



**MCA**

Merseyside Chess Association



# **LEAGUE HANDBOOK**

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**2017 - 2018**

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# AIGBURTH CHESS CLUB

**Club Address:** Aigburth Cricket and Bowls Club  
(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

## **Secretary:**

Dr. Will Cook, 7 Brook Close, Cronton, Widnes, WA8 5DS  
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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

## **Chairman:**

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# FORMBY CHESS CLUB

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

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

**Disabled Access:** Yes. U18 welcome

## **Secretary**

Mike Barrett, 36 Duke Street, Formby, L37 4AT

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## **Knotty Ash Captain**

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# HOYLAKE/GREAT MEOLS CHESS CLUB

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

**Club Night:** Tuesday (Thursday for 3rd Team, 440 and junior matches)

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

**Disabled Access:** Yes. U18 welcome

## **Secretary:**

Dave Picken, 8 Redford Close, Greasby, Wirral. CH49 2QQ.

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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 Crown, 43, Lime Street, Liverpool, L1 1JQ

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

**Disabled Access:** No. U18 welcome

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# PRESCOT & KNOTTY ASH CHESS CLUB

**Club Address:** Alder Social Club, Alder Road, Liverpool, L12 2BA

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

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

**Disabled Access:** Yes. U18 welcome

## **Secretary:**

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# SKELMERSDALE CHESS CLUB

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*If the car park is full use car park opposite (Hooters Car Wash).*

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

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

**Disabled Access:** Yes. U18 welcome

## **Secretary:**

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# SOUTHPORT CHESS CLUB

**Club Address:** The Conservative Club, 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:** Tuesday and Thursday (Merseyside League Matches)

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

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**Club Night:** Monday - Match Start Time: 7:30pm  
Limited Disabled Access (One Step) U-18 Welcome

**WARNING - DO NOT USE THE PLAZA CINEMA FRONT CAR PARK OR YOUR  
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**Knotty Ash Captain:**

Chris Burr (As above)

# WIDNES CHESS CLUB

**Club Address:** St Bede's Social Club, Appleton Village, Leigh Avenue,  
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**Club Telephone:** 0151 424 2350

**Club Night:** Monday & Wednesday (MCA Competitions)

**Match Start Time:** 7.45pm

**Disabled Access:** Yes. U18 welcome

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# FIXTURES 2017 - 2018

## DIVISION 1

### September 2017

- 05 Hoylake 1 v Widnes 1
- 06 Aigburth 1 v Formby 1
- 11 Atticus 1 v Atticus 2
- 12 Hoylake 1 v Waterloo 1
- 13 Widnes 1 v Wallasey A

### October 2017

- 02 Atticus 2 v Wallasey A
- 03 Formby 1 v Widnes 1
- 02 Waterloo 1 v Aigburth 1
- 02 Atticus 1 v Hoylake 1
- 10 Hoylake 1 v Atticus 2
- 18 Aigburth 1 v Atticus 1
- 18 Widnes 1 v Waterloo 1
- 19 Wallasey A v Formby 1

### November 2017

- 06 Atticus 2 v Formby 1
- 06 Waterloo 1 v Wallasey A
- 06 Atticus 1 v Widnes 1
- 14 Hoylake 1 v Aigburth 1
- 21 Formby 1 v Waterloo 1
- 22 Aigburth 1 v Atticus 2
- 23 Wallasey A v Atticus 1

### December 2017

- 04 Atticus 2 v Waterloo 1
- 04 Atticus 1 v Formby 1
- 05 Hoylake 1 v Wallasey A
- 06 Aigburth 1 v Widnes 1

### January 2018

- 15 Waterloo 1 v Atticus 1
- 16 Formby 1 v Hoylake 1
- 17 Widnes 1 v Atticus 2

### January 2018 cont.

- 18 Wallasey A v Aigburth 1
- 29 Atticus 2 v Atticus 1
- 29 Waterloo 1 v Hoylake 1
- 30 Formby 1 v Aigburth 1

### February 2018

- 01 Wallasey A v Widnes 1
- 06 Hoylake 1 v Atticus 1
- 14 Widnes 1 v Formby 1
- 14 Aigburth 1 v Waterloo 1
- 15 Wallasey A v Atticus 2
- 26 Atticus 2 v Hoylake 1
- 26 Atticus 1 v Aigburth 1
- 26 Waterloo 1 v Widnes 1
- 27 Formby 1 v Wallasey A

### March 2018

- 13 Formby 1 v Atticus 2
- 14 Widnes 1 v Atticus 1
- 14 Aigburth 1 v Hoylake 1
- 15 Wallasey A v Waterloo 1
- 26 Atticus 2 v Aigburth 1
- 26 Atticus 1 v Wallasey A
- 26 Waterloo 1 v Formby 1
- 28 Widnes 1 v Hoylake 1

### April 2018

- 09 Waterloo 1 v Atticus 2
- 10 Formby 1 v Atticus 1
- 11 Widnes 1 v Aigburth 1
- 12 Wallasey A v Hoylake 1
- 17 Hoylake 1 v Formby 1
- 23 Atticus 2 v Widnes 1
- 23 Atticus 1 v Waterloo 1
- 25 Aigburth 1 v Wallasey A

# FIXTURES 2017 - 2018

## DIVISION 2

The exchange of players in Division 2 is now permitted

### September 2017

- 04 Prescot 1 v Atticus 3
- 05 Liverpool 1 v Liverpool 2
- 07 Wallasey B v Widnes 2
- 25 Atticus 3 v Southport 1
- 25 Prescot 1 v Liverpool 1
- 26 Liverpool 2 v Widnes 2
- 28 Wallasey B v Aigburth 2

### October 2017

- 11 Widnes 2 v Prescot 1
- 11 Aigburth 2 v Liverpool 2
- 12 Wallasey B v Southport 1
- 24 Liverpool 2 v Southport 1

### November 2017

- 07 Liverpool 1 v Southport 1
- 13 Atticus 3 v Wallasey B
- 14 Southport 1 v Prescot 1
- 15 Aigburth 2 v Liverpool 1
- 16 Wallasey B v Liverpool 2
- 21 Southport 1 v Aigburth 2
- 27 Atticus 3 v Liverpool 2
- 27 Prescot 1 v Wallasey B
- 29 Widnes 2 v Aigburth 2

### December 2017

- 04 Prescot 1 v Aigburth 2
- 19 Liverpool 1 v Atticus 3
- 20 Widnes 2 v Atticus 3

### January 2018

- 09 Liverpool 2 v Prescot 1
- 10 Aigburth 2 v Atticus 3
- 10 Widnes 2 v Southport 1

### January 2018 cont.

- 11 Wallasey B v Liverpool 1
- 16 Liverpool 1 v Widnes 2
- 22 Atticus 3 v Prescot 1
- 23 Liverpool 2 v Liverpool 1
- 24 Widnes 2 v Wallasey B
- 24 Aigburth 2 v Southport 1

### February 2018

- 06 Liverpool 1 v Prescot 1
- 06 Southport 1 v Atticus 3
- 07 Aigburth 2 v Wallasey B
- 19 Atticus 3 v Liverpool 1
- 19 Prescot 1 v Widnes 2
- 20 Liverpool 2 v Aigburth 2
- 20 Southport 1 v Wallasey B
- 28 Widnes 2 v Liverpool 2

### March 2018

- 06 Southport 1 v Liverpool 2
- 07 Aigburth 2 v Prescot 1
- 07 Widnes 2 v Liverpool 1
- 08 Wallasey B v Atticus 3
- 13 Southport 1 v Liverpool 1
- 19 Atticus 3 v Widnes 2
- 20 Liverpool 1 v Aigburth 2
- 26 Prescot 1 v Southport 1

### April 2018

- 03 Liverpool 2 v Atticus 3
- 04 Aigburth 2 v Widnes 2
- 05 Wallasey B v Prescot 1
- 10 Liverpool 2 v Wallasey B
- 10 Southport 1 v Widnes 2
- 16 Atticus 3 v Aigburth 2
- 17 Liverpool 1 v Wallasey B
- 16 Prescot 1 v Liverpool 2

# FIXTURES 2017 - 2018

## DIVISION 3

### September 2017

- 05 Formby 2 v Atticus 4
- 11 Atticus 4 v Prescott 2
- 12 Liverpool 3 v Skelmersdale 1
- 13 Aigburth 3 v Atticus 4
- 14 Wallasey C v Hoylake 2
- 26 Hoylake 2 v Formby 2

### October 2017

- 02 Skelmersdale 1 v Aigburth 3
- 05 Wallasey C v Liverpool 3
- 09 Prescott 2 v Formby 2
- 17 Liverpool 3 v Hoylake 2
- 18 Aigburth 3 v Wallasey C
- 24 Formby 2 v Wallasey C
- 24 Hoylake 2 v Skelmersdale 1

### November 2017

- 06 Prescott 2 v Skelmersdale 1
- 07 Hoylake 2 v Atticus 4
- 07 Liverpool 3 v Aigburth 3
- 09 Wallasey C v Prescott 2
- 14 Formby 2 v Liverpool 3
- 20 Prescott 2 v Liverpool 3
- 20 Atticus 4 v Skelmersdale 1
- 27 Skelmersdale 1 v Formby 2

### December 2017

- 05 Liverpool 3 v Formby 2
- 06 Aigburth 3 v Prescott 2
- 07 Wallasey C v Atticus 4

### January 2018

- 03 Aigburth 3 v Hoylake 2
- 15 Atticus 4 v Liverpool 3
- 15 Skelmersdale 1 v Wallasey C
- 15 Prescott 2 v Hoylake 2

### January 2018 cont.

- 17 Aigburth 3 v Formby 2
- 23 Formby 2 v Prescott 2
- 29 Skelmersdale 1 v Liverpool 3
- 29 Atticus 4 v Aigburth 3
- 30 Hoylake 2 v Wallasey C

### February 2018

- 12 Prescott 2 v Atticus 4
- 13 Formby 2 v Hoylake 2
- 13 Liverpool 3 v Wallasey C
- 14 Aigburth 3 v Skelmersdale 1
- 26 Skelmersdale 1 v Prescott 2
- 27 Hoylake 2 v Liverpool 3

### March 2018

- 01 Wallasey C v Aigburth 3
- 05 Atticus 4 v Formby 2
- 05 Prescott 2 v Wallasey C
- 12 Atticus 4 v Hoylake 2
- 20 Formby 2 v Skelmersdale 1
- 21 Aigburth 3 v Liverpool 3
- 26 Skelmersdale 1 v Atticus 4
- 27 Hoylake 2 v Aigburth 3
- 27 Liverpool 3 v Prescott 2
- 29 Wallasey C v Formby 2

### April 2018

- 09 Skelmersdale 1 v Hoylake 2
- 09 Atticus 4 v Wallasey C
- 09 Prescott 2 v Aigburth 3
- 24 Hoylake 2 v Prescott 2
- 24 Formby 2 v Aigburth 3
- 24 Liverpool 3 v Atticus 4
- 26 Wallasey C v Skelmersdale 1



# FIXTURES 2017 - 2018

## DIVISION 4

Division 4 now comprises 6 boards

### September 2017

- 05 Liverpool 4 v Skelmersdale 2
- 06 Aigburth 4 v Southport 2
- 07 Hoylake 3 v Hoylake Juniors
- 07 Wallasey D v Atticus 5
- 11 Skelmersdale 2 v Wallasey D
- 12 Formby 3 v Hoylake 3
- 14 Hoylake Juniors v Aigburth 4
- 25 Atticus 5 v Skelmersdale 2
- 26 Southport 2 v Wallasey D
- 27 Aigburth 4 v Formby 3
- 28 Liverpool 4 v Hoylake Juniors

### October 2017

- 03 Southport 2 v Liverpool 4
- 10 Southport 2 v Atticus 5
- 10 Formby 3 v Liverpool 4
- 12 Hoylake 3 v Aigburth 4
- 19 Hoylake Juniors v Wallasey D
- 23 Skelmersdale 2 v Southport 2
- 26 Wallasey D v Formby 3
- 26 Atticus 5 v Hoylake Juniors

### November 2017

- 07 Formby 3 v Atticus 5
- 08 Aigburth 4 v Liverpool 4
- 09 Hoylake Juniors v Skelmersdale 2
- 13 Atticus 5 v Hoylake 3
- 13 Skelmersdale 2 v Formby 3
- 14 Liverpool 4 v Hoylake 3
- 16 Wallasey D v Aigburth 4
- 16 Southport 2 v Hoylake Juniors
- 23 Hoylake 3 v Wallasey D
- 27 Atticus 5 v Liverpool 4
- 28 Formby 3 v Southport 2
- 28 Liverpool 4 v Wallasey D
- 29 Aigburth 4 v Atticus 5
- 30 Hoylake 3 v Skelmersdale 2

### December 2017

- 04 Skelmersdale 2 v Aigburth 4
- 05 Southport 2 v Hoylake 3
- 07 Hoylake Juniors v Formby 3

### January 2018

- 08 Skelmersdale 2 v Liverpool 4
- 08 Atticus 5 v Wallasey D
- 09 Southport 2 v Aigburth 4
- 11 Hoylake Juniors v Hoylake 3
- 23 Liverpool 4 v Southport 2
- 25 Wallasey D v Skelmersdale 2
- 25 Aigburth 4 v Hoylake Juniors

### February 2018

- 01 Hoylake 3 v Formby 3
- 05 Skelmersdale 2 v Atticus 5
- 06 Formby 3 v Aigburth 4
- 08 Hoylake Juniors v Liverpool 4
- 08 Wallasey D v Southport 2
- 19 Atticus 5 v Southport 2
- 20 Liverpool 4 v Formby 3
- 21 Aigburth 4 v Hoylake 3
- 22 Wallasey D v Hoylake Juniors
- 28 Aigburth 4 v Skelmersdale 2

### March 2018

- 06 Formby 3 v Wallasey D
- 08 Hoylake Juniors v Atticus 5
- 15 Hoylake 3 v Liverpool 4
- 19 Atticus 5 v Formby 3
- 20 Liverpool 4 v Aigburth 4
- 22 Skelmersdale 2 v Hoylake Jnrs
- 22 Wallasey D v Hoylake 3
- 27 Southport 2 v Skelmersdale 2

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# FIXTURES 2017 - 2018

## DIVISION 4 continued

### April 2018

03 Formby 3 v Skelmersdale 2  
03 Hoylake Juniors v Southport 2  
04 Aigburth 4 v Wallasey D  
05 Hoylake 3 v Atticus 5  
16 Skelmersdale 2 v Hoylake 3

16 Atticus 5 v Aigburth 4  
17 Southport 2 v Formby 3  
17 Liverpool 4 v Atticus 5  
19 Wallasey D v Liverpool 4  
26 Hoylake 3 v Southport 2  
26 Formby 3 v Hoylake Juniors

# FIXTURES 2017 - 2018

## 600 LEAGUE

All teams will now play each other twice

### September 2017

06 Atticus 600-1 v Atticus 600-2  
11 Prescot 600 v Waterloo 600  
27 Widnes 600 v Waterloo 600  
27 Atticus 600-2 v Prescot 600  
27 Aigburth 600 v Atticus 600-1

### October 2017

04 Aigburth 600 v Widnes 600  
16 Waterloo 600 v Atticus 600-2

### November 2017

08 Aigburth 600 v Waterloo 600  
13 Prescot 600 v Aigburth 600  
15 Widnes 600 v Atticus 600-2  
20 Prescot 600 v Widnes 600  
29 Atticus 600-2 v Aigburth 600

### December 2017

06 Atticus 600-1 v Prescot 600

### January 2018

08 Waterloo 600 v Atticus 600-1  
31 Widnes 600 v Aigburth 600

### February 2018

05 Waterloo 600 v Widnes 600  
05 Prescot 600 v Atticus 600-2  
07 Atticus 600-1 v Aigburth 600  
07 Atticus 600-2 v Atticus 600-1  
21 Atticus 600-1 v Widnes 600  
28 Aigburth 600 v Prescot 600

### March 2018

07 Atticus 600-2 v Waterloo 600  
12 Waterloo 600 v Prescot 600  
19 Waterloo 600 v Aigburth 600  
21 Atticus 600-2 v Widnes 600

### April 2018

18 Widnes 600 v Prescot 600  
18 Atticus 600-1 v Waterloo 600  
18 Aigburth 600 v Atticus 600-2  
23 Prescot 600 v Atticus 600-1  
25 Widnes 600 v Atticus 600-1

# FIXTURES 2017 - 2018

## 440 LEAGUE

### September 2017

No matches

### October 2017

02 Prescot 440-1 v Prescot 440-2  
03 Formby 440 v Hoylake 440  
04 Atticus 440-1 v Atticus 440-2  
04 Aigburth 440 v Waterloo 440  
16 Prescot 440-2 v Hoylake 440  
16 Waterloo 440 v Formby 440  
16 Prescot 440-1 v Atticus 440-1  
25 Atticus 440-2 v Aigburth 440

### November 2017

21 Formby 440 v Atticus 440-2  
21 Hoylake 440 v Waterloo 440  
22 Atticus 440-1 v Prescot 440-2  
22 Aigburth 440 v Prescot 440-1

### December 2017

No matches

### January 2018

08 Prescot 440-2 v Waterloo 440  
08 Prescot 440-1 v Formby 440  
17 Atticus 440-2 v Hoylake 440  
24 Atticus 440-1 v Aigburth 440

### February 2018

12 Waterloo 440 v Atticus 440-2  
13 Formby 440 v Atticus 440-1  
20 Hoylake 440 v Prescot 440-1

### March 2018

07 Aigburth 440 v Prescot 440-2  
12 Prescot 440-2 v Atticus 440-2  
12 Prescot 440-1 v Waterloo 440  
14 Atticus 440-1 v Hoylake 440  
14 Aigburth 440 v Formby 440  
26 Prescot 440-2 v Formby 440

### April 2018

09 Waterloo 440 v Atticus 440-1  
10 Hoylake 440 v Aigburth 440  
11 Atticus 440-2 v Prescot 440-1

# JOHN RIPLEY CUP

**First Round** - Week Commencing Monday 18th of September 2017

Widnes v Waterloo  
Skelmersdale 2 v Atticus 2  
Liverpool v Prescot  
Wallasey v Skelmersdale 1

Byes: Aigburth, Atticus 1, Formby, Hoylake

**Second Round** - Week commencing Monday 30th of October 2017

**Third Round (Semi-Finals)** - By arrangement between teams

# KNOTTY ASH CUP

**First Round** - Week Commencing Monday 18th of September 2017

Waterloo v Southport  
Skelmersdale 1 v Aigburth  
Atticus v Formby  
Hoylake v Skelmersdale 2

Byes: Liverpoolm Prescot, Wallasey, Atticus 2

**Second Round** - Week commencing Monday 11th of December 2017

**Third Rounds (Semi-Finals)** - By arrangement between teams

# FINALS NIGHT JOHN RIPLEY & KNOTTY ASH

**DATE** - Monday 16th of May 2018

**VENUE** - PKA, Alder Social Club, Alder Road, Liverpool, L12 2BA

Being a neutral venue, teams toss for colour and the winner has white on odd boards. There will be no third-place play-off.

# RESULTS 2016 - 2017

## DIVISION 1

TEAM	Played	Won	Drew	Lost	Boards	Points
ATTICUS 2	14	13	0	1	82.5	26
ATTICUS 1	14	10	1	3	67.5	21
HOYLAKE 1	14	8	2	4	62	18
AIGBURTH 1	14	7	1	6	59	15
WIDNES 1	14	5	3	6	51	13
WALLASEY A	14	5	0	9	45.5	10
WATERLOO 1	14	3	0	11	38	6
AIGBURTH 2	14	1	1	12	41.5	3

**PLAYER OF THE YEAR** - D. Odunaiya, Atticus 2 - 12.5 points

## DIVISION 2

TEAM	Played	Won	Drew	Lost	Boards	Points
FORMBY 1	12	11	1	0	55	23
LIVERPOOL 1	12	6	1	5	46	13
WALLASEY B	12	6	1	5	45	13
WIDNES 2	12	4	1	7	42	9
PRESCOT 1	12	2	5	5	37.5	9
SOUTHPORT 1	12	3	3	6	36	9
ATTICUS 3	12	3	2	7	33.5	8

**PLAYER OF THE YEAR** - G. Haslinger & D. Colbourne - Formby 1 - 10 points

# RESULTS 2016 - 2017

## DIVISION 3

TEAM	Played	Won	Drew	Lost	Boards	Points
LIVERPOOL 2	14	9	2	1	55	20
AIGBURTH 3	14	8	1	5	49	17
SKELMERSDALE 1	14	7	2	5	43	16
HOYLAKE 2	14	7	1	6	42	15
ATTICUS 4	13	6	3	4	39.5	15
WALLASEY C	14	4	3	7	41	11
FORMBY 2	14	3	4	7	36	10
FAZAKERLEY 1	13	2	2	9	24.5	6

**PLAYER OF THE YEAR** - B. Vasiev, Hoylake - 10.5 points

## DIVISION 4

TEAM	Played	Won	Drew	Lost	Boards	Points
LIVERPOOL 3	10	7	2	1	39.5	16
PRESCOT 2	10	5	2	3	31	12
SOUTHPORT 2	10	5	1	4	30.5	11
FORMBY 3	10	3	3	4	28	9
AIGBURTH 4	10	2	3	5	26.5	7
HOYLAKE 3	10	2	1	7	24.5	5

**PLAYER OF THE YEAR** - C. Ford, Prescott 2 - 7.5 points

# RESULTS 2016 - 2017

## DIVISION 5

TEAM	Played	Won	Drew	Lost	Boards	Points
WALLASEY D	12	8	3	1	37.5	19
ATTICUS 5	12	5	4	3	35	14
HOYLAKE Jns	12	4	4	4	28.5	12
LIVERPOOL 4	12	5	0	7	25.5	10
AIGBURTH 5	12	2	1	9	23.5	5

**PLAYER OF THE YEAR** - B. Ellington, Atticus 5 - 9.5 points

## 600 LEAGUE

TEAM	Played	Won	Drew	Lost	Boards	Points
WIDNES 600	8	7	1	0	24.5	15
ATTICUS 2	8	5	2	1	20.5	12
LIVERPOOL	8	4	3	1	20.5	11
PRESCOT	8	5	0	3	20	10
AIGBURTH	8	4	2	2	19.5	10
ATTICUS 1	8	2	2	4	16.5	6
WATERLOO	8	1	2	5	12.5	4
FORMBY	8	2	0	6	10	4
FAZAKERLEY	8	0	0	9	0	0

**PLAYER OF THE YEAR** - M. Connor, Widnes & B. Ewart, Atticus 2 - 6 points

# RESULTS 2016 - 2017

## 440 LEAGUE

TEAM	Played	Won	Drew	Lost	Boards	Points
FORMBY	8	6	2	0	23	14
ATTICUS 1	8	6	1	1	21	13
HOYLAKE	8	5	1	2	21	11
WATERLOO	8	4	2	2	20	10
PRESCOT 2	8	4	0	4	18	8
ATTICUS 2	8	3	1	4	15	7
PRESCOT 1	8	3	0	5	14	6
AIGBURTH	8	1	1	6	12	3
FAZAKERLEY	8	0	0	8	0	0

**PLAYER OF THE YEAR** - R. Greaves, Formby - 6.5 points

### John Ripley Handicap Cup

Winners: Atticus

Runners-up: Hoylake

### Knotty Ash Cup

Winners: Liverpool

Runners-up: Prescot

### Team Lightning Tournament

Winners: Atticus

Runners-up: Aigburth

### Individual Lightning Tournament

Joint Winners: Gerry Cohen (Aigburth), Mike Barrett (Formby)

Runners up: Stephen Kee, Nick Martin, David Odunaiya (All Atticus)



# 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: Eight players in Division 1; Seven players in Division 2; Six players in Divisions 3 and 4; Five players in any lower Division.

**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 Divisions 3 and below, 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. 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 graded below 130 in the current grading list. Ungraded players shall be eligible to play so long as their estimated playing strengths are below a grade of 130 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 Prescott 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.

**600 LEAGUE** - Teams shall comprise four boards, with grades totalling a maximum of 600 with no player to be graded over 175. The minimum individual grade is 120. (Players below 120 can play, but count as 120 towards the team total). Ungraded players are counted as having a grade of 120, 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 120 towards the team total.

**440 LEAGUE** - Teams shall comprise four boards, with grades totalling a maximum of 440 with no player to be graded over 135. The minimum individual grade is 80. (Players below 80 can play, but count as 80 towards the team total). Ungraded players are counted as having a grade of 80, 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 80 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.

**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)



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