

THE NEW SEASON : 2008 / 2009

The season runs from October to July. You may start playing as soon as you receive this but time does not count until 1st October. Results should be in or games sent for adjudication by July 31st 2009. If you receive the score card with this magazine then you are responsible for starting the game, otherwise you should expect to hear from your opponent in a few days. If you haven't heard from anyone in your Division within 14 days of the start of the season, contact the Secretary.

Opposite are the Divisions for this season. Divisions normally contain seven players, but some contain six or fewer to even out numbers. At the end of the season two players are promoted and two relegated from each division, though adjustments may be made to take account of any withdrawals. In all divisions each player plays one game against each other member of that Division. Algebraic notation must be used unless both players agree to use another. Ties are decided firstly by the results between the tied players; then by progressively eliminating the results against the lowest placed players in the division; then the number of wins, black wins, black draws; and finally the players' BFCC Grade if known.

The time columns on the score card should be completed as follows: In the column headed 'R' you write the date that you *received* your opponent's move; in the column headed 'S' the date you *send* your reply; in the column headed 'T' you write the *total time* used to date. This way you and your opponent can immediately see where you stand in relation to the time limit.

New players have the full playing rules enclosed, but as always a reminder of the basics: 20 days are allowed for each 10 moves; time saved is carried forward; same day reply counts as nil days playing time, but note that *every* day counts, including Sundays and Bank Holidays; each player can have 14 days off during a game after notifying his opponent; additional time off for special needs can be granted by the Secretary on request; if your opponent exceeds the time limit you can claim the game by default but you must do this as soon as the time control is broken or you lose the right to claim unless a later time control is also broken.

You may communicate your moves by post, telephone, fax, or e-mail. If using phone the following guidelines can help:

- i. Read back your opponent's last move for confirmation before giving your new one.
- ii. Arrange mutually convenient times to phone during cheap rate, and if out try to ensure that someone else can take down a move, or get an answering machine.
- iii. Always have pen and paper by every phone in the house.
- iv. If using algebraic notation the phonetic alphabet can avoid confusion.
- v. Exchange the scorecard by post every 10 moves or so (possibly with a diagram of the position) as a check that no one has gone wrong.

In order to avoid anyone exploiting the technology to make same day replies impossible (e.g. by emailing, faxing or phoning an answering machine at 2359 hours) you should adopt the convention that a move so transmitted is received the day after it was sent, as if it were a perfect first class letter.

Whilst second class post is allowed it can be dreadfully slow on some routes. If it looks as if your game is not going to finish please consider changing to 1st class post or telephone around Easter. While unfinished games can be submitted for adjudication, we have been forced to introduce a charge for this to have access to the BFCC adjudication panel, so please try to finish your games or agree results where this is not possible.

CCCC DIVISIONS 2008/2009

Titles are omitted in this list to ensure that everyone fits on one line (everyone is at least The Rev'd.). If the POST TOWN is in upper case and the postcode is used there is no need to state the County.

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