uk)

### **KYNOCH (7.30pm Monday)**

Reg Jones,

Old Oscott Working Mens Club, 1196 Aldridge Road, Great Barr, Birmingham, B44 8PE. Clubroom: 0121 360 7412 or 4633

Bus No 997. Alight at Asda Superstore, Aldridge Road, Great Barr and walk back up the hill 50 yards to the clubhouse entrance on the left. By car from the city centre take A34 (Walsall Road) through Newtown to Perry Barr. After the underpass keep in left-hand lane for A453 (Sutton Coldfield) Aldridge Road, continue past the Greyhound Stadium and just under the M6 turn left into Aldridge Road (Boars Head on the right-hand side). After one mile pass Drakes Drum pub and after a further half mile the club is on the right. Wheelchair access. Refreshments are available.

Web: [kynochchess.club](http://kynochchess.club)

### **LICHFIELD (7.15pm Thursday)**

Stephen Smithson,

Alternative contacts: David Fone (chair); Brian Homewood (Fixture Secretary):

Guild Room, The Guildhall, Bore Street, Lichfield, WS13 6LU.

By car: A38, A5206 and A51 to St. John Street railway bridge. It is no longer permitted to drive through the very centre of Lichfield so it is suggested that you use Bird Street (WS13 6AB) or University West (WS13 6QG) car parks – both are free from 6:30 p.m.). By train, club is less than ten minutes' walk from Lichfield City Station. Tea and coffee available. Wheelchair access.

Adjustments for partially sighted if notified in advance.

Web: [lichfieldchess.org.uk](http://lichfieldchess.org.uk)

### **LONGBRIDGE (7.15pm Thursday)**

Steve Crees

Austin Sports and Social Club, 30 Tessall Lane, Birmingham, B31 2SF.

Bus: 63 along Bristol Road to Bournville College; 20 from QE Hospital to Bournville College; 45 & 47 along Pershore Road to Sainsbury's Longbridge

Train: Lichfield to Redditch (Cross City Line) stopping at New Street, Five Ways, University, Selly Oak, Bournville, King's Norton, Northfield & Longbridge.

From Birmingham take the A38 towards Longbridge and turn left onto Longbridge Lane at the modern blue Bournville College Building, which is on the left. Turn left at Sainsbury's/Factory. Turn right behind the Factory youth club. From M5 Junction 4, take the A38 Birmingham Road towards Rubery and follow the signs for Longbridge, turn left at Longbridge island and then right onto Longbridge Lane, then proceed as above. From Redditch, take the A441, turn left onto Longbridge Lane, continue along Longbridge Lane until Sainsbury's, turn right at the Factory, and turn right again behind the Factory youth club. Wheelchair accessible. Austin Sports & Social Club serves a full range of drinks but players are advised to bring their own refreshments as the bar is in a separate building.

Web: [longbridgechess.wordpress.com](http://longbridgechess.wordpress.com)

### **MERCIA (7.15pm Tuesday)**

Barry Smith,

Sedgley Conservative Club, Hall St, Sedgley, Dudley DY3 3LW.

M6 or A457 to Sedgley. From Bull Ring (A457/A459/A463 roundabout in centre of Sedgley) take Ettymore Road West (Wetherspoon's pub on your right), then first left into Hall St. The club is on the left. Disabled access.

Web: [merciamchessclub.cloud](http://merciamchessclub.cloud)

### **MUTUAL CIRCLE (7.30pm Tuesday, occasionally others)**

Chris Evans,

The Jewellers Arms, 23 Hockley Street, Birmingham, B18 6BW

*Please note that this venue is inside the Birmingham Clean Air Zone so non-compliant vehicles will incur a charge of £8 or more.*

Regular trains run from Moor Street and Snow Hill stations to the Jewellery Quarter station. Trams from the City Centre also stop here. The venue is just two minutes' walk from the station entrance – turn right into Vyse Street and then 1st left into Hockley St.. The pub is also within easy walking distance of the 8A, 8C, 16, 52, 74 and 101 bus routes. From A4400 (Great Charles Street Queensway, or St. Chad's Queensway for those approaching from the north) turn into B4100 at traffic lights in sight of St. Chad's Cathedral, following signs to Jewellery Quarter and West Bromwich (A41). This will take you into Old Snow Hill. Follow this road for 0.8 mile as its name changes first to Constitution Hill then to Great Hampton Street and then turn left into Hockley Street at a traffic light controlled crossroads. The pub is about 150 yards further along the street on your left, on the edge of a small roundabout. Free parking after 6.00 p.m. is available in bays on Hockley Street and in other nearby streets. (For those wishing to avoid the city centre: an alternative route would be to approach the Jewellery Quarter from the west or north via Birmingham's outer ring-road, the A4540. This ring-road also marks the edge of the Clear Air Zone. Motorists who want to avoid the CAZ could park in the half of Pitsford Street that is outside the ring road – postcode B18 6PT – a ten-minute walk from the venue).

Alcoholic and soft drinks available (Real Ales are the pub's specialty). Cobs are sometimes available. The Clubroom is up steep stairs so there is no access for wheelchair users or those with serious walking difficulties. It may be possible to make special arrangements to play in a downstairs bar area but a quiet environment there cannot be guaranteed.

Web: [mutualcircle-moseley.weebly.com](http://mutualcircle-moseley.weebly.com)

## **OLTON (7.15pm Tuesday)**

Robert Reynolds,

Tyseley & District Working Men's Club, Warwick Road, Tyseley, Birmingham. B11 2EX. Clubroom: 0121 706 0659

Bus 4 or 4A from city to Tyseley Railway Museum; club is on opposite side of the road. Train to Tyseley station. By car, follow Stratford Road to junction with Warwick Road, then along

Warwick Road for one and a half miles to Tyseley. Club is opposite railway depot & museum. Access to car park via intercom at barrier. Lift available to the upper clubroom.

Refreshments available at the bar!

Web: [oltonchessclub.org.uk](http://oltonchessclub.org.uk)

Alternative contact: Richard Reynolds

## **OSCOTT (7.30pm Monday)**

Mike Biddle.

Oscott Social Club & Institute, 239 Witton Lodge Road, Birmingham B23 5LX. Clubroom: 0121 382 3722

Bus no. 7 from Snow Hill Station, Livery Street, stops near to the club. By car take the A34 then A453 out of city. After about 2 miles on the A453 turn right into Perry Common Road and after a few hundred yards turn left into Turfpits Lane. The entrance to the club car park is at the end of this road adjacent to Witton Lodge Road. Club is on the 1st floor and a disabled lift is available. Refreshments from the bar.

Web: [chessclub.cloud/club/oscott](http://chessclub.cloud/club/oscott)

## **REDDITCH (7.30pm Wednesday)**

Dan Lambourne,

Alvechurch and Hopwood Cricket Club, rear of 6 Birmingham Road, Alvechurch, Birmingham, Worcestershire, B48 7TA

Take the Redditch train from New Street and alight at Alvechurch Station, and the venue is less than a mile from the station. Walk down Station Road and Bear Hill, turn left on to Red Lion Street, continue over the mini roundabout into Birmingham Road, and the turning to the club is between numbers 4 and 6 by the school signs on the right. By car, follow A441, Redditch Rd/B4120 and Birmingham Rd and the turn off is on the left by the school signs before the mini roundabout next to the Red Lion Pub. If the car park is full there is a free car park on Tanyard Lane behind the Red Lion. Please do not use the Red Lion car park. It is best to put 6 Birmingham Road into the SatNav or map application, as it gets closer to the actual entry point from the road. Wheelchair access is available, but we need warning before arrival so the club owners can get the ramps out of storage for us. The bar is expected to be closed, but there is access to free tea and coffee making facilities in the kitchen area.

Web: [redditchchessclub.org](http://redditchchessclub.org)

## **RUSHALL (7.15pm Monday)**

Steve Wilcox,

Aldridge Social Club, High Street, Aldridge, WS9 8LZ

Clubroom: 01922 452 435

Bus 997 goes direct from Birmingham centre to Aldridge town centre. Train to Walsall, then bus 6, 7 or 7A to Aldridge. By car, take Chester Rd (A452) north out of Birmingham until reaching the Old Irish Harp Island in Streetly, turn left here on to Little Aston Rd (A454), on seeing the social club as you enter Aldridge turn left on to the car park at rear of building. Refreshments available. Please notify in advance if wheelchair access is required.

Web: [rushall.chessclub.cloud](http://rushall.chessclub.cloud)

## **ST. GEORGE'S (7.15pm Monday)**

Ken Wise

Church Hall, St. George's Church Centre, Bridge St. West,

Newtown, Birmingham, B19 2YX

Train & Metro: Jewellery Quarter station is  $\frac{2}{3}$  mile from clubroom.

Bus 7 from Snow Hill stops near Bridge St. West. By car, follow Snow Hill out of town, going straight on at St. Chad's island, to lights at bottom of hill. Turn right here into Summer Lane. Straight on at lights at New John St., first left by Police Station and carry on to end of Bridge St. West. Tea and coffee provided.

Wheelchair access available but please notify us in advance if possible (our normal entrance has a flight of steps). No disability adapted toilet. On cold winter days the room temperature may be around 15°C. Insufficient digital clocks for a match.

## **SHIRLEY & WYTHALL (7.30pm Thursday)**

Gordon Christie,

Wythall Community Club, Wythall House, 52 Silver Street,  
Wythall, B47 6LZ

Clubroom: 01564 823 281

Bus: 50 from Digbeth to Kings Heath, then 150 to Drake's Cross (White Swan), cross into Silver Street, where the venue is 100 yards on the right.

Train: from Snow Hill to Wythall station, walk along Station Road, turn right into Gorsey Lane, right again at the T-junction onto Old Alcester Road, and turn left at the White Swan (20 min. walk). By

car: along Alcester Road (A435) to Maypole island, take 2nd exit (Old Alcester Road) towards Wythall, after 1.5 miles at White Swan crossroads turn right into Silver Street. Club is on the right.

Refreshments available at the bar including tea, coffee and soft drinks. Wheelchair access from main car park. We occasionally use an upstairs room when we have multiple matches; please let us know in advance if there are players unable to use the stairs.

Web: [shirleychess.org.uk](http://shirleychess.org.uk)

## **SOLIHULL (7.30pm Wednesday)**

Paul Silverman

The Blossomfield Club, The Wardens, Widney Lane, Solihull.  
B91 3JY. Clubroom (office, part-time): 0121 705 7432

Bus 5 from city centre to the Field House pub at junction of Widney Lane and Monkspath Hall Road. Club is about 600 yds along Widney Lane, in the opposite direction to Widney Manor railway station. By car, take A34 Stratford Road through Shirley, turn left at Marshall Lake Road and right at first set of traffic lights into Widney Lane. Club is between three-quarters of a mile and one mile along on the right-hand side, just past the junction with Whitefields Road. Wheelchair access and disabled toilet.

Refreshments are available.

Web: [solihull.chessclub.cloud](http://solihull.chessclub.cloud)

## **SOUTH BIRMINGHAM (7.30pm Mon, Tues and Weds)**

Tim Lane

Moseley All Services Club, 91 Church Road, Moseley, B13 9EA  
Clubroom: 0121 449 1573

Bus 1 from Five Ways to Church Road (first stop past Moseley village). Bus 35 or 50 from city to Moseley Village, walk up St Mary's Row and Church Road is the first on the left. By car, along Alcester Road to Moseley village, left into St Mary's Row, first left into Church Road. Refreshments are available.

Web: [southbirminghamchess.club](http://southbirminghamchess.club)

### **STOURBRIDGE (7.30pm Wednesday, occasional Monday)**

Paul Sharratt,

Bus 9 Birmingham to Stourbridge; Train New Street to Stourbridge Junction, then Stourbridge Junction to Stourbridge Town. By car, A456 Hagley Road, then A491 Stourbridge Road. Town centre is accessed from the ring road. Refreshments, disabled access and facilities (ground floor only).

Web: [www.stourbridgechess.force9.co.uk](http://www.stourbridgechess.force9.co.uk)

### **SUTTON COLDFIELD (7.30pm Monday – matches; 7.30pm Thursday – internal events)**

Keith Escott

Minworth Club & Lodge, 39 Robinsons Way, Minworth, Sutton Coldfield, B76 9BB. Clubroom: 0121 351 3531

67 bus to Castle Vale, then 71 bus from Solihull to Sutton Coldfield stops in Water Orton Lane within walking distance of club. By car, A38 Tyburn/Kingsbury Road to big Asda roundabout at Minworth, then A4097 Kingsbury Road towards Kingsbury, first right at traffic lights into Water Orton Lane, first left into Robinsons Way. Club and car park visible straight ahead. The venue has all types of refreshments available for purchase from the bar – please do not bring your own refreshments to the club.

Web: [suttonchess.org.uk](http://suttonchess.org.uk)

### **UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM (7.00pm Thursday)**

Francis Himsworth,

Guild of Students, University of Birmingham, Edgbaston Park Road, Birmingham, B15 2TU.

Bus: National Express West Midlands service 63 from New St. to Edgbaston Park Road. Train: From New St. to University station.



By car, take the A38 from the city centre; turn right into Edgbaston Park Road and the East Gate entrance is on the left. The security barriers should be up to allow access. On arrival for matches please meet in the Guild of Students reception and wait to be escorted to the club room. Wheelchair access.

Web: [guildofstudents.com/organisation/chess/](http://guildofstudents.com/organisation/chess/)

### **WALSALL KIPPING (7.30pm Thursday)**

Mike Groombridge,

The Railway Club, New Mills, Wednesbury Road, Walsall, WS1 4JG

Clubroom: 01922 629 027

By Bus: take 51 from city to Walsall (St Paul's bus station). Cross road, through arcade to Park St. and turn left to The Bridge.

There, turn right towards the Cenotaph (Bradford Place) and bus stands. Take Bus 34 or 37 along Wednesbury Rd. and alight at Bescot Crescent stop, after a mini-roundabout, by a car wash.

Walk towards bridge, across another mini-roundabout, then turn left down lane signed Railway Club. Train to Walsall (Saddlers Centre). Bradford Place is outside – continue by bus. By car: via A34, M5 or M6 to J7 of M6. Follow A34 North to junction with Broadway, ring road A4148. Turn left along A4148, through

several traffic lights to right-hand lane at light-controlled junction with Bescot Crescent (retail park on left). Here, turn right into Bescot Crescent and continue to a mini-roundabout at

Wednesbury Rd. Turn left and, **immediately** before the

billboards on the bridge, turn left again, into a lane signed Railway club. Club car park is 100m downhill. Refreshments, wheelchair access.

Web: [walsallchess.com](http://walsallchess.com)

### **WARD END SOCIAL (7.30pm Monday)**

Terence Benson,

Ward End Social Club, 10 St. Margaret's Road, Ward End, Birmingham, B8 2BA. Clubroom: 0121 327 0123

Buses 94 or 95 (BS13 Priory Queensway). Alight at Sladefield Road. Club is the white building on the corner of St. Margaret's

Road and Washwood Heath Road. By car, take A47 Jennens Road, Nechells Parkway, Saltley Road, Saltley Viaduct (B4114).

At Saltley Gate bear left onto Washwood Heath Road (B4114),

then after 1.3 miles turn left onto St. Margaret's Road, then turn first left into the club car park. If the car park gates are closed, please press call button to request access. Pedestrians can gain entry by the side gate, situated just before the call button, push the gate to open. The clubroom is in the Beauchamp Suite on the first floor of the main building. Access is via the main entrance on the left hand side of the building, please press the right hand bell to gain entry.

### **WARLEY QUINBORNE (7.30pm Thursday)**

John Fahy,

The Stag & Three Horseshoes, Halesowen Road, Birmingham B62 9BB. Clubroom: 0121 422 2176

Number 9 bus from City Centre, along the A456 and A458 to the venue. By car, leave Birmingham City Centre on the A456 along Broad St to Hagley Rd and then continue onto the Halesowen Road (A458) for about a mile to the next island, where the venue is on the left. Parking at front and rear. Upstairs room with no wheelchair access. Please don't bring your own refreshments. Web: warleyquinborne.co.uk

### **WEST BROMWICH (7.30pm Monday)**

David Davies,

Dartmouth Central Club, Devonshire Drive, West Bromwich, B71 4AA. Clubroom: 0121 553 1927

Bus routes 74 or 79, Metro service from Snow Hill to West Bromwich town centre. By car, A41 or motorway network to Junction 1 M5, take the A41 Expressway leaving at the first exit. At the island take the 1st exit, next island 1st exit, next island 2nd exit, next island 1st exit. As you cross the bridge Devonshire Drive is the immediate right turn. The club and car park are 40 yards on the left. Refreshments, wheelchair access. Web: westbromwich.chessclub.cloud

### **WOLVERHAMPTON (7.30pm Wednesday)**

Phil Bull

Forty Four Club, Spring Road, Wolverhampton, WV4 6LQ  
M6 and A454 (Black Country Route) or A457: the venue is located  
at the junction of the Birmingham New Road and Spring Road in  
Ettingshall.

Web: [wolverhamptonchessclub.org.uk](http://wolverhamptonchessclub.org.uk)

## FIXTURES 2023-24

### *Key to abbreviations of Club names*

<b>Col</b>	–	Coleshill	<b>S&amp;W</b>	–	Shirley & Wythall
<b>Hal</b>	–	Halesowen	<b>Sol</b>	–	Solihull
<b>Ky</b>	–	Kynoch	<b>SB</b>	–	South Birmingham
<b>Lch</b>	–	Lichfield	<b>Sto</b>	–	Stourbridge
<b>Lon</b>	–	Longbridge	<b>SC</b>	–	Sutton Coldfield
<b>Mer</b>	–	Mercia	<b>UoB</b>	–	Univ. of Birmingham
<b>MC</b>	–	Mutual Circle	<b>WsK</b>	–	Walsall Kipping
<b>Olt</b>	–	Olton	<b>WE</b>	–	Ward End Social
<b>Osc</b>	–	Oscott	<b>WQ</b>	–	Warley Quinborne
<b>Red</b>	–	Redditch	<b>WB</b>	–	West Bromwich
<b>Rsh</b>	–	Rushall	<b>Wtn</b>	–	Wolverhampton
<b>StG</b>	–	St. George's			

# Division One

## September

101	Mon 4	Wtn v SC
102	Tue 5	MC v WB
103	Wed 6	SB A v SB B
104	Mon 18	WB v S&W
105		SC v Olt
106	Wed 20	Sol B v Sol A
107		SB A v Wtn
	25-29	Trophy Rd One

## November

119	Wed 1	Red v WB
120		Sol B v S&W
121		SB B v Olt
122	Wed 8	Red v Sol B
123	Thu 9	Lch v SB B
	13-17	Trophy Rd Two
124	Wed 15	Sol A v SB B
125	Mon 20	SC v SB A
126	Tue 21	Olt v WB
127	Thu 23	S&W v Sol A
128	Mon 27	WB v Lch
129	Tue 28	MC v S&W
130	Wed 29	Sol B v Wtn
131		SB B v SC

## October

108	Wed 4	SB B v Red
109	Tue 10	Olt v SB A
110	Wed 11	MC v Sol B
111	Mon 16	Wtn v SB B
112	Wed 18	Sol A v Red
113	Thu 19	Lch v SC
114	Mon 23	WB v Wtn
115	Tue 24	Olt v Red
116		SB B v Sol B
117	Wed 25	Sol A v MC
118		SB A v Lch

## December

132	Mon 4	SC v WB
133	Wed 6	Red v SB A
134	Tue 12	Olt v Sol B
135	Wed 13	Red v MC
136	Thu 14	S&W v SB B
137	Mon 18	Wtn v Sol A

# Division One

## January

138	Mon 8	WB v SB A
139	Tue 9	MC v Wtn
140	Wed 10	Sol A v Olt
141	Thu 11	S&W v Red
	15-19	Trophy Rd Three
142	Wed 17	Sol B v Lch
143	Mon 22	Wtn v S&W
144		SC v Sol B
145	Tue 23	Olt v MC
146	Wed 24	SB B v WB
147	Thu 25	Lch v Sol A
148	Wed 31	Red v Lch

## February

149	Tue 6	MC v Lch
150	Wed 7	Red v Wtn
151		Sol A v SC
152	Thu 15	S&W v Olt
	19-23	Trophy Rd Four
153	Mon 26	SC v MC
154	Wed 28	SB A v Sol A
155	Thu 29	Lch v S&W

## March

156	Mon 4	Wtn v Olt
157	Tue 5	MC v SB A
158	Wed 6	Sol B v WB
159	Thu 7	S&W v SC
	Tue 12	League Ltng Tnt
160	Wed 13	SB A v S&W
161	Thu 14	Lch v Wtn
162	Mon 18	WB v Sol A
163	Wed 20	SB B v MC
164	Mon 25	SC v Red
165	Tue 26	Olt v Lch
166	Wed 27	Sol B v SB A

## April

8-12	Trophy Rd Five
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# Division Two

## September

201	Mon 4	Rsh v S&W
202	Tue 5	SB A v SB C
203	Thu 7	WQ A v WQ B
204	Mon 11	SC v Hal
205	Wed 13	SB B v SB A
206	Tue 19	SB C v SB B
207	Thu 21	S&W v SC
	25-29	Trophy Rd One

## October

208	Tue 3	SB C v Osc
209	Thu 5	Lon v Rsh
210		WQ B v SB A
211	Mon 9	SC v Lon
212		Osc v SB A
213	Wed 11	SB B v S&W
214	Thu 19	S&W v SB A
215		WQ B v SB C
216	Mon 23	Osc v WsK
217		Hal v WQ A
218	Tue 24	SB C v Rsh
219	Thu 26	Lon v SB B

## November

220	Thu 2	S&W v SB C
221		WQ B v Hal
222	Mon 6	SC v SB C
223	Wed 8	SB A v Lon
224	Thu 9	WsK v SB B
225		WQ A v S&W
	13-17	Trophy Rd Two
226	Thu 16	WsK v SB C
227	Mon 20	Rsh v Osc
228	Thu 23	WsK v Lon
229		S&W v WQ B
230	Mon 27	Osc v SC
231		Hal v SB B
232	Thu 30	Lon v WQ A

## December

233	Wed 6	SB B v Osc
234	Thu 7	WQ B v Lon
235	Mon 11	SC v WsK
236		Hal v S&W
237	Wed 13	SB A v WQ A

# Division Two

## January

238	Thu 4	WsK v Rsh
239	Mon 8	Rsh v SC
240	Wed 10	SB B v WQ B
241	Thu 11	Lon v Hal
	15-19	Trophy Rd Three
242	Wed 17	SB B v Rsh
243	Tue 23	SB C v WQ A
244	Wed 24	SB A v WsK
245	Thu 25	S&W v Lon
246	Wed 31	SB A v SC

## February

247	Thu 1	WQ A v Osc
248	Mon 5	Rsh v SB A
249	Thu 8	WsK v WQ A
250	Mon 12	SC v SB B
251		Osc v WQ B
252	Tue 13	SB C v Hal
	19-23	Trophy Rd Four
253	Thu 22	WQ B v WsK
254	Mon 26	Hal v Osc
255	Thu 29	WQ A v Rsh

## March

256	Mon 4	SC v WQ A
257		Osc v S&W
258	Thu 7	WsK v Hal
259	Mon 11	Rsh v WQ B
	Tue 12	League Ltng Tnt
260	Mon 18	Hal v Rsh
261	Thu 21	Lon v Osc
262		WQ A v SB B
263	Tue 26	SB C v Lon
264	Thu 28	S&W v WsK
265		WQ B v SC

## April

	8-12	Trophy Rd Five
266	Wed 10	SB A v Hal



# Division Three

## September

301	Mon 4	Hal v Sto
302	Tue 5	Mer v MC
303	Wed 6	Col v SC
304	Thu 7	S&W v Lch
305	Mon 11	Ky v SB
306	Tue 12	Olt v Sol
307	Mon 18	Sto v Mer
308	Tue 19	Olt v S&W
	25-29	Trophy Rd One

## November

320	Tue 7	Mer v Sol
321		SB v Hal
322		MC v Sto
323	Wed 8	Col v Lch
	13-17	Trophy Rd Two
324	Mon 20	Hal v S&W
325		Ky v Olt
326	Tue 21	SB v Lch
327	Wed 22	Sol v Col
328	Tue 28	Mer v Olt
329	Thu 30	Lch v SC

## October

309	Tue 3	MC v Col
310	Wed 4	Sol v S&W
311	Thu 5	Lch v Ky
312	Mon 9	Hal v Lch
313	Tue 10	Mer v SB
314	Wed 11	Col v Sto
315	Mon 16	SC v MC
316	Mon 23	Ky v Sol
317	Mon 30	Sto v SC
318	Tue 31	SB v Col
319		MC v S&W

## December

330	Tue 5	Olt v Hal
331		SB v MC
332	Thu 7	S&W v Ky
333		Lch v Mer
334	Mon 11	Sto v SB
335	Mon 18	SC v Sol
336	Tue 19	MC v Lch

# Division Three

## January

337	Wed 3	Sol v MC
338	Mon 8	Ky v Hal
339	Tue 9	Olt v Col
340	Thu 11	Lch v Sto
	15-19	Trophy Rd Three
341	Mon 15	SC v SB
342	Mon 22	SC v Olt
343	Wed 24	Col v S&W
344		Sol v Hal
345	Mon 29	Ky v MC
346	Wed 31	Sol v SB

## March

356	Tue 5	Olt v SB
357	Mon 11	Hal v SC
	Tue 12	League Ltng Tnt
358		Mer v Col
359	Thu 14	S&W v Sto
360	Mon 18	Sto v Ky
361		SC v Mer
362	Tue 19	SB v S&W
363	Tue 26	MC v Hal
364	Thu 28	Lch v Olt

## February

347	Thu 1	S&W v Mer
348	Mon 5	Hal v Mer
349		Ky v Col
350		Sto v Sol
351	Thu 8	S&W v SC
352	Tue 13	Mer v Ky
353		Olt v MC
354	Thu 15	Lch v Sol
	19-23	Trophy Rd Four
355	Mon 26	Sto v Olt

## April

365	Wed 3	Col v Hal
	8-12	Trophy Rd Five
366	Mon 8	SC v Ky

# Division Four

## September

401	Mon 4	SB A v SB B
402		Ky v StG
403	Tue 5	Olt v Sto
404	Thu 14	S&W v Rsh
405	Mon 18	StG v SB A
406	Wed 20	Sol v S&W
407		Sto v Ky
408	Thu 21	UoB v Osc
	25-29	Trophy Rd One
409	Mon 25	Rsh v Olt

## October

410	Mon 2	Ky v Rsh
411		Osc v SC
412	Tue 10	SB B v StG
413	Wed 11	Red v UoB
414	Thu 12	S&W v SC
415	Tue 17	SB A v Sto
416		Olt v Sol
417	Mon 23	SC v Olt
418		Rsh v SB A
419	Wed 25	Red v Sol
420		Sto v SB B
421	Thu 26	UoB v S&W

## November

422	Wed 1	Sol v Ky
423	Thu 2	S&W v Osc
424	Mon 6	Ky v SC
425		Osc v Red
426		StG v Sto
427	Tue 7	Olt v UoB
428		SB B v Rsh
	13-17	Trophy Rd Two
429	Mon 20	SB A v Sol
430	Wed 22	Red v SC
431	Mon 27	SC v SB A
432		Rsh v StG
433	Wed 29	Red v S&W
434	Thu 30	UoB v Ky

## December

435	Mon 4	SB A v UoB
436		Osc v Olt
437		StG v Sol
438	Mon 11	Ky v Osc
439	Tue 12	SB B v SC
440	Wed 13	Sto v Rsh
441	Thu 14	S&W v SB A
442	Tue 19	Olt v Red

# Division Four

## January

443	Mon 8	Osc v SB A
444		SC v StG
445	Wed 10	Sol v Sto
446	Thu 11	S&W v Olt
	15-19	Trophy Rd Three
447	Thu 18	UoB v SB B
448	Mon 22	SB A v Red
449		Ky v S&W
450		Rsh v Sol
451		StG v UoB
452	Tue 23	SB B v Osc
453	Wed 24	Sto v SC
454	Tue 30	Olt v SB B

## February

455	Mon 5	Osc v StG
456		SC v Rsh
457	Wed 7	Sol v SB B
458	Thu 8	UoB v Sto
459	Wed 14	Red v SB B
	19-23	Trophy Rd Four
460	Mon 19	Ky v SB A
461	Tue 20	SB B v S&W
462	Mon 26	Rsh v UoB
463		StG v Red
464	Tue 27	SB B v Ky
465	Wed 28	SB A v Olt
466		Sto v Osc

## March

467	Wed 6	Red v Sto
468	Thu 7	S&W v StG
469	Mon 11	Osc v Rsh
	Tue 12	League Ltng Tnt
470	Wed 13	Red v Ky
471		Sol v SC
472	Mon 18	Rsh v Red
473		StG v Olt
474	Wed 20	Sto v S&W
475	Thu 21	UoB v Sol
476	Mon 25	SC v UoB
477	Wed 27	Sol v Osc

## April

478	Tue 2	Olt v Ky
	8-12	Trophy Rd Five

# Division Five

## September

501	Mon 4	WE v Lon
502	Tue 12	MC v SB
503	Wed 13	Sol B v Sol A
504		Col B v Col A
505	Thu 14	WQ v WsK
506		Lch v SC
507	Mon 18	Red v Ky
508	Wed 20	Col B v WE
509		SB v WQ
510	Thu 21	Lon v MC
511		WsK v Lch
	25-29	Trophy Rd One

## October

512	Mon 2	Ky v Col B
513		SC v Sol B
514	Wed 4	Sol A v Red
515	Wed 11	MC v Col B
516		Sol A v SC
517	Thu 12	WQ v Lon
518		Lch v SB
519	Wed 18	Col B v SB
520	Mon 23	SB v SC
521	Wed 25	Sol B v WsK
522		Col A v MC
523	Thu 26	Lon v Lch
524	Mon 30	SC v Red

## November

525	Wed 1	Col B v WQ
526	Thu 2	WsK v Sol A
527	Wed 8	Sol B v Lon
528		Red v WE
529	Thu 9	WQ v Col A
	13-17	Trophy Rd Two
530	Mon 20	SC v WsK
531	Tue 21	MC v Ky
532	Wed 22	Sol A v SB
533	Mon 27	WE v MC
534		Ky v WQ
535	Wed 29	Col B v Sol B
536	Thu 30	Lon v Sol A
537		WsK v Red

## December

538	Wed 6	Col A v Lch
539		SB v Red
540	Thu 7	WQ v WE
541	Mon 11	SC v Lon
542	Wed 13	Sol B v Col A
543		Red v MC
544	Thu 14	Lch v Ky
545		WsK v SB

# Division Five

## January

546	Wed 3	Col A v Ky
547	Mon 8	WE v Lch
548		Ky v Sol B
549	Tue 9	MC v WQ
550	Wed 10	Col B v SC
551	Thu 11	Lon v WsK
	15-19	Trophy Rd Three
552	Mon 22	SC v Col A
553	Wed 24	Sol B v WE
554		Red v WQ
555	Thu 25	Lch v MC
556		WsK v Col B
557	Wed 31	SB v Lon
558		Sol A v Ky
559		Red v Col A

## February

560	Tue 6	MC v Sol B
561	Wed 7	Col A v WsK
562	Thu 8	WQ v Lch
563		Lon v Red
564	Mon 12	WE v Sol A
565		Ky v SC
	19-23	Trophy Rd Four
566	Wed 21	Sol A v Lch
567	Mon 26	SC v WE
568	Wed 28	SB v Col A
569		Sol A v MC
570		Red v Lch
571	Thu 29	WQ v Sol B
572		Lon v Col B
573		WsK v Ky

## March

574	Mon 4	WE v WsK
575	Tue 5	MC v SC
576	Wed 6	Col A v Lon
577	Thu 7	WQ v Sol A
578		Lch v Col B
	Tue 12	League Ltng Tnt
579	Thu 14	Lch v Sol B
580	Mon 18	SC v WQ
581	Wed 20	SB v WE
582		Red v Sol B
583	Thu 21	Lon v Ky
584		WsK v MC
585	Mon 25	WE v Col A
586		Ky v SB
587	Wed 27	Col B v Red

## April

588	Wed 3	Sol A v Col B
	8-12	Trophy Rd Five
589	Mon 8	Ky v WE
590	Wed 10	Col A v Sol A
591	Wed 17	SB v Sol B

# Minor Division

## August

601 Wed 30 Sol C v Sol D

## September

602 Wed 6 Sol A v Sol D

603 Sol C v Sol B

604 Thu 7 Lch B v Lch A

605 Mon 11 Ky v WE

606 Wed 13 Sol A v Sol C

607 Sol D v Sol B

608 Mon 18 Ky v Sol C

609 WE v Lch A

610 Wed 20 Sol B v Sol A

## October

611 Thu 5 Lch A v Ky

612 Lch B v WE

613 Wed 11 Sol A v Ky

614 Sol C v Lch B

615 Wed 18 Sol B v Lch A

616 Sol D v WE

617 Mon 23 Lch A v Sol C

618 Mon 30 WE v Sol B

## November

619 Thu 2 Lch B v Sol A

620 Wed 8 Sol D v Lch B

621 Mon 13 Lch A v Lch B

622 Wed 15 Sol B v Ky

623 Sol D v Sol A

624 Wed 22 Sol A v Lch A

625 Sol C v WE

626 Thu 30 Lch A v Sol D

## December

627 Mon 4 WE v Sol A

628 Thu 7 Lch B v Sol B

## December (cont.)

629 Mon 11 WE v Ky

630 Wed 13 Sol C v Sol A

631 Mon 18 Ky v Lch B

632 Wed 20 Sol B v Sol C

## January

633 Wed 3 Sol A v Sol B

634 Wed 10 Sol D v Sol C

635 Thu 11 Lch B v Ky

636 Mon 15 Ky v Sol A

637 Wed 17 Sol B v Sol D

638 Thu 18 Lch A v WE

639 Mon 22 Ky v Lch A

640 Mon 29 WE v Lch B

## February

641 Thu 1 Lch B v Sol C

642 Mon 5 WE v Sol D

643 Wed 7 Sol C v Ky

644 Thu 15 Lch A v Sol B

645 Wed 21 Sol B v WE

646 Sol C v Lch A

647 Mon 26 Ky v Sol D

## March

648 Mon 4 Lch A v Sol A

649 Thu 7 Lch B v Sol D

650 Wed 13 Sol B v Lch B

651 Sol D v Ky

652 Wed 27 Sol A v WE

653 Sol D v Lch A

## April

654 Wed 3 Sol A v Lch B

655 Mon 15 WE v Sol C

656 Mon 22 Ky v Sol B

# **BIRMINGHAM AND DISTRICT CHESS LEAGUE**

## **2024 TEAM LIGHTNING TOURNAMENT**

Tuesday 12 March 2024 at Olton Chess Club  
Commencing at 7.15pm

### **Entry Fee: £6 per team**

At least 80% of entry fees will be returned in prizes.

Entry forms will be available from [www.birminghamchess.org.uk](http://www.birminghamchess.org.uk) or from the chairman of the Team Lightning Committee.

## **ORGANIZATION OF EVENTS**

1. All players shall be registered in the BDCL for the current season.
2. Teams shall consist of four or five players, four playing in each match.
3. Teams must play in order of strength in all matches.
4. The committee will group entries into sections of between four and eight teams based on average grades of the four strongest players nominated.
5. In each section each team shall play every other team once, colours being decided by reference to the pairing tables displayed in the playing hall.
6. All captains must report to the controller at least 15 minutes before the start of the event.
7. At the end of each match the captain of the team having the white pieces on top board shall complete a result card which shall be signed by both captains and immediately handed to the controller.
8. Teams shall score one point for each game won and half a point for each drawn game. The team with the greatest number of *game* points shall win the section.
9. The Individual prize will go to the player that gives the best performance, decided by the committee.
10. Cash prizes will be awarded to the winning Teams of each section and the best Individual performance from *all* of the sections, not each section. The League Lightning Team Trophy will be awarded to the winners of the highest graded section.
11. Tie splitting will be done in the case of teams by the result of the match they played in their section. If still unresolved, then by Board Count in this match. If still unresolved, by elimination of the bottom board in this match. Should it still be unresolved a tie will be declared.



## **RULES OF PLAY**

1. The FIDE Laws of Chess and the ECF Tournament Rules shall be applied in full except where modified below.
2. The time limit shall be ten seconds per move.
3. Each player in turn shall move when the buzzer sounds and neither before nor after.
4. Any player making an illegal move immediately loses the game.
5. Check will be called when checking your opponent. Failure to do so will void your right to claim the game under rule 4.
6. Methods of obtaining a result which imply the existence of a game score (e.g. draw by repetition or 50 move rule) cannot be applied.
7. All games shall be played to a finish unless the controller is satisfied that neither player is attempting to win, when he may declare the game drawn.
8. The controller's decision shall be final.

### **TEAM PAIRING TABLES FOR AMERICAN OR ALL-PLAY-ALL TOURNAMENTS**

#### **5 or 6 teams**

<b>Round</b>	<b>Pairings</b>		
1	1-6	2-5	3-4
2	6-4	5-3	1-2
3	2-6	3-1	4-5
4	6-5	1-4	2-3
5	3-6	4-2	5-1

#### **7 or 8 teams**

<b>Round</b>	<b>Pairings</b>			
1	1-8	2-7	3-6	4-5
2	8-5	6-4	7-3	1-2
3	2-8	3-1	4-7	5-6
4	8-6	7-5	1-4	2-3
5	3-8	4-2	5-1	6-7
6	8-7	1-6	2-5	3-4
7	4-8	5-3	6-2	7-1

Teams must draw numbers before the tournament starts.

The first number in each pairing gives the team White on top board, and then Black, White, and Black on succeeding boards.

When the number of teams is odd, the highest number in each table represents the bye.

# MORRY-WOOD MEMORIAL

To commemorate the lives of two men who played such a large part in chess, both as players and organisers, you are invited to enter the following competitions. Entry is free and open to all members of the BDCL, their families and players in the Junior Chess League. The current value of the awards is £30 each plus a trophy to be held for a year. There will also be a small keepsake for each winner.

## **Best Game**

Any game played under competition rules at normal time limits, and considered by the player (who must submit the game personally) to be outstanding. The score sheet or a copy thereof to be submitted. Games are not restricted to BDCL competitions.

## **Youth Sponsorship**

Presented to a young player (below the age of 16 at the closing date of the competition) for outstanding achievement(s) in chess. This can be a single event or over a period of time (limited to the current and previous seasons).

Juniors over the age of 11 at the closing date of the competition can also self nominate.

Closing date for entries: 31 March annually

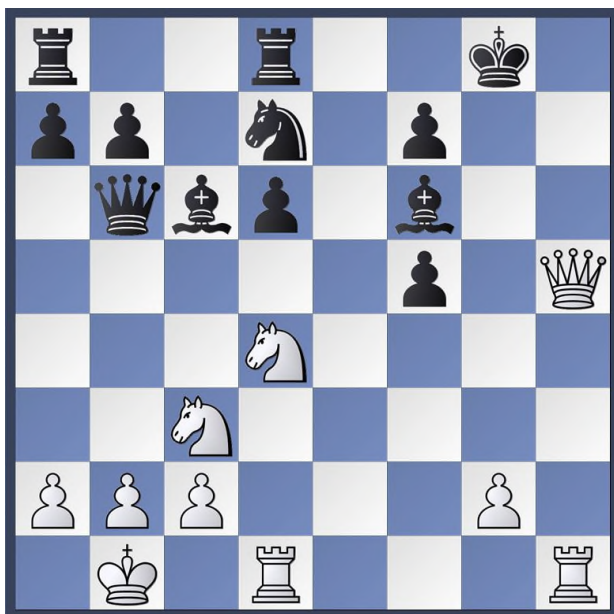
To nominate a young player download an entry form and a copy of the rules from our website at [birminghamchess.org.uk](http://birminghamchess.org.uk).

Or contact Phil Maddocks on 0121 742 1879

Entries for both competitions may be handed to any member of the committee or emailed to Phil Maddocks  
[morrywood@birminghamchess.org.uk](mailto:morrywood@birminghamchess.org.uk)

# Winners of the B.H. Wood “Best Game” Trophy 2023

Manvith Sandhu (Halesowen)



Position after Black's 21st move

Played in Division 1 of the BDCL

**White: Manvith Sandhu**

**Black: NN**

- |     |       |       |     |       |      |
|-----|-------|-------|-----|-------|------|
| 1.  | e4    | c5    | 14. | f4    | h6   |
| 2.  | Nf3   | d6    | 15. | h4    | hxg5 |
| 3.  | d4    | cx d4 | 16. | hxg5  | Nd7  |
| 4.  | Qxd4  | Nc6   | 17. | Rh1   | g6   |
| 5.  | Bb5   | Bd7   | 18. | f5    | exf5 |
| 6.  | Bxc6  | Bxc6  | 19. | exf5  | gxf5 |
| 7.  | Nc3   | Nf6   | 20. | Qe2   | Bxg5 |
| 8.  | Bg5   | e6    | 21. | Qh5   | Bf6  |
| 9.  | O-O-O | Be7   | 22. | Nxf5  | Bxc3 |
| 10. | Rhe1  | O-O   | 23. | Qh7+  | Kf8  |
| 11. | Kb1   | Qa5   | 24. | Qh8+  | Bxh8 |
| 12. | Qd2   | Qb6   | 25. | Rxh8# |      |
| 13. | Nd4   | Rfd8  |     |       |      |

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Member of founding Committee 1897

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