

# MERSEYSIDE CHESS ASSOCIATION

**LEAGUE HANDBOOK  
2021-22**



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(next to St Michaels Station), Southwood Road, St Michaels, L17 7BQ

**Club Telephone:** 0151 727 1665

**Website:** [www.aigburthchessclub.webnode.com](http://www.aigburthchessclub.webnode.com)

**Club Night:** Wednesday - Match Start Time: 7:30pm

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# ATTICUS CHESS CLUB

**Club Address:** Cross Keys Pub, Earle Street, Liverpool, L3 9NS

**Club Telephone:** 0151 236 3715

**Website:** [atticus.merseysidechess.org.uk](http://atticus.merseysidechess.org.uk)

**Club Night:** Monday & Wednesday - Match Start Time: 7:30pm

**Disabled Access:** Limited - main venue upstairs but may be able to play downstairs. U-18 Welcome. **Parking:** 4 local car parks

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## **3rd Team Captain:**

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# FORMBY CHESS CLUB

**Club Address:** Ravenmeols Community Centre, 225 Park Road,  
Formby, L37 6EW

**Club Night:** Tuesday - Match Start Time: 7.30 pm

**Disabled Access:** Yes. U18 welcome

## **Secretary**

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**Club Address:** The Great Meols Club, Lower Green, School Lane, Meols, Wirral. CH47 6AE.

**Club Telephone:** See Secretary

**Club Night:** Tuesday (adult) or Thursday (Juniors)

**Match Start Time:** Clocks will be started at 7.30pm (7.00pm for juniors)

**Disabled Access:** Yes. U18 welcome

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## **JUNIOR TEAMS**

The juniors will play all games at home, start time 7.00pm, but for half of their matches will be designated the away team for the allocation of colours. Time control 75 minutes for each player.

# LIVERPOOL CHESS CLUB

**Club Address:** The Vines Pub, 81 Lime Street, Liverpool, L1 1JQ

**Club Night:** Tuesday - Match Start Time: 7:45pm

**Website:** [www.liverpoolchessclub.co.uk](http://www.liverpoolchessclub.co.uk)

**Disabled Access:** Yes. **Juniors Club:** 6pm - 7.30pm

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# PRESCOT & KNOTTY ASH CHESS CLUB

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**Club Night:** Tuesday & Thursday - Match Start Time: 7:45pm.

MCA matches played on Tuesdays.

**Disabled Access:** Yes. U18 welcome

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**Website:** [www.skelmersdalechess.org.uk](http://www.skelmersdalechess.org.uk)

**Club Night:** Monday - Match Start Time: 7.45pm

**Disabled Access:** Yes. U18 welcome

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20-22 Bath Street, Southport, PR9 ODA  
Tel 01704 537 428

Free parking on side streets after 6 pm. Parking on front is for members only

**Club Night:** Tuesday - Match Start Time: 7.30pm

**Website:** <http://www.southport-chessclub.co.uk>

**Disabled Access:** Via rear door in Stanley Street. Arrange by phone above  
U18 welcome

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# WALLASEY CHESS CLUB

**Club Address:** Wallasey Central Conservative Club, 90 Manor Road, Wallasey, CH44 1BZ **Disabled Access:** No. U18 welcome

**Club Nights:** Monday and Thursday (Merseyside League Matches)

**Match Start Time:** 7:30pm

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Limited Disabled Access (One Step) U-18 Welcome

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# FIXTURES 2021 - 2022

## DIVISION 1

### OCTOBER 2021

- 04 Atticus 1 v Atticus 2
- 05 Hoylake 1 v Waterloo
- 05 Liverpool 1 v Wallasey 1
- 18 Waterloo v Liverpool 1
- 20 Aigburth 1 v Hoylake 1
- 21 Wallasey 1 v Atticus 1

### NOVEMBER 2021

- 01 Atticus 1 v Waterloo
- 01 Atticus 2 v Wallasey 1
- 02 Liverpool 1 v Aigburth 1
- 15 Waterloo v Atticus 2
- 16 Hoylake 1 v Liverpool 1
- 17 Aigburth 1 v Atticus 1
- 23 Hoylake 1 v Atticus 2
- 29 Atticus 1 v Hoylake 1
- 29 Atticus 2 v Aigburth 1

### DECEMBER 2021

- 02 Wallasey 1 v Waterloo
- 14 Liverpool 1 v Atticus 1
- 15 Aigburth 1 v Wallasey 1

### JANUARY 2022

- 17 Atticus 2 v Liverpool 1
- 17 Waterloo v Aigburth 1
- 20 Wallasey 1 v Hoylake 1
- 31 Waterloo v Hoylake 1
- 31 Atticus 2 v Atticus 1

### FEBRUARY 2022

- 03 Wallasey 1 v Liverpool 1
- 15 Liverpool 1 v Waterloo
- 15 Hoylake 1 v Aigburth 1
- 28 Waterloo v Atticus 1

### MARCH 2022

- 02 Aigburth 1 v Liverpool 1
- 03 Wallasey 1 v Atticus 2
- 14 Atticus 2 v Waterloo
- 14 Atticus 1 v Aigburth 1
- 15 Liverpool 1 v Hoylake 1
- 28 Waterloo v Wallasey 1
- 29 Hoylake 1 v Atticus 1
- 30 Aigburth 1 v Atticus 2

### APRIL 2022

- 11 Atticus 1 v Liverpool 1
- 11 Atticus 2 v Hoylake 1
- 14 Wallasey 1 v Aigburth 1
- 26 Liverpool 1 v Atticus 2
- 26 Hoylake 1 v Wallasey 1
- 27 Aigburth 1 v Waterloo

# FIXTURES 2021 - 2022

## DIVISION 2

### OCTOBER 2021

- 13 Aigburth 2 v Liverpool 2
- 18 Atticus 3 v Southport 1
- 19 PKA 1 v Wallasey 2
- 27 Aigburth 2 v Southport 1
- 28 Wallasey 2 v Atticus 3
- 26 Liverpool 2 v PKA 1

### NOVEMBER 2021

- 16 PKA 1 v Aigburth 2
- 22 Atticus 3 v Liverpool 2
- 23 Southport 1 v Wallasey 2

### JANUARY 2022

- 11 Aigburth 2 v Wallasey 2
- 11 Liverpool 2 v Southport 1
- 11 PKA 1 v Atticus 3
- 24 Atticus 3 v Aigburth 2
- 27 Wallasey 2 v Liverpool 2

### FEBRUARY 2022

- 01 Southport 1 v PKA 1
- 08 Liverpool 2 v Aigburth 2
- 08 Southport 1 v Atticus 3
- 10 Wallasey 2 v PKA 1
- 21 Atticus 3 v Wallasey 2
- 22 PKA 1 v Liverpool 2

### MARCH 2022

- 08 Liverpool 2 v Atticus 3
- 09 Aigburth 2 v PKA 1
- 10 Wallasey 2 v Southport 1
- 29 Southport 1 v Liverpool 2

### APRIL 2022

- 04 Atticus 3 v PKA 1
- 07 Wallasey 2 v Aigburth 2
- 12 Southport 1 v Aigburth 2
- 19 PKA v 1 Southport 1
- 19 Liverpool 2 v Wallasey 2
- 20 Aigburth 2 v Atticus 3

# FIXTURES 2021 - 2022

## DIVISION 3

### OCTOBER 2021

- 04 Skelmersdale 1 v Wallasey 3
- 05 Formby 1 v Atticus 4
- 12 Liverpool 3 v Liverpool 4
- 18 Atticus 4 v Wallasey 3
- 19 Liverpool 4 v Skelmersdale 1
- 19 Formby 1 v Liverpool 3

### NOVEMBER 2021

- 01 Skelmersdale 1 v Formby 1
- 02 Liverpool 3 v Atticus 4
- 04 Wallasey 3 v Liverpool 4
- 30 Formby 1 v Wallasey 3
- 30 Liverpool 3 v Skelmersdale 1

### DECEMBER 2021

- 13 Skelmersdale 1 v Atticus 4
- 14 Liverpool 4 v Formby 1
- 16 Wallasey 3 v Liverpool 3

### JANUARY 2022

- 17 Atticus 4 v Formby 1
- 18 Liverpool 4 v Liverpool 3
- 20 Wallasey 3 v Skelmersdale 1

### FEBRUARY 2022

- 07 Atticus 4 v Liverpool 4
- 14 Skelmersdale 1 v Liverpool 4
- 15 Liverpool 3 v Formby 1
- 17 Wallasey 3 v Atticus 4
- 28 Atticus 4 v Liverpool 3

### MARCH 2022

- 01 Formby 1 v Skelmersdale 1
- 01 Liverpool 4 v Wallasey 3
- 14 Skelmersdale 1 v Liverpool 3
- 15 Liverpool 4 v Atticus 4
- 17 Wallasey 3 v Formby 1

### APRIL 2022

- 12 Liverpool 3 v Wallasey 3
- 12 Formby 1 v Liverpool 4
- 25 Atticus 4 v Skelmersdale 1



# FIXTURES 2021 - 2022

## DIVISION 4

### OCTOBER 2021

- 11 Skelmersdale 2 v Wallasey 4
- 12 Formby 2 v Aigburth 3
- 12 Liverpool 6 v Liverpool 5
- 20 Aigburth 3 v Wallasey 4
- 26 Liverpool 5 v Skelmersdale 2
- 26 Formby 2 v Liverpool 6

### NOVEMBER 2021

- 22 Skelmersdale 2 v Formby 2
- 23 Liverpool 6 v Aigburth 3
- 25 Wallasey 4 v Liverpool 5

### JANUARY 2022

- 11 Formby 2 v Wallasey 4
- 11 Liverpool 6 v Skelmersdale 2
- 12 Aigburth 3 v Liverpool 5
- 17 Skelmersdale 2 v Aigburth 3
- 25 Liverpool 5 v Formby 2
- 27 Wallasey 4 v Liverpool 6

### FEBRUARY 2022

- 08 Liverpool 5 v Liverpool 6
- 09 Aigburth 3 v Formby 2
- 10 Wallasey 4 v Skelmersdale 2
- 21 Skelmersdale 2 v Liverpool 5
- 22 Liverpool 6 v Formby 2
- 24 Wallasey 4 v Aigburth 3

### MARCH 2022

- 02 Aigburth 3 v Liverpool 6
- 08 Formby 2 v Skelmersdale 2
- 08 Liverpool 5 v Wallasey 4

### APRIL 2022

- 04 Skelmersdale 2 v Liverpool 6
- 05 Liverpool 5 v Aigburth 3
- 07 Wallasey 4 v Formby 2
- 19 Formby 2 v Liverpool 5
- 19 Liverpool 6 v Wallasey 4
- 27 Aigburth 3 v Skelmersdale 2

# FIXTURES 2021 - 2022

## 7200 LEAGUE

### OCTOBER 2021

- 11 Atticus v Waterloo
- 12 Hoylake v PKA
- 25 Waterloo v Formby
- 27 Aigburth v Atticus

### NOVEMBER 2021

- 02 Southport v Hoylake
- 16 Formby v Southport
- 23 Formby v Aigburth
- 23 Hoylake v Waterloo
- 30 PKA v Southport

### JANUARY 2022

- 24 Atticus v Formby
- 24 Waterloo v PKA
- 26 Aigburth v Hoylake

### FEBRUARY 2022

- 22 Hoylake v Atticus
- 22 Southport v Waterloo

### MARCH 2022

- 01 PKA v Aigburth
- 08 Formby v Hoylake
- 16 Aigburth v Southport
- 21 Atticus v PKA

### APRIL 2022

- 04 Waterloo v Aigburth
- 05 PKA v Formby
- 05 Southport v Atticus

## 6000 LEAGUE

### OCTOBER 2021

- 04 Atticus v PKA
- 05 Formby v Hoylake
- 06 Aigburth v Waterloo

### NOVEMBER 2021

- 01 Waterloo v Hoylake
- 02 PKA v Formby
- 03 Aigburth v Atticus

### JANUARY 2022

- 10 Atticus v Waterloo
- 18 Formby v Aigburth
- 18 Hoylake v PKA

### FEBRUARY 2022

- 14 Waterloo v PKA
- 14 Atticus v Formby
- 16 Aigburth v Hoylake

### MARCH 2022

- 29 Formby v Waterloo
- 29 Hoylake v Atticus
- 29 PKA v Aigburth

# JOHN RIPLEY CUP

**First Round** - Week Commencing 27th of September 2021

Liverpool v PKA

Skelmersdale v Waterloo

Byes: Aigburth, Atticus 1, Atticus 2, Formby, Hoylake, Wallasey

**Second Round** - Week commencing 8th November 2021

Liverpool or PKA v Atticus 1

Atticus 2 v Skelmersdale or Waterloo

Aigburth v Wallasey

Hoylake v Formby

# KNOTTY ASH CUP

**First Round** - Week Commencing 27th of September 2021

Atticus v Wallasey

Aigburth v Hoylake

Byes: Formby, Liverpool, PKA, Southport, Skelmersdale, Waterloo

**Second Round** - Week commencing 6th December 2021

Atticus or Wallasey v Formby

Aigburth or Hoylake v Southport

Waterloo v Liverpool

Prescot v Skelmersdale

# FINALS NIGHT JOHN RIPLEY & KNOTTY ASH

## DETAILS TBC

# RULES GOVERNING THE MAIN LEAGUE COMPETITION

**1 ARRANGEMENT OF TEAMS** - The competing teams shall be arranged in divisions according to their estimated strength, or in sections according to locality or other considerations.

**2 NUMBER OF TEAMS** - An associated club may enter more than one team.

**3 NUMBER OF PLAYERS** - A team shall consist of: Seven players in Division 1; Six players in Divisions 2, 3 and 4; Five players in any lower Division unless arranged otherwise by the Executive Committee.

**4 FIXTURES** - In each Division, each competing team shall play two matches with every other team in that Division (home and away) unless arranged otherwise by the Executive Committee.

**5 MATCH POINTS** - A team winning a match shall score two points and in the event of a tie each team shall score one point.

**6 DIVISION WINNERS** - The team in a Division which scores more match points than any other team in that Division shall be the winner of the Division and shall be entitled to hold for twelve months the trophy allocated to that Division and to promotion. If two or more teams in a Division score the same number of match points the relative position of these teams shall be decided by the total number of games won by them in the Division, drawn games counting as half the value of won games. If there is still a tie the positions shall be decided by eliminating the game-points scored on all the bottom boards of the teams concerned and so on until a definite result is achieved. In the event of a team withdrawing from the league having played not more than 50% of its fixtures, individual players from that team will be eligible to play for other teams in that club or other clubs during the season.

**7 LISTED AND INELIGIBLE PLAYERS** - Where a club enters two or more teams in the Main League Competition, the following rules shall apply:

a, The Club Secretary shall, before the first league match in which the Club is concerned, send to the General Secretary a list of seven members (listed players) for each team of eight, six members for each team of seven, five members for each team of six and four members for each team of five, who will always be invited to play for that team and have indicated that they expect to be available for the majority of games. Such listed players shall be ineligible to play in any lower team of that club during the season. Listed players must have indicated that they expect to be available for the majority of league matches. If when 50% of the fixtures have been played a listed player has failed to play in at least 3 matches then the club will be expected to list an additional player unless it can convince the Controller that the player in question will complete his obligation. All listed players must

be ECF Registered. Ungraded players may be listed, but an estimated grade must be provided for each ungraded player. The estimated grade must be agreed in advance with the MCA Grader. The General Secretary shall then send a copy of these listed players to each of the League Controllers. There is no need to send a list for the only or lowest team of any club.

b. If a club fails to send in a list of restricted players before the first league match then the players appearing in the first match shall be considered listed, ie the top seven boards in a first division match, etc.

c. Any College or University team shall have until 8th November to comply with (a) above otherwise rule (b) applies.

d. Where a club has two or more teams competing in the same Division, the interchanging of players between these teams shall not be permitted. This rule is suspended for teams playing in Division 5, where the normal rules relating to the interchange of players between a higher and a lower team shall apply.

e. Listed players or other players who customarily play in a lower team may play any number of games for a higher team or teams except as provided in Paragraph f, below.

f. If a player (whether listed for a lower team or not) who sometimes plays for a higher team or teams is graded higher than any of the listed players in the team for which he plays he is limited to a total of three games for these higher teams, regardless of whether the lower-graded listed players play in the same match, or not, and irrespective of board order. If he plays more, he will no longer be eligible to play for the lower team. If it is necessary to change or add a player to the listed players during the season, such that the lowest listed player now has a grade lower than the original lowest listed player, then the lower limit comes into effect for subsequent matches, but has no bearing on those played before the change was made.

**8. ARRANGEMENT OF FIXTURES** - The dates of fixtures in the League Competitions shall be fixed by the Fixture Secretary or such other person or officer of the Association as the Executive Committee may appoint. Each club shall have the opportunity to make representations to the appointed person to indicate unsuitable dates for fixtures through such as shift working, annual holidays, etc. As far as possible, the fixtures will give effect to such representations. The list of fixtures shall be communicated to each club not less than fourteen days before the starting date of that club's first fixture.

**9 POSTPONEMENT & REARRANGEMENT OF FIXTURES** - Under rule 8 clubs are asked to indicate to the fixtures secretary any dates which are unsuitable. Realising that not all arrangements can be known before the fixtures are compiled, clubs have until 15th September or 2 weeks after the fixture lists are issued (whichever is later) to request rearrangements on the basis that team members have other prior commitments. Such requests shall be granted. After this time a club may request a rearrangement but the other

club concerned has the right to decide whether the request is acceptable or not, that is both clubs must agree on the postponement. If the two clubs agree to the rearrangement, they must as soon as possible and in any case before two weeks agree a new date which is before the end of the season and notify this to the appropriate league controller as soon as possible. If the two clubs agree to the rearrangement but cannot agree a new date then the matter shall be referred to the League Controller. If the clubs do not agree to a rearrangement then the club requesting postponement must either fulfil the fixture using reserve players or default the match. If the club requesting a rearrangement defaults the match it may appeal to the Controller. If the Controller considers that the reason(s) for the request were outside the control of the team and its players and that a default would be inequitable then he may order that the match be played or give such direction as he thinks fit in the circumstances.

**10 NON-OBSERVANCE OF RULES** - If any club fails to play a match in accordance with these rules the matter shall be referred to the Executive Committee whose decision in the matter shall be final. If any team in any given season defaults 50% or more of their matches, all games played by that team in that season shall be declared void unless the Executive Committee decides otherwise. In the event of any fixture not being fulfilled on the due date both sides shall inform the appropriate Controller of the circumstances. If the fixture is still unfulfilled at the end of the season the Controller may at his discretion impose a penalty on either or both teams concerned. In the case of a further contravention by that club in the same season, the Controller may impose a more severe penalty or remove the offending team from the competition.

**11 PLAYER OF THE YEAR** - For each division of the league an award shall be made to the player of the year. The player of the year shall be the player with the greatest number of wins gained from league games played during the season. A default or forfeit win counts as a win and a draw as half a win. Where a player appears for more than one team in the same division then the player shall be considered as separate individuals for this award. The winning team must be named in a defaulted match to qualify for a point. In the event of a tie the award shall be shared.

**12 DISPUTES** - Any dispute under these rules shall be referred to the Executive Committee.

# RULES FOR THE JOHN RIPLEY HANDICAP KNOCK-OUT CUP

**1 HANDICAPS** - When deciding the handicap to be applied in any particular match the divisions of the Main League Competition the two teams are in should be looked at. Where there is a difference of:- 1 division - 1.5 points to the team in the lower division 2 divisions - 2.5 points to the team in the lower division 3 divisions - 3.5 points to the team in the lower division 4 or more - 4.5 points to the team in the lower division.

**2 NUMBER OF TEAMS** - A club may enter any number of teams in the John Ripley Tournament but no player may play for more than one team in a season. The handicaps will be based on the club's highest-placed league team.

**3 NUMBER OF PLAYERS** - The number of players per team shall be six.

**4 DRAWN MATCHES** - Matches can only be drawn between teams from the same division. In this event the tie is first resolved on board count. If this fails to resolve the tie then the elimination rule is applied. To apply the board count rule, add up the board numbers won by each team. The team with the lowest total is the winner.

**5 FIXTURES** - The timing of rounds of matches will be determined by the Tournament Controller.

**6 RESULTS** - The results shall be sent promptly to the Tournament Controller. It is important that where a match is not played because one of the teams withdraws, the other team should notify the Tournament Controller to claim a win.

## RULES FOR THE KNOTTY ASH KNOCK OUT CUP

**1 NUMBER OF PLAYERS** - Each team shall consist of five players.

**2 ELIGIBILITY** - Entry is restricted to players from any division whose grade is not greater than 1700 in the current grading list. Ungraded players shall be eligible to play so long as their estimated playing strength is not greater than a grade of 1700 and they are not regular members of a team playing in the first two divisions. (i.e. they are not listed and have played fewer than 4 games in total in these divisions). If an ungraded player has earlier experience of competitive chess, before the player's first match, the player's team captain must give all relevant information to the Tournament Controller who will decide the player's eligibility after discussion with the Grader. Any team that plays an ineligible player shall be disqualified

providing the Tournament Controller is informed of the infringement within eight days. If a club enters two or more teams in the competition, no player shall play for more than one of these teams.

**3 DRAWN MATCH** - In the event of a drawn match, the tie shall be decided on board count. If this fails to resolve the tie the elimination rule shall apply. In the event of all five games being drawn then the team having most black boards shall be deemed the winners.

**4 FIXTURES** - All rounds shall be played as directed by the Tournament Controller. The date and venue for the Final will be decided by the Tournament Controller in consultation with senior officers of the Prescot and Knotty Ash Chess Club.

## **RULES FOR THE GRADE-RESTRICTED LEAGUES ELIGIBILITY**

The aim of these competitions is to provide more opportunities to play chess. Players from the main league, whether listed or not, can play in any of these leagues. Apart from the grade limits, the only restriction is that if a club has two teams in the same league someone can only play for one them.

**7200 LEAGUE** - Teams shall comprise four boards, with grades totalling a maximum of 7200 with no player to be graded over 2000. The minimum individual grade is 1600. (Players below 1600 can play, but count as 1600 towards the team total). Ungraded players are counted as having a grade of 1600, unless there are reasonable grounds for using a higher figure. If an ungraded player has previous experience of competitive chess, before the player's first match, the player's team captain must give all relevant information to the League Controller who will decide an appropriate nominal grade for the player after discussion with the Grader. Defaulted boards are counted as 1600 towards the team total.

**6000 LEAGUE** - Teams shall comprise four boards, with grades totalling a maximum of 6000 with no player to be graded over 1700. The minimum individual grade is 1300. (Players below 1300 can play, but count as 1300 towards the team total). Ungraded players are counted as having a grade of 1300, unless there are reasonable grounds for using a higher figure. If an ungraded player has previous experience of competitive chess, before the player's first match, the player's team captain must give all relevant information to the League Controller who will decide an appropriate nominal grade for the player after discussion with the Grader. Defaulted boards are counted as 1300 towards the team total. **PENALTIES** If a team total of grades exceeds the defined limit, one point shall be deducted from the team score. If an ineligible player plays, his or her game is deemed to be lost and one additional point is deducted from the team score.



# RULES FOR THE TEAM LIGHTNING TOURNAMENT

**1 LAWS** - Where applicable the Laws of Chess as recognised by FIDE and as modified by the English Chess Federation (ECF), should be observed excepting: a. Any player making an illegal move shall lose the game. b. Any other variant that may be deemed necessary by the Executive Committee.

**2 NUMBER OF TEAMS** - An associated club may enter more than one team.

**3 NUMBER OF PLAYERS** - Each team shall consist of four players and a reserve listed in board order; the reserve being played at the Captain's discretion. Board order may not be altered during the tournament.

**4 MOVING** - The rate of play shall be one move every 10 seconds. Each player must move on the time signal. Any player failing to do so shall lose the game.

**5 TIME LIMIT** - The time limit shall be twenty five minutes each round.

**6 UNFINISHED GAMES** - In the event of any unfinished game, the method of deciding the result shall be at the discretion of the Tournament Controller.

**7 TOURNAMENT SYSTEM** - The system used (American or Swiss) shall be at the discretion of the Tournament Controller and may depend on the number of entries.

**8 GAME POINTS** - Each player shall score one point for a win and a half point for a draw.

**9 TOURNAMENT WINNERS** - The team achieving the highest number of game points shall be the winners of the tournament.

**10 RESOLVING TIES** - In the event of a tie on game points, the relative position shall be determined on match points (drawn matches counting as half a win). If still drawn the sum of opponents' team's scores shall resolve the tie.

**11 ELIGIBLE PLAYERS** - There is no restriction on players in the lightning tournament. Players may represent a different club than in the League. MERSEYSIDE INDIVIDUAL TOURNAMENT The title "Merseyside Individual Champion" shall be awarded to the Merseyside player finishing highest at the Liverpool Congress or other competition to be designated by the Executive Committee.

# MOBILE PHONES & OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES

All devices must be switched off for the duration of the game.  
Team captains should announce this prior to the start of each match.

If a phone or other device, belonging to one of the players, should ring out in the playing room during the game then a warning shall be given and the device switched off and placed face down alongside the board. If the device should ring out again then the game shall be defaulted.

If a phone or other device is required to be left on for a medical or other urgent reason this must be notified and agreed between the captains prior to the start of the game. In this case the rule shall not apply.

Players should also be aware that any attempt to cheat using a mobile phone or other device may result in the player being banned from the Merseyside Chess Association

**FOR MORE INFORMATION AND RULES GOVERNING ALL COMPETITIONS VISIT:**  
*[www.merseysidechess.org.uk/index.php/home/mca-rules](http://www.merseysidechess.org.uk/index.php/home/mca-rules)*

## IMPORTANT RULE CHANGES FOR 2021/22

The introduction of the new ECF rating system has caused some changes:

### **The 440-League becomes the 6000-League**

The minimum ECF rating number is 1300. Players with a grade below 1300 will be counted as 1300. Players with an ECF rating number above 1700 are not allowed to play in this league. Players without an ECF rating number will be counted as 1300. The combined ECF rating numbers of all players shall not exceed 6000.

### **The 600-League becomes the 7200-League**

The minimum ECF rating number is 1600. Players with a grade below 1600 will be counted as 1600. Players with an ECF rating number above 2000 are not allowed to play in this league. Players without an ECF rating number will be counted as 1600. The combined ECF rating numbers of all players shall not exceed 7200.

### **Knotty Ash Cup**

The ECF rating number of Knotty Ash Cup players must not exceed 1700. Players with an ECF rating number grade above 1700 are not allowed to play in this competition.

# IMPORTANT RULE CHANGES FOR 2021/22 continued

## **Knotty Ash Cup**

The ECF rating number of Knotty Ash Cup players must not exceed 1700. Players with an ECF rating number above 1700 are not allowed to play in this competition.

## **Listing Players, New Players**

In order to enter the competitions every Club must enter the complete team squads and name all team captain onto the CLM before the start of the season.

Comprehensive guidance on how to do this has already been issued and it is imperative that clubs take on this work prior to playing matches and ideally before the start of the season.

By way of warning without an ECF Code it is not possible to list players on the CLM neither for the club nor for the team. Clubs are reminded that playing an unlisted player may lead to board deductions which could adversely affect the match result. To avoid this, clubs shall register new players immediately at the ECF and submit all their ECF details (Name, ECF Code / ECF Ref Number, sex (M/W), rating number (if existing)) to the league controllers and the webmaster.

At the last AGM in May 2021 it was agreed that the MCA would no longer register players with the ECF but that this task would be taken on by the club or the individual.

It is the club's responsibility to register their players, which includes submitting their ECF details to the league controllers and the webmaster.

For further guidance please visit;

<https://merseysidechess.org.uk/downloads/category/4-clm-3-how-to-s-and-manuals>

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<https://merseysidechess.org.uk/home/mca-downloads>

