

ROCK AND BIDGOOD CUPS

ELIGIBILITY: The Rock Cup is an individual knock-out tournament, open to all registered members of clubs playing in the WDCL, for the individual championship. Everyone, with the exceptions listed below, plays at least two games, as Round 1 of the Rock Cup will be seeded, and first round losers are automatically entered for the Bidgood Cup. Winners will hold the Cups for one year. In future, both winners and runners-up will also receive appropriate trophies to keep, rather than cash prizes. The entry fee is £3 per player and cheques and postal orders should be made payable to the Wolverhampton & District Chess League. Closing date for entries is the 30th September. Results will be published on the internet at www.wdclchess.org.uk **The following players will not be eligible to compete in the Bidgood Cup:** A) Any player who, during the previous season, played on one of the top ten boards in a County (1st team) match B) Any player defaulting in the first round of the Rock Cup

RULES

1. Each round must be played within the stated time and the results notified by the winner to the Tournament Secretary by the last day of the month. Failure to do so will result in disqualification of **BOTH** players.
2. The **HOME** player is responsible for suggesting at least 3 alternate dates to his opponent within a week of receipt of the pairing notices, in default of which the **AWAY** player shall claim the game.
3. If the dates offered are unacceptable, the **AWAY** player must reply within a further 7 days offering at least 3 alternative dates, in default of which the **HOME** player shall claim the game.
4. If the date is still not agreed, the **HOME** player must notify the Tournament Secretary, who will fix a date and venue which shall be binding on both players.
5. Any player failing to keep an appointment after the date has been mutually agreed shall forfeit the game.
6. The **HOME** player has black. In the event of a drawn game, colours and venue shall be reversed and the game played in the same month. All results in this round (including draws) shall be notified to the Tournament Secretary.
7. Clocks shall be used. The **HOME** player is responsible for providing same.
- 8. The use of clocks shall be compulsory, and the time limits in all WDCL competitions shall be one of the following options: (the default rate of play will be option (1))**
 - (1) All moves in 80 minutes with 10 seconds per move added throughout (incremental) if sufficient digital clocks are available.**
 - (2) All moves in 90 minutes**
9. The date and venue for the final will be fixed by the Tournament Secretary.
10. All games shall be played in accordance with the F.I.D.E. Laws of Chess and the E.C.F. Tournament Rules, unless provided by the rules above. Any matter affecting the conduct of a match shall be referred to the Tournament Secretary in the first instance.