

Wales Chess League

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Registration Fees for Season 2017-18

The registration fee for each member is £22 per Adult and £15 per Junior (under 18 on 1/9/17). This includes the Welsh Chess Union fee of £12 per adult and £7 per junior.

NB: New members to the League, or those returning after a 5 year absence, are not required to pay **any** fees (League or WCU) for the first year.

West Wales 50th Week-end Chess Congress

At: The Mercure Swansea Hotel, Phoenix Way, Llansamlet, Swansea, SA4 9DY

Friday – Sunday

17th Nov – 19th Nov 2017

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1932 – 2017

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Competition Results for 2016 – 17

Division 1 – Dr Hanson Trophy

Team	P	W	D	L	F	Pts
BF Nidum	18	17	0	1	64.5	34
White Knights A	18	14	1	3	65.5	29
Morrison A	18	11	0	7	51.5	22
White Knights B	18	8	0	10	40.5	16
White Knights C	18	4	1	13	33	9
Morrison B	18	4	1	13	31	8
CN Emperors	18	3	1	14	29	7

Division 2 – Stanley Cole Trophy

Team	P	W	D	L	F	Pts
Swansea University	18	14	2	2	58	30
BF Bluebell	18	11	3	4	56.5	25
De la Beche A	18	8	2	8	46.5	18
White Knights D	18	7	1	10	41	15
BF Giants	18	5	3	10	40.5	13
Morrison C	18	6	1	11	39.5	13
UK Merlins	18	5	2	11	33	12

Division 3 – Tom Hughes Trophy

Team	P	W	D	L	F	Pts
Morrison E	15	10	1	4	43	21
Morrison D	15	9	1	5	46	19
UK Harriers	15	8	2	5	36.5	16*
CN Tribunes	15	5	5	5	41	14*
De la Beche B	15	6	1	8	37	13
UK Hawks	15	1	2	12	20.5	3

* Points were deducted for defaults

Players of the Year

Division One:- **Nicholas Evans** of White Knights
Division Two:- **Peter Smith** of De La Beche
Division Three:- **Louis Ba Thein** of Castell Nedd

K O CUP RESULTS

Open (Stan Fortt Cup):-	Winners	White Knights A
	Runners up	Morrison A
Under 1800 (Richard E. Jones Trophy):-	Winners	Castell Nedd Senators
	Runners up	BF Bluebell
Under 1400 (A.D. Nicholson Shield):-	Winners	Swansea University
	Runners up	De La Beche

West Wales Closed Championship (E.J. Clarke Trophy)

Open Section:- **William Hewitt** (White Knights) & **Ian Jones** (Morrison)
Under 1700:- **Ralph Cook** (Upper Killay)
Under 1400 **Bill Flew** (Upper Killay)
Under 1200 **Leighton Anthony** (Morrison)

A.O. Jones Rapidplay Tournament

Alan Young (White Knights)

Lightning Tournament

William Hewitt (White Knights), **Steve Morgan** (BF Nidum), **Ian Jones & Michael Burrows** (Morrison)

West Wales Chess League Constitution

League founded 12th October 1932

1. Name

The organisation shall be called The West Wales Chess League and in this constitution shall be referred to as the "League".

2. Object

The overall object of the League shall be to promote and encourage participation in the game of chess.

The specific aims of the League shall be:

- a) To organise league, team knock-out and Individual championship competitions restricted to members of the League.
- b) To organise competitions, such as an annual congress, which are open to both members and non-members of the League.
- c) To participate in other competitions run under the auspices of the Welsh Chess Union, or similar chess organisations.
- d) To fulfil its obligations as an affiliated member of the Welsh Chess Union.

3. Membership

The league shall consist of three classes of membership, namely:

Affiliated Clubs: Chess clubs domiciled in the preserved county of West Glamorgan and also in the area to the east and south of the River Towy to Llandeilo and south of a line from Llandeilo to Brynamman.

Associate Members: Individuals who may or may not be members of an affiliated club.

Vice-Presidents: Individuals awarded honorary Life Membership in recognition of service to the League.

4. Election of Members

The election of clubs to membership and individuals to vice-presidency shall be by a majority of those present and voting at a general meeting. Once elected members shall not require annual re-election.

Individuals belonging to a club that is elected to membership shall automatically become associate members when registered by the club. Individuals may be registered with only one club at any one time.

The decision to allow individuals not belonging to a club to become associate members shall be made by the Executive Committee.

Membership may be terminated by a vote of the majority of those present at a general meeting, provided that a motion proposing such termination has been included on the

agenda for the meeting. No resolution for expulsion shall be voted on unless its subject has been invited to attend the meeting and has been give written notice of the resolution and its associated reasons.

5. Welsh Chess Union

The West Wales Chess League is a member zone of the Welsh Chess Union (WCU). Each year the League shall register with the Union the League's affiliated clubs, associate members and playing vice-presidents. Delegates to the various committees of the Union shall be elected at the League's AGM and shall include an honorary WCU Vice-President whose sole administrative function within the WCU shall be to sit on the Union's Appeal Committee. The honorary WCU Vice-President shall be elected from the League's associate members and vice-presidents but shall not be an officer of the WCU, nor is he or she required to be a vice-president of the League.

6. Subscriptions

Each club duly elected to membership must register with the League the names and addresses of each of their playing members and shall pay such fees to the League as shall be decided at a general meeting. Individuals changing club mid-season must have their original registration cancelled and be re-registered with their new club. In addition they may be required to pay a fee equal to the original League fee. Individuals not belonging to a club must also register and pay such fees to the League as shall be decided at a general meeting. Vice-Presidents shall have their League fees paid for by the League and if they are registered they shall also have their Welsh Chess Union fees paid by the League.

Registered members of the League shall also be registered members of the Welsh Chess Union and shall pay such fees to the Union as decided at the Welsh Chess Union's AGM. The League shall, where necessary, collect these fees on the Union's behalf.

Registrations and fees for existing members become due on the 1st September each year and must be submitted to the League Treasurer by the 31st October in the same year. Any affiliated club or associate member whose subscription is more than two months in arrears shall be deemed to have withdrawn from the League and shall automatically cease to be a member and shall thereupon cease to have any right to, or claim upon, the funds or other property of the League. Associate members whose club ceases to be a member for this reason shall themselves cease to be members of the League.

7. Elected Officers

Officers and delegates shall be elected from the League's associate members and vice-presidents.

The officers of the League shall consist of the League President, the Chairman, the Treasurer and the Secretary plus other officers elected to carry out specific duties as determined at an Annual General Meeting. These officers shall form the Executive Committee.

Elections to office shall be made at the AGM and the term of office shall start after the end of the AGM and run until the end of the next AGM, whereupon the officers elected at that AGM shall take over. Officers shall be eligible for re-election each year and an individual may hold more than one office if the meeting so decides.

Nominations for officers and delegates shall be made at the Annual General Meeting.

8. Management

The day to day business of the League shall be managed by the elected officers who shall be known as the Executive Committee. Should the need arise the Executive Committee has the power to co-opt members and to fill any casual vacancy.

Meetings of the committee shall be called by the Secretary as necessary. The Secretary shall notify committee members at least seven days before the date of a meeting and shall intimate so far as possible the nature of the business to be transacted.

The quorum for an Executive Committee meeting shall be four. A meeting shall normally be chaired by the Chairman but in his or her absence the meeting shall appoint a chairman.

The Executive Committee shall:

- a) be responsible for the various competitions sponsored by the League.
- b) appoint competition, tournament and congress controllers if not already done so at a general meeting of members.
- c) enter representative teams in any competitions and tournaments that they may deem advisable.
- d) be authorised to approve the expenditure of money on behalf of the League for any purpose consistent with the objects of the League.
- e) carry out such duties as shall be given to them at an Annual or Extraordinary General Meeting.
- f) attempt, in the case of a dispute between two or more affiliated clubs, to resolve the dispute amicably and with the co-operation of the clubs concerned. Where this is not possible the dispute shall be referred to the Plenary Committee.

In the event of a contingency not covered by this constitution the Executive Committee shall take such action as they consider necessary, providing that any decisions made shall be subject to ratification at the next Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting.

9. Plenary Committee

The ultimate executive power of the League shall be the responsibility of the Plenary Committee. It shall be convened only under exceptional circumstances; for example, when a dispute or a controversy cannot be resolved amicably by the Executive Committee. Decisions made by the Plenary Committee may override any decision of the Executive Committee.

The Plenary Committee shall comprise the League President, the Chairman, the Treasurer and the Secretary, together with two delegates from each affiliated club. The ex-officio members of the Plenary Committee may, if eligible, be representatives of their club.

The quorum for the Plenary Committee shall be five.

Members of a club in dispute shall not vote on the matter of the dispute at the meeting of the Plenary Committee.

10. Receipts and Expenditure

The funds of the League, including all donations, subscriptions and bequests, shall be paid into accounts operated by the Treasurer in the name of the League at such bank or banks as the Executive Committee shall from time to time decide. All cheques drawn on the accounts must be signed by the Treasurer and one other designated member of the Executive Committee.

The funds belonging to the League shall be applied only in furthering its objects.

The League's financial year shall begin on the 1st of May. The accounts of the League shall be made up to the 30th of April in each year and shall be audited prior to the next Annual General Meeting. The auditor shall not be an officer of the League.

11. Annual General Meeting

The Annual General meeting of the League shall be held in June each year. Fourteen days clear notice of the meeting shall be given by the League Secretary to the secretary of each affiliated club and to each member of the Executive Committee specifying the time and place fixed for such a meeting, and the business to be transacted. A quorum shall consist of twelve Associate Members or Vice-Presidents.

The AGM shall be open only to Associate Members and Vice-Presidents with each person attending being able to discuss and vote. Except for alterations to the Constitution, motions and elections shall be carried by a majority of those voting.

The meeting shall normally be chaired by the Chairman but in his or her absence the meeting shall elect another member of the Executive Committee to chair the meeting. The Chairman shall be empowered to decide whether voting on any issue shall be by a show of hands or by ballot.

The Annual General Meeting shall:

- a) Receive apologies for absence.
- b) Review the minutes of the last AGM and any intervening EGM.
- c) Discuss matters arising from the minutes.

- d) Receive Annual Reports from the Executive Committee as appropriate.
- e) Receive the Treasurer's Statement of Account.
- f) Fix the Annual Subscription.
- g) Elect clubs to Membership, if appropriate.
- h) Elect Vice Presidents, if appropriate.
- i) Appoint an Auditor for the ensuing year.
- j) Allow debate, amendment and voting on any resolutions and proposed competition rule amendments.

Resolutions and proposed competition rule amendments must be seconded and must be received in writing by the League Secretary by the 14th May previous to the meeting.

Where an alteration to a League rule requires other rules to be brought into line, the Executive Committee shall have the power to alter these rules without reference to a General Meeting.

- k) Receive nominations for officers and elect an Executive Committee as defined in Article 7.
- l) Nominate and elect delegates to serve on each of the main committees of the Welsh Chess Union.
- m) Nominate and elect an honorary Vice-President to sit on the Welsh Chess Union Appeal Committee.
- n) Transact any other business as may be necessary or desirable to bring before an Annual General Meeting.
- o) Award trophies and medals for the year's completed competitions.
- p) Be minuted with the minutes distributed to officers and club secretaries within 30 days.

12. Extraordinary General Meeting

The President or Secretary of the League may call an Extraordinary General Meeting of the League at any time as occasion may demand, and shall be bound to do so if requested in writing by representatives from at least four affiliated clubs who shall inform the Secretary of the purpose for which the meeting is required.

Fourteen days clear notice of the Meeting shall be given by the League Secretary to the secretary of each affiliated club and to each member of the Executive Committee specifying the time and place fixed for such a meeting, and the business to be transacted. A quorum shall consist of twelve Associate Members or Vice-Presidents.

The EGM shall be open only to Associate Members and Vice-Presidents with each person attending being able to discuss and vote. Except for alterations to the Constitution, motions and elections shall be carried by a majority of those voting.

The meeting shall normally be chaired by the Chairman but in his or her absence the meeting shall first elect another member of the Executive Committee to chair the meeting. The Chairman shall be empowered to decide whether voting on any issue shall be by a show of hands or by ballot.

An Extraordinary General Meeting shall be empowered to discuss only the specific business for which it was called.

13. Voting

At an Annual or Extraordinary General Meeting and at a committee meeting, individual members shall be entitled to one vote per motion. Voting shall normally be by a show of hands unless decided otherwise by the Chairman. Proxy voting shall not be permitted. The Chairman shall have a casting vote only.

14. Club Officials

It shall be the duty of the secretary of each affiliated club to give his or her name, address and telephone number to the League Secretary. The club secretary shall also supply the League Secretary with all information allied to the club's interactions with the rest of the League.

15. Obligation

All Officers, Vice Presidents and Associate Members shall be bound by these Constitutional Rules.

16. Alterations to the Constitution

The constitution may be altered by a resolution passed by no less than two-thirds of the members present and voting at a general meeting. The notice of the general meeting must include notice of the resolution, setting out the terms of the alteration required.

17. Dissolution

If the Executive Committee decides that it is necessary or advisable to dissolve the League it shall call a meeting of all members of the League. Fourteen days clear notice of the meeting shall be given by the League Secretary to the secretary of each affiliated club and to each member of the Executive Committee specifying the time and place fixed for the meeting, and the business to be transacted. A quorum shall consist of twelve Associate Members or Vice-Presidents. If the proposal is passed by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting the Executive Committee shall have power to realise any assets held by or on behalf of the League. Any assets remaining after the satisfaction of any debts and liabilities shall be given or transferred to another organisation having objects similar to the objects of the League.

Constitution rewritten : June 2011 Minor Amendment: June 2015

Team Competition Rules

In the event of a disagreement arising as to the correct interpretation of these Rules, the ruling of the Executive Committee shall be final. If necessary the interim decision of the League Secretary shall be adopted until such time as a decision of the Executive Committee can be made.

The words “he”, “him” and “his” include “she”, “her” and “hers”.

1. League Structure & Year to Year Running

1.1 Participation.

Participation in the West Wales Chess League (hereinafter referred to as the “League”) shall be open to all affiliated clubs. Clubs may enter one or more teams in the annual league competition which shall commence no sooner than the 1st September and end no later than the following 30th April. Other competitions such as the individual championship (for the E.J. Clarke Trophy) and the KO Cup (for the Stan Fortt Trophy) may extend into the summer.

1.2 Structure.

The League shall be grouped into Divisions 1, 2, 3 etc.

The League shall be structured by the Executive Committee into one or more other divisions plus, if required, a Minor League for lower graded players (see separate section).

Teams shall consist of five players except for the Minor League where there shall be four players.

Each team shall play at least one home and one away match against every other team in its Division with the possible exception of the Minor League where the number and organisation of matches shall be at the discretion of the Executive Committee. Each Division shall compete for a trophy, which shall be held by the winning team for one year.

1.3 New Teams.

Any team entered in the League for the first time shall normally compete in the lowest division. It may, subject to the discretion of the Executive Committee, be placed in another Division based on proven strength and fitness, if this is considered to be in the best interests of the League.

1.4 Scoring and League Positions

In a match, each game won will count as 1 game point, each game drawn will count as ½ a game point and nothing for a loss. The side that obtains the greater number of game points wins the match. If both sides obtain the same number of game points the match is drawn.

Two match points shall be awarded for a win, one for a draw and nothing for a loss. League positions shall be determined by a team’s total match point score, less any points deducted for rule infringements. If two or more teams tie for the top place in

any division or for a promotion or relegation place the relative positions shall be resolved on the basis of game points. In the event of a further tie the placing shall be determined by a comparison of the total game scores between the teams involved. The team with the highest value being ranked higher. If a tie still exists the placing shall be determined by a single play-off match between the teams concerned (home venue decided by lot). In the event of a drawn play-off match, if all games are drawn then the match shall be replayed at the away team's venue, otherwise the result shall be determined by bottom board elimination.

1.5 Promotion and Relegation.

The teams finishing in first place in Division 2 and lower shall be promoted to the next highest Division and shall not be allowed to refuse such promotion. Only the team finishing in bottom place in any Division, except the last, will normally be relegated. However, the Executive Committee shall be empowered to promote or relegate any team at its discretion in cases where the committee is satisfied that the best interests of the League are served by such promotions or relegations.

1.6 Grades

The Welsh Chess Union July grading list shall apply to these rules throughout the season, except that after January 1st the January grading list shall apply to the board order of each team.

Where a player does not have a published WCU grade then his club secretary shall liaise with the League Grading Officer and an estimated grade shall be allocated.

All competition games played under these rules shall be graded, unless stated otherwise.

2. Arrangements for the Playing Season

2.1 Entries.

Team applications for the following season shall be submitted to the League Secretary prior to the League AGM and if necessary discussed at the AGM.

2.2 Venues.

All clubs should play League matches at a suitable venue. Details regarding a club's venue and its start time for matches shall be published in the League's Official Year Book but, in the event of a change, clubs must ensure that the venue for their home matches is known to their opponents.

Any club that cannot provide suitable premises and playing conditions may be required by the Executive Committee to play all or some of its matches away from home.

2.3 Administration

The administration of these rules as they pertain to each division shall be the responsibility of a Divisional Controller elected at the League's AGM.

2.4 Fixtures.

League matches shall be played on the evenings of Monday to Friday inclusive commencing between 7.00 pm and 7.30 pm.

Each club shall submit to the League Secretary details of any restrictions concerning their fixtures. For example dates on which teams do not want to play and whether the club is unable to field certain teams at the same time.

The fixture list shall be published in the League's Official Year Book, at least 14 days before the first fixture.

Subject to agreement between the respective team captains, matches may be played in advance of the scheduled date.

2.5 Procedure for Postponement

The primary function of this rule is to stop casual postponements of fixtures just because a team captain is having difficulty raising a team.

Fixtures, therefore, may only be postponed by consent of the Divisional Controller and then only under exceptional circumstances. An exceptional circumstance is defined as an unusual situation over which the team asking for a postponement has no control. Examples include such things as loss of venue, severe weather, sudden death and loss of transport. ***Straightforward unavailability of players is, however, not a sufficient reason for requesting a postponement.***

A team captain seeking a postponement should consult the relevant Divisional Controller or if this is not possible an independent member of the committee. If the Divisional Controller or committee member approves a request for postponement the team captain should then inform the opposing team captain and agree a new date. If it is decided that a postponement is not justified then teams failing to fulfil a fixture shall lose the match by default and accrue default point deductions as detailed in Rule 3.11.

If both teams agree a postponement without the consent of the Divisional Controller then both teams shall be deemed to have defaulted the match and be penalised accordingly.

A team captain disagreeing with the decision has the right of appeal under Rule 8.

Where a postponement is agreed and agreement on a new date cannot be reached then the Divisional Controller may impose a date for the fixture to be played. The venue shall normally remain unchanged. When a new date for the fixture has been agreed no further postponement is permitted.

Where a club has two or more teams in the same Division the teams involved shall be scheduled to play each other in the earliest possible rounds. ***Should such matches be postponed, then both teams will be scored zero but no default points will be deducted.***

2.6 Team Withdrawals

In the event of a team withdrawing or being expelled from the League before the completion of its fixtures the scores of all its played matches shall be cancelled.

2.7 Player Eligibility

All players in the League Competitions must be bona fide members of the clubs for which they play and clubs have until October 31st each season to pay fees and register their players with the League Treasurer. ***Failure to meet the above date will carry the following match point deductions:***

- One week late (or any part thereof) - 1 match point per team.
- Two weeks late (or any part thereof) - 2 match points per team.
- Three weeks late (or any part thereof) - 3 match points per team.
- Four weeks late (or any part thereof) - 4 match points per team.

Any failure after this will mean suspension from League competitions for the remainder of the season.

After October 31st new players must be registered and fees paid at least 24 hours before playing. If necessary these new registrations and associated fees can be accepted by a member of the Executive Committee. No new registrations shall be accepted after March 31st in that season.

A player may not be registered with more than one League club at a time. A player may, however, transfer to another club by cancelling his original registration then re-registering with his new club and paying a fee equal to the original League fee. He may play for his new club provided the registration is completed by December 31st in that season.

If, during the season, a club should cease to exist then players may re-register with another club and are not required to pay any further fees. They may, in addition, play for that club even if the re-registration takes place after December 31st.

2.8 Nominated Players

a) Declaring Nominations.

All affiliated clubs are entitled to compete and may enter as many teams as they wish. These teams shall be ranked in order of playing strength by the club concerned. ***All clubs entering more than one team shall send to the league secretary a list of nominated players for all its teams except the last.*** This list shall be submitted by the club secretary at least three days before any team in that club plays its first match. Clubs shall then have four weeks from the date of their first match to amend their lists in the event that the club recruits new members or existing members become unsuitable nominees or leave. Players removed from the list will not be obliged to play in a minimum of six matches (see Rule 2.8b below).

The nomination list shall contain 3 names for first division teams and 2 names for teams from other divisions.

Should any club fail to nominate its players as required then the League secretary, after consultation with relevant parties, shall nominate suitable players.

b) Obligation on Nominated Players.

During the season nominated players must play a minimum of 6 matches for the team for which they are nominated or for a higher ranked team. ***For each nominated player that does not complete this number of games then points shall be deducted from his team's total match points as follows:-***

For one game short of the requirement 2 match points shall be deducted.

For each further game short of the requirement 1 additional match point shall be deducted up to a maximum of 7 points for no game being played.

c) Restrictions on Nominated Players

Nominated players and fellow club players with a higher grade are **NOT** allowed to play down in any lower ranked team. ***If this rule is broken then the offending team shall lose the match and forfeit all game points to the opposition. In addition, for each occasion on which it happens, the offending team shall have 2 match points deducted from their score for the season.***

For grading purposes the results of the individual games shall stand and individual players shall not be penalised.

The implementation of this rule shall be based on the players' grades as published in the WCU July grading list and any increase or decrease in grade after July shall be ignored.

d) Changing Nominations

After the four week period detailed in Rule 2.8 a) a team may also make changes to its nomination list at any time, **provided that the player being removed from the nomination list has completed 4 matches.** Apart from exceptional circumstances deemed acceptable by the Executive Committee the newly nominated player shall, after nomination, play 6 matches for the team for which he is nominated or for a higher ranked team. This shall be in addition to any matches already played and the obligations and restrictions detailed above shall also apply.

However, should a nominated player leave a club or cease playing, the club may apply to the Executive Committee to replace the nominated player without penalty. If the Executive Committee agree to the replacement they shall also decide on what obligations and restrictions to place on the newly nominated player.

3. Rules Governing Play

3.1 Playing Rules

In general all games shall be played according to the rules of the game as laid down by the *Federation Internationale des Echecs* (known as FIDE from its French acronym). Where there is conflict between FIDE and League rules the League rules take precedence.

There have been a few changes to FIDE Laws and the latest revision (effective from 1st July 2017) can currently be downloaded from <http://rules.fide.com>. All players are expected to have some familiarity with these rules (*ignorance of the law is no excuse!*). They are also available on the League's "leaguerepublic" web site (see cover).

All games in the League are played under Quickplay finish rules. These rules are designed to prevent a player from winning on time when the position on the board does not justify it. The Quickplay rules used by the League are given in the appendix and replace the corresponding FIDE rules .

3.2 Rights of Team captains

Both team captains shall act as arbiters for their match and players shall refer disputes during and after a match to their team captains. If agreement between the team captains cannot be reached then the dispute shall be referred in writing and within 21

days to the relevant Divisional Controller. All disputes must be communicated by the team captains or club secretary. No dispute communicated by an individual player will be considered.

A team captain is not permitted to intervene during play except that he is authorised to point out an illegal move, and at the first time control to call flag fall, if this occurs.

During a match all players may approach their captains for advice on points of law or dispute; but team captains may not give specific advice or contravene the FIDE laws on "Conduct of Players". Players offered a draw, or who wish to offer a draw, may ask their captain for advice provided that the position of the game is neither discussed or scrutinised by the team captain. Team captains shall not offer unsolicited advice to players; doing so may be regarded as legitimate grounds for complaint by the opposing team captain.

3.3 Interference

Team captains should be aware of their responsibility to prevent any spectator interference whatsoever in any game still in progress.

3.4 Clocks and Time Controls

Clocks shall be used in all games, including those in the Minor League. The home team is responsible for the provision of properly functioning clocks and pre-printed score sheets. ***All games not provided with clocks and score sheets are considered games lost by default by the home team.***

The player of the black pieces shall choose on which hand the clock is to be placed.

In divisions 1, 2, 3 etc a period of 3 hours shall be allowed for each match. In the Minor League a period of 2 hours 10 minutes shall be allowed.

In all divisions except the Minor League, the rate of play is 30 moves in 1 hour. On the completion of 30 moves by both players, the time available will be increased by 30 minutes to both players and each player must then play all remaining moves in the time available to him.

In the Minor League the rate of play is all moves in 65 minutes.

3.5 The Recording of the Moves

All players must record their games move by move, up to the last 5 minutes of any time control (but see Rule 7). Algebraic notation, while strongly encouraged in all Divisions, is not compulsory.

In competitions organised by the League, players are allowed to record their games in a notebook but are reminded that under FIDE rules they are forbidden to make use of any notes or sources of information. They must not refer to previous entries in the notebook and doing so shall be regarded as legitimate grounds for complaint by the opposing player or team captain. FIDE rule 8.1 a) forbids the writing of moves in advance.

Note also that a player who has ceased to record the game must continue to press the clock with the hand used to make the last move. It is forbidden for a player to keep his finger on the button or to "hover" over it.

3.6 Colours

The away team shall play with the white pieces on the odd numbered boards and with the black pieces on the even numbered boards.

3.7 Team Declaration and Playing Order

Before the start of play captains shall exchange completed team lists showing players, each player's grade and the playing order. ***If the team order is changed after a captain has submitted his list then the offending team shall lose the match and forfeit all game points to the opposition. If both teams change their team order no penalties shall be imposed.***

Players shall be listed in descending order of playing strength, with the strongest player on board 1. Playing strength will be defined as the most recently published WCU grade and differences of less than 100 points may be ignored. In outline, where a player with a lower grade plays above a player with a higher grade then there can be no more than 99 points difference in their respective grades. In cases of dispute the views of the League Secretary or Grading Officer should be sought prior to play. ***Any team playing out of grading order shall lose the match and forfeit all game points to the opposition. If both teams play out of grading order then both teams will score zero match points. The only exception to this is when an out of order substitution is agreed by the opposing team captain.***

For grading purposes the results of individual games shall stand and individual players shall not be penalised.

No player may play in more than one game at a time.

3.8 Commencement of Match

Captains are urged to start matches promptly, at the time stated in the yearbook, and not wait for absent players. Should any team delay the start of the match the time lost shall, if the opposing team wishes, be deducted from the clocks of the offending team.

3.9 Incomplete Teams & Ineligible Players

If a team is unable to list a full complement of players before the match starts, defaults shall normally commence on the lowest board and continue upwards, unless both team captains agree otherwise. The team shall lose a game for each player in default.

When a player arrives for a match more than 45 minutes after the start of his clock then he will be considered to have defaulted the game unless both players concerned and both team captains agree to the game being played.

If a player who does not satisfy the eligibility criteria laid down in Rule 2.7 takes part in a match then his game shall be lost by default and the opposing team shall be awarded the game point. In addition for each occasion on which a team fields one or more ineligible players, the offending team shall have one match point deducted from their score for the season. Games played by ineligible players shall not be graded.

3.10 Substitutes

A player who fails to arrive may be replaced by a substitute up to 45 minutes after the start of the player's clock. Substitution must conform to Rule 3.7 above unless both team captains agree otherwise. ***The substitute shall commence play with the clock as it stands.***

Any player replaced by a substitute is not eligible to play in the match in question should he subsequently arrive.

Except for boards 1 & 2 (see 3.11 below) the substitution of a listed player carries no penalty.

3.11 Penalties for Games Lost by Default or Substituting

During the season **all** the defaulting games of a team are totalled. Match points are deducted from the team's seasonal total as follows:

0 - 3 defaults	0 points	4 - 5 defaults	1 point
6 - 7 defaults	2 points	8 – 9 defaults	3 points
10 - 11 defaults	4 points	12 – 13 defaults	5 points

and so on.

In addition teams defaulting or substituting on boards 1 or 2 have a further 2 match points deducted for each of these boards defaulted or substituted, **but excluding the first two occasions.**

If any of the defaults arise out of genuine unforeseen circumstances the Controller or Executive Committee shall be empowered to annul these default penalty points if they are satisfied that the best interests of the League are served by doing so.

In the event of an entire team defaulting 2 or more matches it shall be considered to have withdrawn from the league unless it has the express authority of the Executive Committee to continue its fixtures.

3.12 Mobile Phones

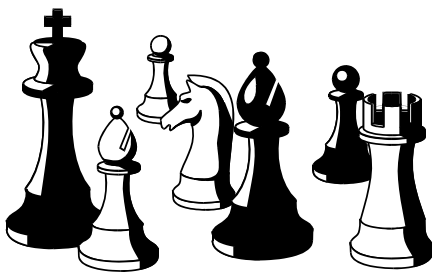
All mobile telephones shall be switched off for the duration of the match. The only exception is if the rule needs to be waived for an individual player because of exceptional circumstances.

If the mobile telephone of any other player makes a sound then that player shall be instructed to switch it off. If that telephone produces a sound for a second time the player shall automatically lose the game. The opponent shall win. However, if the opponent cannot win the game by any series of legal moves, **his** score shall be a draw. Games shall be graded accordingly. To ensure even-handedness players and team captains must enforce this rule even if they feel uncomfortable doing so!

It is the responsibility of team captains to remind players of this rule before each match and any exceptions must be declared.

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West Wales **50th** ***Week-end*** ***Congress***



**Venue: The Mercure Swansea Hotel,
Phoenix Way, Llansamlet, Swansea, SA7 9EG
FRIDAY – SUNDAY
17th Nov – 19th Nov 2017**

OPEN: FIDE RATED

**Open to any FIDE registered member of the
Welsh Chess Union or other National Body**

MAJOR & MINOR SECTIONS

**All players in the Major Event must be
registered with the Welsh Chess Union or
their respective national body.**

If you are playing in the Open Section you must ensure you have a FIDE ID number before entering the tournament. To do this you will need to contact your National Federation.

Schedule of Rounds

Round 1 – Friday 17th November 6.30 p.m.

Round 2 – Saturday 18th November 9.30 a.m.

Round 3 – Saturday 18th November 2.45 p.m.

Round 4 – Sunday 19th November 9.30 a.m.

Round 5 – Sunday 19th November 2.45 p.m.

Please send your entries to Les Philpin, 59 Cecil Road,
Gowerton, Swansea, SA4 3DF
Tel: 01792 418711
Mob: 07970 840247
e-mail newsilure@hotmail.com

Name _____

Address _____

e-mail address _____

Tel No: _____

Club _____ Grade (if any) _____

Bye Requested in Round _____

Section you wish to enter (Open, Major or Minor) _____

Entry fee enclosed _____ Voluntary donation enclosed _____.

For the Open section the following information is required:

Date of Birth ____ / ____ / ____ **FIDE ID Number** _____

Prizes and Entry Fees

OPEN **Entry fee £25**

Prizes 1st £200; 2nd £75; 3rd £50

A grading prize will be awarded at under 2000

MAJOR **(Under 1850) Entry fee £22**

Prizes 1st £150; 2nd £70; 3rd £35

A grading prize will be awarded at under 1650

MINOR **(Under 1500) Entry fee £20**

Prizes 1st £120; 2nd £60; 3rd £30

A grading prize will be awarded at under 1300

CONGRESS RULES

Rates of play All moves in 90 minutes, with 30 seconds cumulative increment for each move starting from the first move.

Bye Players may claim a ½ point bye in any of the first four rounds provided it is requested with entry.

Withdrawals Regrettably refunds will not be considered until the cost of overheads are met.

Exclusions The organizers reserve the right to exclude or transfer entries.

Prizes Only the highest prizes will be awarded to players eligible for more than 1 prize. Organizers reserve the right to adjust prize levels depending on the level of entry.

Late arrivals Will be allowed 30 minutes in all rounds and then defaulted.

Appeals Any Appeal against an arbiter's decision must be made within 30 minutes of the original decision and accompanied by a deposit of £40 which will only be returned if the appeal is upheld. The decision of the Chief Arbiter (or Deputy Chief Arbiter if the Chief Arbiter made the original decision) is final and cannot be appealed.

Grading In the Open section the November 2017 FIDE Rating List will be used together with the Summer 2017 WCU, ECF and other national lists.

For Major and Minor sections the Summer 2017 WCU, ECF and other national lists will be used.

Ungraded players must consult the congress secretary before entering the Major or Minor section.

Directions to the Swansea Mercure Hotel

Just three miles from Swansea city centre and within easy reach of the M4, the Mercure Swansea Hotel is set in landscaped lakeside ground.

<http://www.mercureswansea.co.uk/>

Exit M4 at junction 44, signposted towards Swansea east and A48. Join the A48 (Peniel Green Road), following signs for Llansamlet. At the third set of traffic lights, opposite the Smith's Arms, turn left onto the A4217. At the roundabout, turn right onto Fendrod Way and then turn left at the next roundabout onto Phoenix way. The hotel is 0.5 miles further along the road, on the right-hand side.

On line directions - <http://www.mercureswansea.co.uk/contact.html>

Accommodation

The Swansea Mercure Hotel is offering preferential rates to those attending the West Wales Congress. To secure these rates please contact the hotel on 01792 315413.

The general contact number for the hotel is 0844 8159081

SMOKING IS NOT ALLOWED IN THE PLAYING HALL

Notification of Results

The home team is responsible for ensuring that the match result has been communicated to the Controller and the League Grading Officer within 48 hours of the match ending. The easiest way to do this is by using the “Match Card” which is currently available online at <http://www.westwaleschess.com/matchcard.html>

The results communicated must include all relevant details and show substitutions and defaults.

Failure to meet this deadline shall result in a match point being deducted from the seasonal total of the home team.

4. Trophies

All trophies are the property of the League. They are held by the respective winners for 12 months and shall then be returned at the League AGM.

5. Players of the Year

Each division shall have a Player of the Year. The winner shall be decided by the Divisional Controller who, having due regard to the games played in the relevant division, may use whatever criteria he thinks appropriate. Players of the Year shall have next season's League and Welsh Chess Union fees paid for by the League.

6. Exemptions

Any player who for medical reasons feels disadvantaged by the time it takes him to record moves may apply to the Executive Committee to be given exemption from recording moves. Any player given exemption shall have the initial time on their clock reduced by 10 minutes.

Any club or player having a strong case for exemption from any of the other rules may apply in writing to the Executive Committee for dispensation.

7. Appeals

Clubs lodging an objection must do so in writing to the Controller within 21 days of the alleged offence or incident. After this period no objection or claim shall be allowed. All appeals must be signed by either the secretary of the club making the objection or the team captain of the team involved in the objection.

An appeal may be made against a Controller's decision. This shall be addressed to the League Secretary for consideration by the Executive Committee and must be submitted within 21 days of the Controller's decision and such an appeal shall state the grounds on which it is made. A decision on the appeal shall then be made at the next Executive Committee meeting. This decision shall be final.

Minor League Rules

1. General

All the above rules apply except where amended below.

2. Time Limit

The rate of play is all moves in 65 minutes. Quickplay Finish Rules shall apply (see Appendix)

3. Nominations

All clubs entering more than 1 team in the Minor League shall send to the League Secretary and the Minor League Controller, the names of 2 nominated players for all its teams except the last. These names shall be submitted by the club secretary before **any** of the club's teams has played its third match of the season.

4. Accompanying Adults

All games involving juniors must be supervised by an adult.

5. Grade Limit

All players must be graded 1350 or below (includes an estimated grade where appropriate). Players who believe they have a case for exemption may apply to the Executive Committee for dispensation, but they may not play until such dispensation has been obtained.

6. Colours

The away team shall play with the white pieces on the odd numbered boards and with the black pieces on the even numbered boards.

7. Boards

The number of boards played in a match is 4.

8. Quickplay finish rules shall apply.

Knockout Cup Rules

1. The Competition shall be open to teams from all affiliated clubs, but entry shall not be compulsory.
2. All team members must be registered beforehand with the West Wales Chess League.
3. The Knockout Cup will be organised into three sections.

An Open section (for the Stanley Fortt Memorial Cup) open to all players.

An Under 1800 section (for the Richard E. Jones Memorial Cup) open to players having a grade of 1800 or lower.

An Under 1400 section (for the A.D. Nicholson Shield) open to players having a grade of 1400 or lower.

Players eligibility for the various sections will be based on their WCU July grade (see Rule 1.6). Board order in a team will, however, be based either on the July grade or the January grade whichever is most current.

4. Players will be allowed to play for more than one team provided that those teams are entered in different sections.
5. Teams shall consist of 4 players.
6. Pairings for each round shall be determined by a draw to be made by the Knockout Cup Controller, at least three weeks before the first round. The first named team shall be drawn at home.
7. Matches are to be played by the dates published in the Official Yearbook or as decreed by the Knockout Cup Controller.
8. The team drawn at home shall be responsible for match arrangements and teams shall toss for colours. The side winning the toss shall have the white pieces on board 1.
9. In the event of a draw, the lower board result is discounted until a result is achieved (aka bottom board elimination).
10. In the event of four draws then each team shall nominate one player to play one Blitz game of 5 minutes on each clock without the need to record the moves, tossing for colours. This shall continue until a winner emerges. The winner's team will be declared winners of that match.
11. **Rules governing the League Competition shall, where applicable, be binding on the team Knockout Competition.**
12. **An appeal against any decision of the controller may be made to the Executive Committee whose decision shall be final. The appeal must be made within 21 days of the alleged offence or incident.**

Appendix: WWCL Quickplay Finish Rules

General

1. ***Quickplay Finish rules are designed to prevent a player from winning on time when the position on the board does not justify it.***
2. A Quickplay finish is one in which all remaining moves must be made by a player within a given time (but see Rule 11 below). Analogue clocks are stopped when Black has made his time-control move, the times on the clocks are then noted and the clocks are set back by an additional stipulated time. The final time control is on the hour and a player retains the use of any time he has not consumed.

Digital clocks are pre-programmed with the additional time before the game starts. They do not need to be stopped or altered.
3. The FIDE Laws of Chess, which regulate the normal game of chess, apply except where specifically modified below.

4. Spectators must never interfere.
5. Before commencing, the players must inspect the settings on the clock. An error cannot normally be corrected after each player has made a move.
6. Each player must record the moves one by one until less than five minutes remain on that player's clock.

Use of the clock

The clocks must not be stopped before the end of the game except for a query requiring the presence of the team captains or where assistance is required, for example when promotion has taken place and the piece required is not available.

Illegal Move

7. Any illegal move will be treated under the normal laws of chess.

Loss on Time

8. A player will lose on time if his opponent can stop the clocks showing that the player's flag has fallen and his own flag has not fallen. However, the game is drawn if the position is such that the opponent cannot checkmate the player's king by any possible series of legal moves.

Claiming a Draw

9. If an analogue clock shows that both flags are down, the game is drawn, irrespective of which flag fell first. Digital clocks stop after one player has used all of his time and the situation where both flags are down does not arise.
10. A player may claim a draw during the last two minutes on his clock and before his own flag falls.

In the majority of cases, players know perfectly well which player has a winning advantage, and there is no dispute if that player claims a draw. The difficult cases are those in which material is more even, but where players claim that their opponents cannot win for positional reasons. To avoid the unnecessary involvement of team captains, it is recommended that a player should offer a draw before claiming a draw. **If the offer is declined, the player should then claim the draw and stop the clocks. This ends the game and *there will be no further play.***

In the League there are three grounds for claiming a draw under this rule.

The player must claim:

- a) that his opponent has been making no effort to win by normal means or
- b) that he is clearly winning or
- c) that the game is clearly drawn.

In the case of a) the player making the claim must write down the final position and submit an up to date scoresheet. His opponent should verify the scoresheet and the final position.

In cases b) and c) the player making the claim must write down the final position and his opponent should verify it.

Winning by normal means: - is defined as moving purposely to win the game over the board without reference to the state of the opponent's clock.

Clearly winning: - is defined as being at least a piece or three pawns to the good without the opponent having any compensation. Certain end game positions where a player is less than three pawns to the good may also fall into this category.

Clearly drawn: - is defined as being one of a number of well known drawn positions (e.g. see Reubin Fine's 'Basic Chess Endings'). If the player making the claim is able briefly and conclusively to demonstrate a draw, then this shall be accepted by his opponent.

The claim shall then be discussed by the players and if not resolved it shall be submitted to the two captains. The team captains' decision is not an adjudication, but an ad hoc decision based on the position on the board and the claims of the players. **Pieces must not be moved on the board; and only the players and the team captains must be involved in the decision.** If it is still not resolved the position and relevant information should be referred to the Executive Committee, who will refer, if necessary to an independent arbiter. The arbiter's decision shall be final.

11. A player may not move slowly in the Quickplay finish and then claim a draw under Rule 11. To claim a draw under that rule he must make at least 30 moves during the time added for the Quickplay finish.

In the Minor League a player must have made at least 50 moves during the course of the game in order to claim a draw under Rule 11.

Guidance for players who are short of time (less than 2 minutes)

If you are clearly winning and play for a win, you risk losing (but see Rule 9). Rule 11 allows you to claim a draw (before your flag falls).

If you are holding a position so that your opponent cannot make progress, offer him a draw. If the offer is rejected, claim a draw, stop the clocks, and summon the team captains.

Team Competition Rules rewritten: June 2011

Amended: June 2012

Amended: June 2013

Amended: June 2014

Amended: June 2015

Amended: June 2016

Amended: June 2017

Affiliated Clubs

Briton Ferry / Nidum

Venues: Nidum & All Blacks: Neath RFC, 87 Gnoll Road, Neath, SA11 3BU
Giants & Brunel: Briton Ferry Constitutional Club & Institute Ltd. Graig House, Graig Road, Briton Ferry SA11 2YY

Match Night: Nidum & All Blacks: Tuesday 7:30pm
Giants & Brunel: Thursday 7:30 pm

Secretary: Glyn Sinnett: 25 Heol-y-felin, Seven Sisters, Neath, SA10 9BH
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Team Captains:

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Brunel Lyndon Todd: Tel: 01639 697653 / 07709 986960

Castell-Nedd

Venue: Tonna Rugby Club, Mount Pleasant, Tonna, Neath, SA11 3HX

Match Night: Tuesday 7:15 pm

Secretary: Hywel Griffiths: Pencastell, Brytwn Rd, Cymmer, Port Talbot, SA13 3EP
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Emperors Martyn Griffiths: Tel: 01639 636332 email: mart346@hotmail.co.uk
Tribunes Dennis Thomas: Tel: 01639 774250 email: d.thomas6090@ntlworld.com

Commercial Inn, Greene King

Venue: Commercial Inn, 403 Gower Road, Killay, Swansea, SA2 7AN
Match Night: Tuesday 7:30 pm
Secretary: Dr Ray Hastie: Tel: 01792 219922
& Team Captain

De la Beche

Venue: The Poppy Lounge, De la Beche Park, Parkview Terrace, Sketty, Swansea SA2 9AN
Match Night: Thursday 7:30pm
Secretary: Gary Harber: 7 Glenfield Close, Sketty, Swansea. SA2 0TY.
Tel: 01792 233562 email: garyharber@hotmail.co.uk

Team Captains:

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De la Beche B&C John Porter: Tel: 01792 201466

Morrison Coopers

Venues: A,B, C & D teams: The Coopers Arms, Neath Road, Swansea, SA6 8JU
E & F teams: Senior Citizen Pavilion, Birchgrove Road, Glais, Swansea, SA7 9EN
Match Nights: A,B,C & D: Tuesday 7:30 pm; E & F Teams: Friday 7:00 pm
Secretary: Les Philpin: 59 Cecil Road, Gowerton, Swansea SA4 3DF.
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Team Captains:

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St Michaels School

Venue St Michael's School, Bryn, Llanelli, SA14 9TU

Match Night Friday 7:00 pm

Secretary: Jon Jenkins

& Team Captain Tel: 0751 7393538 email: jenkinsj@stmikes.co.uk

Swansea University

Venue: Opposition Teams meet at Fulton House (top of drive), Singleton Campus, Swansea University, SA2 8PP. A representative of the University team will meet you.

Match Night Wednesday 7:30pm

NB. In 2017/18 the University will be playing all their matches at home even when they are listed as being "away".

Secretary: Siphon Donovan

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University A & B Siphon Donovan

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Upper Killay

Venue: Upper Killay Recreational Hall, Fairwood Lane, Upper Killay, Swansea, SA2 7HP

Match Night Wednesday 7:15 pm

Secretary: June Evans: 113 Belgrave Road, Loughor, Swansea. SA4 6RE

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Hawks Janet Evans: Tel: 01792 523894 email: janetevans1958@yahoo.co.uk

White Knights

Venue: The Conservative Club, 2, Cowell Street, Llanelli, SA15 1UU

Match Nights – A & D teams: Wednesday 7:15 pm

C team: Tuesday 7:15 pm

B team: Thursday 7:15 pm

Secretary: Jason Garcia: 9 Kingfisher Court, Llanelli, SA15 1GT.

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Team Captains:

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White Knights D Mike Richards: Tel: 07826 517464

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Rating List 1st July 2017

Briton Ferry / Nidum

Name	Grade	Name	Grade
Adam Musson	2121	Dennis Jones	1638
Craig Evans	2093	Robert Wood	1579
Rob Saunders	2084	Peter George	1525
Alan Bennett	2049	David Merryweather	1488
Andrew Gibbons	2010	Jeff Burrows	1484
Matthew Davies	2006	Kelvin Haines	1483
Bob Moore	1977	Albert Easton	1400
Mark Evans	1941	Lyndon Todd	1327
Chris Sims	1882	Colin Chambers	1240
Glyn Sinnett	1838	Jonathan Davies	1240
Mal Kingman	1722	Carl Halpin	1224
Mike Cleaves	1713	Chris Simmons	1167
Steve Morgan	1647		

Castell Nedd

Name	Grade	Name	Grade
Hywel Griffiths	1823	John Davies	1281
Steve Smith	1821	Dennis Thomas	1062
Martyn Griffiths	1793	Byron Jones	961
Michael Beck	1632	Stephen Lloyd-Brown	960
Anthony Beck	1581	Dylan Greenway	880
Louis Ba Thein	1470		

Commercial Inn, Greene King

Name	Grade	Name	Grade
Ray Hastie	1300	Chris Weekes	1300
Myke Anton	1300	Hayden Osborne	1300
Yannick Le Begot	1300	Brian Davis	1300
Tom Hughes	1300	James Long	1300
Matt Edwards	1300		

De la Beche

Name	Grade	Name	Grade
Tom Winfield	1781	Vaughan Thomas	1300
Peter Smith	1618	Alan Rosser	1288
Phil Helliwell	1568	Derek Bellamy	1162
Mark Livingston	1424	Roger Llewellyn	1155
Mark Wilson	1416	Clive Gosling	1026
Gary Harber	1396	Sakina Bean	991
Ken Huntley	1377	John Porter	972
Paul Bevan	1332	Mike Osborn	893

Morrison Coopers

Name	Grade	Name	Grade
Carl Strugnell	2297	Dave Conway	1222
Richard Cleveland	2092	Joel Chung	1171
Ian Jones	2000	Joseph Cura	1147
Peter Bevan	1965	Joe Spooner	1101
Juraj Sokolsky	1886	Griff Davies	1081
Mike Burrows	1867	John Ward	1035
Ian Eustis	1806	Leighton Anthony	1033
Adrian Davies	1698	Kevin Cullen	1000
Andrew Smith	1662	Darson Beeston	987
Paul Scott	1537	Lee Stevens	965

Les Philpin	1521	Harri Beale	914
David Toner	1500	Cameron Bale	910
Mateusz Sieduszewski	1452	Alice Potter	902
Sean Denton	1407	Ioan Phillips	854
Tony Goodchild	1345	Claire Roberts	850
Eleanor Collins	1304	Ella Toner	850
Daniel Chung	1261	Kristian Wilkins	850
Rishi Choudhuri	1259		

Swansea University

Name	Grade	Name	Grade
Thomas Van Veelen	1993	George Searle	1455
Marek Simon	1893	Joseph Addis	1447
Arthur Rinvolucri	1772	Ezaq Dzafriedin Bin Mohd Zaki	1435
Neil Stuart	1689	Mohammad Farhadi	1331
Elias Muriad	1588	Max Browning	1322
Sebastian Hay	1573	Jacob Asher	1206
Donovan Siphon	1540	Kang Zhang	1180

Upper Killay

Name	Grade	Name	Grade
Richard Morgan	1622	Ken James	1128
Ralph Cook	1596	June Evans	1006
Bill Flew	1346	Ian Dyer	998
Paul Meara	1291	Norman Speak	912
Alan Bean	1267	Julian Bradshaw	870
Nick Hale	1196	Richard Discombe-Short	867
Cecil Rowland	1181	Janet Evans	862
Greg Goold	1173	Gwynne Rhys-Jones	850

White Knights

Name	Grade	Name	Grade
Gerry Heap	2132	Tony Crossman	1663
William Hewitt	2110	Malcolm Probert	1641
Alan Young	2101	James Evans	1624
Jason Garcia	2078	Huw Jones	1621
Nicholas Evans	2051	Guto Neave	1585
Adam May	2036	Guto Llywelyn	1501
David Buttell	1913	Richard Williams	1412
David Guy	1865	Mike Richards	1350
Keith Downey	1785	Chandon Brown	1287
Chris Daniel	1725	Ian Evans	1002
Tomasz Miga	1694		

Division 1 (7 teams)	Division 2 (9 teams)	Division 3 (10 teams)
Briton Ferry Nidum	Briton Ferry Giants	Briton Ferry Brunel
Briton Ferry All Blacks	Castell Nedd Emperors	Castell-Nedd Tribunes
Morrison A	De la Beche A	Greene King Commercial
Swansea University A	Morrison B	De la Beche B
White Knights A	Morrison C	De la Beche C
White Knights B	Morrison D	Morrison E
White Knights C	Swansea University B	Morrison F
	Upper Killay Merlins	St Michael's School
	White Knights D	Upper Killay Harriers
		Upper Killay Hawks

Team Competition Rule 1.5 reads:

The teams finishing in first place in Division 2 and lower shall be promoted to the next highest Division and shall not be allowed to refuse such promotion. Only the team finishing in bottom place in any Division, except the last, will normally be relegated.

Fixtures 2017 - 18

Date	Division 1	Division 2	Division 3
Tue 05-Sep	Lightning Tournament – Morriston Chess Club		

Tue 12-Sep	Nidum v All Blacks Morriston A v W Knights C	Emperors v De la Beche A Morriston D v Giants	
Wed 13-Sep	W Knights A v W Knights B		Harriers v Hawks
Thu 14-Sep			De la Beche B v St Michael's
Fri 15-Sep			Morriston E v Morriston F

Tue 19-Sep	Nidum v Morriston A W Knights C v W Knights A	Morriston C v Morriston D	Tribunes v Brunel
Wed 20-Sep		Merlins v Emperors	
Thu 21-Sep		Giants v Morriston B	De la Beche B v De la Beche C
Fri 22-Sep			Morriston E v Harriers

Tue 26-Sep	All Blacks v Morriston A	Emperors v Giants Morriston D v W Knights D	
Wed 27-Sep	University A v W Knights B	University B v Morriston C	Harriers v Brunel
Thu 28-Sep			De la Beche C v Greene King
Fri 29-Sep			Morriston F v De la Beche B

Tue 03-Oct	Morriston A v W Knights A	Morriston C v Merlins	
Wed 04-Oct	All Blacks v University A	De la Beche A v University B W Knights D v Morriston B	Hawks v De la Beche C
Thu 05-Oct	W Knights B v W Knights C		Brunel v St Michael's De la Beche B v Morriston E
Fri 06-Oct			Morriston F v Tribunes

Tue 10-Oct	Nidum v W Knights A	Emperors v W Knights D Morriston B v Morriston C	Greene King v Morriston F
Wed 11-Oct	W Knights C v University A	University B v Morriston D Merlins v De la Beche A	
Thu 12-Oct	W Knights B v All Blacks		De la Beche B v Harriers
Fri 13-Oct			Morriston E v Hawks St Michael's v De la Beche C

Date	Division 1	Division 2	Division 3
Tue 17-Oct	Nidum v W Knights B	Morriston D v Morriston B	Tribunes v Harriers
Wed 18-Oct	W Knights A v All Blacks	Giants v University B W Knights D v Merlins	Hawks v Greene King
Thu 19-Oct		De la Beche A v Emperors	
Fri 20-Oct			Morriston E v Brunel

Tue 24-Oct	Nidum v W Knights C	Morriston B v Merlins	Tribunes v Greene King
Wed 25-Oct	E.J. Clarke Closed Championship - Round 1 – Upper Killay Chess Club		
Thu 26-Oct		De la Beche A v Morriston D	
Fri 27-Oct			St Michael's v Morriston E

Tue 31-Oct	All Blacks v W Knights C	Morriston B v De la Beche A	
Wed 01-Nov	Morriston A v University A	Merlins v Giants W Knights D v Morriston C	
Thu 02-Nov	W Knights B v W Knights A		Brunel v Hawks De la Beche C v Tribunes

Tue 07-Nov	W Knights C v Nidum	Morriston B v Emperors	
Wed 08-Nov	University A v W Knights A		Hawks v St Michael's
Thu 09-Nov	W Knights B v Morriston A	Giants v Morriston C	De la Beche B v Tribunes
Fri 10-Nov			Morriston F v De la Beche C

Tue 14-Nov	All Blacks v Nidum W Knights C v Morriston A	Morriston C v Emperors	
Wed 15-Nov		University B v W Knights D	
Executive Committee Meeting - Upper Killay Chess Club			

Fri 17-Nov	West Wales Congress – Mercure Hotel, Llansamlet, Swansea		
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Tue 21-Nov	E.J. Clarke Closed Championship Round 2 – Castell-Nedd Chess Club		
Wed 22-Nov	W Knights B v University A	W Knights D v Giants	
Thu 23-Nov		De La Beche A v Morriston C	
Fri 24-Nov			Morriston F v Brunel St Michael's v Greene King

Date	Division 1	Division 2	Division 3
Tue 28-Nov	All Blacks v Morriston A W Knights C v W Knights B	Morriston D v Merlins	Tribunes v Hawks Greene King v Morriston E
Wed 29-Nov	University A v Nidum	Emperors v University B	Harriers v Morriston F
Thu 30-Nov		De la Beche A v W Knights D	Brunel v De la Beche C
Fri 01-Dec			St Michael's v De la Beche B

Tue 05-Dec	Morriston A v Nidum		Tribunes v Morriston E Greene King v Brunel
Wed 06-Dec	University A v All Blacks W Knights A v W Knights C	University B v Morriston B	Hawks v De la Beche B
Thu 07-Dec		Giants v Emperors	De la Beche C v Harriers
Fri 08-Dec			Morriston F v St Michael's

Tue 12-Dec	Morriston A v W Knights B	Emperors v Morriston D	
Wed 13-Dec	W Knights A v Nidum	Merlins v University B	Hawks v Morriston F
Thu 14-Dec			Brunel v Tribunes De la Beche B v Greene King
Fri 15-Dec			Morriston E v St Michael's

Thu 04-Jan		De la Beche A v Giants	
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Tue 09-Jan		Morriston D v Morriston C	
Wed 10-Jan	University A v W Knights C W Knights A v Morriston A	University B v De la Beche A	Hawks v Harriers
Thu 11-Jan	W Knights B v All Blacks		De la Beche B v Brunel
Fri 12-Jan			Morriston F v Morriston E St Michael's v Tribunes

Tue 16-Jan	W Knights C v All Blacks	Morriston C v Morriston B	Tribunes v Morriston F
Wed 17-Jan	Nidum v University A	W Knights D v Emperors	Harriers v Greene King
Thu 18-Jan			Brunel v Morriston E De la Beche C v De la Beche B

Tue 23-Jan	All Blacks v W Knights A	Morriston B v Morriston D	Greene King v Tribunes
Wed 24-Jan	University v Morriston A		Harriers v St Michael's
Thu 25-Jan	W Knights B v Nidum	Giants v Merlins	De la Beche B v Morriston F
Fri 26-Jan			Morriston E v De la Beche C

Date	Division 1	Division 2	Division 3
Mon 29-Jan	This week reserved for WWCL KO Cup Matches		

E.J. Clarke Closed Championship - Round 3 – Morriston Chess Club			
Wed 07-Feb	W Knights A v University A	Merlins v Morriston C W Knights D v University B	
Thu 08-Feb		Giants v Morriston D De la Beche A v Morriston B	
Fri 09-Feb			Morriston F v Harriers St Michael's v Brunel

Tue 13-Feb		Morriston C v W Knights D	Tribunes v De la Beche B Greene King v St Michael's
Wed 14-Feb		University B v Giants	Harriers v Morriston E
Thu 15-Feb			Brunel v Morriston F De la Beche C v Hawks

Tue 20-Feb	Nidum v All Blacks Morriston A v W Knights C	Morriston D v De la Beche A	
Wed 21-Feb	W Knights A v W Knights B	Morriston C v University B	Harriers v De la Beche B
Thu 22-Feb			De la Beche C v Brunel

Tue 27-Feb	W Knights C v W Knights A		Greene King v Morriston E Tribunes v De la Beche C
Wed 28-Feb	All Blacks v University A	Morriston B v University B Merlins v W Knights D	
Thu 01-Mar	W Knights B v Morriston A		Brunel v Harriers De la Beche B v Hawks
Fri 02-Mar			St Michael's v Morriston F

Tue 06-Mar	Nidum v Morriston A	Emperors v Merlins Morriston C v Giants	
Wed 07-Mar	University A v W Knights A	W Knights D v Morriston D	Hawks v Tribunes
Thu 08-Mar	W Knights B v W Knights C		De la Beche C v St Michael's
Fri 09-Mar			Morriston E v De la Beche B
Sat 10-Mar	A.O. Jones Rapidplay Tournament – Upper Killay Recreational Hall		

Tue 13-Mar	Morriston A v All Blacks	Morriston D v Emperors	Greene King v De la Beche C
Wed 14-Mar	University A v W Knights B		Harriers v Tribunes
Thu 15-Mar			Brunel v De la Beche B
Fri 16-Mar			Morriston F v Hawks

Date	Division 1	Division 2	Division 3
Tue 20-Mar	All Blacks v W Knights B	Emperors v Morriston B	Greene King v De la Beche B
Wed 21-Mar	W Knights A v Nidum W Knights C v University A	Merlins v Morriston D	
Thu 22-Mar		Giants v De la Beche A	De la Beche C v Morriston F
Fri 23-Mar			St Michael's v Hawks

Tue 27-Mar		Morrison B v W Knights D	Tribunes v St Michael's
Wed 28-Mar		University B v Emperors	Hawks v Morriston E
Thu 29-Mar		De la Beche A v Merlins	Brunel v Greene King

Tue 10-Apr	All Blacks v W Knights C	Emperors v Morriston C	Greene King v Harriers
Wed 11-Apr	University A v Nidum	Merlins v Morriston B W Knights D v De la Beche A	
Thu 12-Apr	E.J. Clarke Closed Championship - Round 4 – Briton Ferry Chess Club		

Tue 17-Apr	Nidum v W Knights B	Morrison B v Giants	
Wed 18-Apr	Morrison A v University A W Knights A v All Blacks	University B v Merlins	Hawks v Brunel
Thu 19-Apr			De la Beche C v Morriston E
Fri 20-Apr			Morrison F v Greene King St Michael's v Harriers

Tue 24-Apr	Morrison A v W Knights A W Knights C v Nidum	Morrison C v De la Beche A	Greene King v Hawks
Wed 25-Apr		Morrison D v University B	Harriers v De la Beche C
Thu 26-Apr		Giants v W Knights D	
Fri 27-Apr			Morrison E v Tribunes

Wed 09-May	E.J. Clarke Closed Championship - Final Round - Upper Killay Chess Club		
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Tue 15-May	KO Cup Finals Night - Morrison Chess Club		
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West Wales Individual Championship (E.J. Clarke Trophy)

The West Wales Individual Championship is open to all registered members of the West Wales Chess League. It is a five round Swiss Tournament so all entrants get to play five games. The schedule is given below.

In this type of tournament players are listed in grading order. The top half is then paired with the bottom half. For instance, if there are twenty players number 1 is paired with number 11, number 2 is paired with number 12 and so on. Win, lose or draw, all players proceed to the next round where winners are pitted against winners, losers are pitted against losers and so on. In subsequent rounds, players face opponents with the same (or almost the same) score. No player is paired up against the same opponent twice and if possible the rules also try to ensure that each player plays an equal number of games with white and black.

The event is being organised by June Evans and if you want to enter just let her know.

Tel: 01792 523894 email: june.evans2@yahoo.co.uk

Ian Eustis will be controlling the tournament.

The entry fee is £5 and all the entry fees plus £20 from the League will go towards prizes (including grading prizes), the number and value of which will be dependent on entries. In addition the League is providing a £50 first prize to the winner who will also hold the E.J. Clarke Trophy for a year.

Schedule of Rounds

Round 1:	Wed 25 th October 2017	7:15 p.m.	Upper Killay Chess Club
Round 2:	Tue 21 st November 2017	7:15 p.m.	Castell-Nedd Chess Club
Round 3:	Tue 6 th February 2018	7:30 p.m.	Morrleston Chess Club
Round 4:	Thu 12 th April 2018	7:30 p.m.	Briton Ferry Chess Club
Round 5:	Wed 9 th May 2018	7:15 p.m.	Upper Killay Chess Club