

**Minutes of the Sheffield & District Chess Association Fixture Meeting
to be held Tuesday, 17th September 2024 at 7.30 p.m.
at The Trades & Labour Club, 200 Duke Street, Sheffield S2 5QQ**

1. Apologies for absence:

Jonathan Arnott, Michael Freund, Ivan Dunnachie, Chris Shephard, Thomas Carroll, Elliott Spencer.
The secretary had a feeling Steve Mann had sent his apologies but was not sure. [This proved afterwards to have been the case.]

2. Minutes of the fixture meeting from Tuesday, 19th September 2023

Circulated by email on 2nd September and accepted as a true record

3. Matters arising

None

4. Presentation of trophies

Davy Challenge Trophy	SASCA A
Weston Trophy	Barnsley A
Batley-Meek Memorial Trophy	SASCA B
Athenaeum Challenge Cup	SASCA C
Richardson Cup	Nomads 1
Sam Haystead Memorial	Hillsborough
Edwin Woodhouse Challenge Cup	Chesterfield A
D K Hodgett Memorial Trophy	Worksop
Sheffield Deaf Trophy	Nomads B
Bruce Trophy	Chris Shephard
Holroyd Trophy	Jay Ryalls
Shapero Trophy	Elliott Spencer
Crabb Shield	Thomas Carroll

5. Registration of players for the 2024/25 season under rules 17(a,b)

Division One

Barnsley A	Pete Micklethwaite, Greg Eagleton and Andrew Butterworth
Chesterfield A	Peter Ackley, Dave Latham and Martin Pettinger
Ecclesall A	Jim Burnett, Ewan Cormack and James Marley
Hillsborough A	Chris Ross, Paul Fletcher and Farshad Ai
Nomads A	Jon Nelson, Sam Milson and Mike Handley
Nomads B	Daniel Sullivan, Vasileios Pasialis and Henry Withington
SASCA A	Peter Gayson, Jonathan Arnott and Miles Edwards-Wright
Woodseats A	Andy Ledger, John Fletcher and Nigel Carpino

Division Two

Chesterfield B Joe Bradey, Tim Humphries and John Trafford
Darnall & Handsworth A Marek Gajdosz, Ed Ter Gevorkian and Szilard Tamas
Ecclesall B Tim Gollins, Alan McIntosh and Ken McIntosh
Hillsborough B Khaled Muflehi, Gerry Fletcher and Andy Birtwhistle
SASCA B Tom Wills, Deji Jeje and Xi-Yang Guo
University A Ivan Dunnachie, Ewan Kershaw and Ethan Sallis
Worksop A Jonathan Tait, Jim Davis and Phil Griffiths

Division Three

Barnsley B Martin Sheard, Richard Desmedt and Ken Hunter
Darnall & Handsworth B Geoff Brown, Craig Chatterton and Dave Glossop
SASCA C Rishab Cammanchery-Krishnan, Miles Hemingway and Mithun Chakravorty
Woodseats B Daniel Clayton, Peter Hulse and Brendan Ashmore

Division Four

Barnsley C John Stevens, Vladimir Shaposhnikov and Chris Bailey
Darnall & Handsworth C Dave Watson, Tom Hails and Paul Davies
Hillsborough C Chris Halliwell, Tim Holt and Stephen Lee
SASCA D Ben Layton, Seth Woozeer and Xiaorui Wang
Woodseats C Jay Ryalls, Jon Ferguson and Jamie Woodhouse

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

First round matches to be played in the week commencing Monday 14th October 2024

1. SASCA 1 v Darnall & Handsworth 1
2. SASCA 2 v Ecclesall 1
3. Worksop v University
4. Woodseats v Nomads 1
5. Ecclesall 2 v Rotherham
6. Darnall & Handsworth 2 v Sheffield Deaf
7. Chesterfield 1 v Nomads 2
8. Barnsley 2 v Hillsborough
9. Barnsley 1 v Chesterfield 2

The draw for the Second Round was also made. Matches in week commencing 11th November

1. Woodseats/Nomads 1 v Barnsley 1/Chesterfield 2

7. Distribution of Fixtures for the 2024/25 season

These had already been published on the LMS web pages and club secretaries and team captains had all been notified. Any fixture changes that might be needed now should be agreed between the clubs and notified to the relevant League Secretary (Daniel Sullivan for Divs 1 & 2 and Phil Beckett for Divs 3, 4 & 5).

Geoff Frost reminded captains of the new board order ruling brought in at the recent AGM.

8. Announcements by Officials and Secretaries

(a) Sheffield Individual Tournaments entries to Geoff Brown by 15th October 2024

(b) Treasurer John Mercy would be available immediately after the meeting to receive league fees from clubs

9. Any Other Business

(a) An appeal from Jonathan Arnott for juniors to play in the Yorkshire U18 league.

(b) Jonathan wanted to make clubs aware of ECF Grassroots Funding opportunities which exist to encourage non-elite chess.

(c) Daniel Sullivan raised the point that he is holding most of Sheffield's match equipment including a box of eight digital clocks. Geoff Brown also has eight clocks in his possession. Since Sheffield have been playing their home matches at the Chess Centre they've been using the centre's equipment. Daniel wondered whether any evening league club would like to borrow the digital clocks until such time as Sheffield might require them again for match play. It was agreed to allow Rotherham to borrow eight of the clocks.

(d) Chris Willey raised the matter of their new venue (The Bluecoats pub in Rotherham) not allowing under-18s on the premises after 9.00 pm. Rotherham are prepared to do whatever it takes to work with teams that might have juniors amongst their ranks, e.g. defaulting a board, playing at an opponent's venue, or playing the away match for double points.

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm