

**Minutes of the Sheffield & District Chess Association Fixture Meeting
held Tuesday, 22nd September 2026 at 7.30 p.m.
at The Trades & Labour Club, 200 Duke Street, Sheffield S2 5QQ**

1. Apologies for absence:

Mike Smith, Geoff Frost, Daniel Sullivan, Jonathan Arnott, Steve Mann, Oliver Brennan and Sheffield Deaf

2. Minutes of the fixture meeting from Tuesday, 16th September 2025

These were distributed by email before the meeting and therefore taken as read

3. Matters arising

None

4. Presentation of trophies

Davy Challenge Trophy	Woodseats A
Weston Trophy	Barnsley B
Batley-Meek Memorial Trophy	University A
Athenaeum Challenge Cup	D & H C
P H Charles Trophy	Clay Cross
Richardson Cup	Ecclesall 1
Sam Haystead Memorial	Worksop 1
Edwin Woodhouse Challenge Cup	Chesterfield A
D K Hodgett Memorial Trophy	D & H A
Sheffield Deaf Trophy	D & H B
Roebuck Cup	Barnsley B
Blackman Memorial	SASCA (trophy already in their possession)
Bruce Trophy	Alexandr Klimchik
Holroyd Trophy	Seth Woozeer
Shapero Trophy	Jamie Woodhouse
Crabb Shield	Tom Wills

5. Registration of players for the 2026/27 season under rules 17(a,b)

Division One

Barnsley A	Greg Eagleton, Gerald Cuaresma and Miles Edwards-Wright
Chesterfield A	Peter Ackley, Dave Latham and Martin Howard
Ecclesall A	Jim Burnett, Daniel Sullivan and Ewan Cormack
Hillsborough A	Chris Ross, Farshad Ai and Paul Fletcher
Nomads A	Jon Nelson, Mike Handley and Sam Milson
SASCA A	Peter Gayson, Alex Burke and Deji Jeje
Woodseats A	Andrew Ledger, Pavel Besedin and Alan Potts
Worksop A	Alexandr Klimchik, Jonathan Tait and David Coates

Division Two

Barnsley B	Andy Butterworth, Gary Hinchcliffe, Isaac Fossy and Pete Micklethwaite
Darnall & Handsworth A	Marek Gajdosz, Ed Ter Gevorkian and Aram Ter-Gevorkian
Ecclesall B	Tim Gollins, Ken McIntosh and Alan McIntosh
Hillsborough B	Carl Walker, Ben Wood and Bryan Wood
Nomads B	Vasileios Pasialis, Andrew Hards and Stuart Crosthwaite
SASCA B	Mithun Chakravorty, Yang Guo and Zak Cansdale
University A	Ewan Kershaw, Peter Stone and Andy Yang
Woodseats B	John Toscano, Ben Clissold and Stuart Jones

Division Three

Barnsley C	Martin Sheard, Neil Todd and Steve Crow
Darnall & Handsworth B	Craig Chatterton, Brendan Haswell and Barry Williams
Darnall & Handsworth C	Shamil Khadaev, Noman Ahmed and Paul Davies
Woodseats C	Joe Highland, Mark Allison and Jay Ryalls
Workshop B	Geoff Frost, Ionel Dragan and Oliver Graham

Division Four

Chesterfield B	David Ashcroft, George Peters and Steve Bracey
Chesterfield C	Haider Shah, Stefan Lewins and William Sims
Clay Cross A	Andy Natt, Dean Hartley and Paul Williams
SASCA C	Rico-Bradley Ellis, Steve Gibbs and Daniel Wilson
Woodseats D	Jamie Woodhouse, Oliver West and Sam Kidman

6. Draw for the First and Second Rounds of the Richardson Cup

First round matches to be played in the week commencing Monday 12th October 2026

1. Ecclesall 1	v	Sheffield Deaf
2. Nomads 2	v	Woodseats
3. Darnall & Handsworth 1	v	Workshop
4. Nomads 1	v	Rotherham
5. Chesterfield 2	v	SASCA (to be played at SASCA)
6. Clay Cross	v	Ecclesall 2
7. Hillsborough	v	Barnsley 1
8. Darnall & Handsworth 2	v	University 2
9. Chesterfield 1	v	Barnsley 2
10. University 1	v	Ravenfield

Second round, with matches to be played the week commencing Monday, 9th November 2016

1. Nomads 2 / Woodseats	v	Clay Cross / Ecclesall 2
2. Nomads 1 / Rotherham	v	D & H 2 / University 2

7. Distribution of Fixtures for the 2026/27 season

These should already have been published on the LMS web pages prior to the meeting.

SASCA D request that they be allowed to play a lot of their away games as double-point home matches. They will contact the relevant teams accordingly.

8. Announcements by Officials and Secretaries

Geoff Brown is now taking entries for the Sheffield Individual Championships

Pete Micklethwaite will stay behind for a while after the meeting to collect league fees.

9. Any Other Business

- a)** Mike Smith wanted to gauge the 'appetite' for moving the match start time to 7.15 pm. A quick show of hands had 1 vote for, and 6 against, with lots of abstentions.
- b)** Steve Mann feels that the Association should be much more pro-active in 'continuity planning', i.e. getting younger people involved in running the Association. He would like to be able to step down from his Webmaster post, and seizing the moment, Geoff Brown announced his intention to step down as General Secretary in 2028 (10 years after being elected) if not ousted in 2027.
- c)** Jonathan Arnott wanted to promote the Blackman Memorial team tournament to be held on Thursday, 8th October.
- d)** Bill Ward asked if there was any appetite for hosting the British Championships in Sheffield again.

President Andrew Hards closed the meeting by wishing everyone good luck for the coming season

Meeting Closed at 8.16 pm