

The progress of the competition is maintained
on the internet -
www.wallaseychess.btinternet.co.uk/nccu.htm
and www.nccu.org.uk

4 Sections

Open

No grading limit

Major

Average Grade U150

No Maximum Grade but average of Boards 1 and 2 must not exceed 165

Team total 599 max

Intermediate

Average Grade U125

No Maximum Grade but average of Boards 1 and 2 must not exceed 140

Team total 499 max

Minor

Average Grade U100

No Maximum Grade but average of Boards 1 and 2 must not exceed 115

Team total 399 max

4 Players per Team

ENTER A TEAM FOR YOUR CLUB

This is now a well established and popular competition.

It is a great way to play against other chess clubs you have never met before.

Why not give it a go and see what you find?

Your Club may become Champions of the North—and the trophy and the cash are nice of course!

Ask Clubs who have previously entered what they think. Alternatively contact the Controller, Dave Farley, details on the entry form inside, for any further information.

2008/09

NCCU Club Championships

N o r t h e r n C o u n t i e s C h e s s U n i o n

ENTER A TEAM NOW!



We are now taking entries for the 2008/09 Club Championships.

The deadline is the end of December and we will then start the event in January.

We will have plenty of time to fit in the rounds with a view to holding the finals at the end of May ready for the prize giving at the NCCU AGM scheduled for the beginning of

June.

As ever there will be 4 Sections which we hope will be able to cater for players of all strengths.

There are 4 players in a team which makes travelling in one car easier—and there are reduced entry fees for junior teams (with only 3 junior required to cater for a player / driver!). Multiple entries from one club will also attract a

discount.

Prizes in each Section are £100 for the winners, £50 for the runners-up and (new this year) £25 for the losing semi-finalists.

The winners also have a trophy to keep for a year and can call themselves the Champion Club in the North!

It's a great way to play against clubs you wouldn't otherwise meet.

HOW TO TAKE PART

Details of the event will be circulated as widely as possible during the next few weeks but why not reserve your Club's place and enter now.

All the necessary information is included in this leaflet

and an entry form is enclosed.

Entries by e-mail are welcome and a downloadable copy of the entry form will be on the website (see back page).

The website also

includes the details of previous years' competitions—so you can see who you may have to beat!

Ask the clubs who regularly enter what they think of the event—and then have a go yourself.

THE COMPETITION

- 4 Sections
- Open
- Major
- Intermediate
- Minor
- 4 players per team
- Any Northern clubs can enter
- As many teams as you like!

PRIZES

- In Each Section
- 1st £100
- 2nd £50
- Semi-finalist £25
- Plus trophy for the winners
- Be Champion Club in the North of England!

WINNERS 2007/08

All the finals were close, hard-fought affairs as demonstrated by the scores—every one finished 2½-1½.

The **Open** was won by **Preston** with Heywood the runners-up.

In the **Major, Heywood** made up for this by beating Barrow.

The **Intermediate** and the **Minor** were both won by **Hartlepool**, against Skelmersdale and Wallasey respec-

tively. At the Minor finished!

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PREVIOUS WINNERS

Open	Major	Intermediate	Minor
1996/7 Durham		1996/7 Grappenhall	
1997/8 Rochdale	1997/8 Hunts Cross	1997/8 Chorley	
1998/9 Morecambe	1998/9 Crusaders	1998/9 Wallasey	
1999/0 Burnley	1999/0 Wallasey	1999/0 Preston	1999/0 Cleveleys
2000/1 Morecambe	2000/1 Wallasey	2000/1 Preston	2000/1 Wallasey
2001/2 Rochdale	2001/2 Wallasey	2001/2 Wallasey	2001/2 Hartlepool
2002/3 Preston	2002/3 Wallasey	2002/3 Hunts Cross	2002/3 Chorley
2003/4 Waterloo	2003/4 Swinton	2003/4 Wallasey	2003/4 Elmwood
2004/5 Durham	2004/5 Sheffield	2004/5 Elmwood	2004/5 Heywood
2005/6 Preston	2005/6 Heywood	2005/6 Southport	2005/6 Heywood
2006/7 Durham	2006/7 Atherton	2006/7 Atherton	2006/7 Crusaders

WEBSITES

You will be able to follow the progress of the competition at two sites - www.wallaseychess.btinternet.co.uk/nccu.htm which also includes prior year competitions but perhaps easier to remember is www.nccu.org.uk where you can also find out about all the other NCCU news and activities.

WHAT'S INVOLVED?

Practicalities of the Club Championship

Each Competition is run as a knockout, but a repêchage round will take place for first round losers (apart from the Open Section)

Rounds are zoned, if there are sufficient entries, as follows:

West Zone—Cheshire & North Wales, Cumbria, Lancashire, Merseyside

East Zone—Cleveland, Durham, Northumberland, Yorkshire

The winners of each zone will play in the final.

The number of rounds will depend on the number of entries but last year the finalists would expect to play at most 4 or 5 matches.

Regard is had to minimising travelling while trying to avoid near neighbours from playing each other in the early rounds.

The Competition will run from January to May. The draw will be made as soon as the entries are gathered and at least a month (usually longer) will be allowed for each match to be played

A full version of the rules (which are as simple as possible) will be issued with the draw for the first round.

If you have any queries about the competition then please contact the Controller (Dave Farley at farleys@btinternet.com)

Ungraded players may represent a Club only if the team captain feels certain they are eligible and evidence of an estimated grade may be requested. In the Minor, an ungraded player may only be used if agreed in advance with the Tournament Controller. All players will be expected to be NMS or ECF members.

Matches usually take place at the weekend, though if travelling permits, they can happen by mutual consent on mid-week evenings.

The official time limit is 40 moves in 2 hours and all remaining moves in ½ hour. However, by agreement between Captains a reduced time limit can, and indeed usually is, agreed.

The home team will be expected to provide light refreshments especially if the away team has travelled some distance.

The chess is serious but it's a friendly tournament and gives Clubs and players a chance to play Clubs they don't normally encounter.