

Notts Chess Association

League Mgt Committee Meeting (virtual meeting via Zoom) 7th July 2025

Present: Chris Holt (chair), Nick London, Graham Ladds, Dave Griffiths, Phil Morgan, Felipe Lessa

Apologies: Chris Budd, Simon Scott.

1. Appointment of minute taker:

In the absence of a League Secretary, NL volunteered to write notes.

2. League entries

An entry form or indicative information has been received from all 12 clubs.

4 new teams have been entered, one team (West Bridgford 3) has dropped out.

This provides a total of 41 teams across divisions

3. Divisional Structure

Following discussion, it was agreed that Division 1 should comprise 9 teams and that divisions 2-5 should comprise 8 teams. This decision and the addition of new teams requires a re-allocation of teams in divisions beyond the normal "2 up & 2 down" promotion & relegation cycle.

4. Allocation of teams

The proposed structure is as follows:

<u>Division 1</u>	<u>Division 2</u>	<u>Division 3</u>
Mansfield 1	Gambit 2	Nomads 2
University 1	Nomads 1	University 2
Gambit 1	West Bridgford 2	Gambit 4
Grantham 1	West Nottingham 1	Newark 2
West Bridgford 1	Grantham 2	Gambit 5
Newark 1	Gambit 3	Ashfield 4
Beeston 1	Radcliffe & Bing'm 2	Ashfield 3
Radcliffe & Bing'm 1	Ashfield 2	Grantham 3
Ashfield 1		
<u>Division 4</u>	<u>Division 5</u>	
West Nottingham 2	Ashfield 5	
Central 1	Beeston 3	
Nomads 3	Radcliffe & Bing'm 5	
Radcliffe & Bing'm 3	Radcliffe & Bing'm 6	
Radcliffe & Bing'm 4	Newark 3	
Gambit 6	Beeston 2	
West Nottingham 3	Gambit 7	
Grantham 4	Central 2	

5. It was agreed to circulate this proposed structure at the NCA AGM on 7/7/25 and ask for any comments and feedback in the following week. The new LMC will then confirm final arrangements.
6. It was noted that some difficulties have arisen this year in obtaining a quorate decision-making group from LMC members. It was recommended that the new committee review the LMC Standing orders to alleviate this situation.

[Following comments received at and after the NCA AGM, a further LMC meeting was convened]

League Mgt Committee Meeting (virtual meeting via Zoom) 20th July 2025

Present: Chris Holt, Nick London, Graham Ladds, Dave Griffiths, Phil Morgan, Simon Scott

Apologies: Felipe Almeida Lessa

1. Appointment of Minute Taker:
NL volunteered to add minutes to the previous set prior to wider circulation
2. Election of chair:
Chris Holt was nominated by NL and seconded by DG.
CH duly elected without opposition.
3. Comments received about the draft league structure were reviewed:
 - a. C Sargeant: Beeston's new team would mean Beeston 2 would have an average of 1650 rating. SS confirmed that this would make it competitive in Div. 3 and would outclass Div. 5.
 - b. West Nottm 3 had expected to be relegated to Div. 5 and would prefer this position.
 - c. Case made by Gambit CC members that 9 teams would be better in Div. 3, so that abnormal adjustments in future years would be easier to manage.
 - d. Concern raised by C. Hill (Grantham) at the AGM regarding additional long away journeys; subsequently withdrawn.
 - e. General recognition that multiple Ashfield teams in a single division would create demands for more distant clubs. Ashfield CC would accept their teams being spread across the 5 divisions.
4. Following further discussion it was **resolved** that:
 - a. Div 1 should be retained as a 9-team division (primarily on the grounds that the highest-rated players are the most engaged competitors and would most appreciate the extra matches).
 - b. All other divisions should have 8 teams, with a recognition that any new entries would be likely to swell Div 5.
 - c. Beeston 2 should be placed in Division 3, with Beeston 3 in Div 5.
 - d. One Ashfield team (ASH4) should remain in Div 4 to make way for BEE2
 - e. WN3 should be relegated to Div 5 to make way for ASH 3.

See list below for full and final structure.

It was confirmed that there is no further appeal to this structure, and that the League Sec. is now authorised to compile a draft fixture list.

Action: FAL

5. LMC membership:
It was agreed at AGM that a rep from every NCA club would help to ensure quorate LMC decisions. N. Graham is drafting a message to all clubs which includes an appeal to those clubs not represented.
Agreed also to approach individual club members who may be interested in this role:
Beeston, Mansfield, Nottm. Central, University.
Action: LMC members
6. League entry forms:
 - a. Future team entry forms could be enhanced by a specific requirement to express the preferred division.
 - b. NL to forward the forms for 25-26 that he has received to SS as Records Sec. and FAL as League Sec.
Action: NL

2024-25 League Table		2025-26 Final Structure	
Division 1	Pts	Division 1	
Mansfield 1	24	Mansfield 1	<i>champions</i>
University 1	24	University 1	
Gambit 1	19	Gambit 1	
Grantham 1	15	Grantham 1	
West Bridgford 1	11	West Bridgford 1	
Newark 1	8	Newark 1	
Gambit 2	7	Beeston 1	<i>promoted</i>
Nomads 1	4	Radcliffe & Bingham 1	<i>promoted</i>
		Ashfield 1	<i>promotion added</i>
Division 2	Pts	Division 2	
Beeston 1	19	Gambit 2	<i>relegated</i>
Radcliffe & Bing'm 1	19	Nomads 1	<i>relegated</i>
Ashfield 1	19	West Bridgford 2	
West Bridgford 2	14	West Nottingham 1	
West Nottingham 1	14	Grantham 2	
Grantham 2	10	Gambit 3	<i>promoted</i>
Nomads 2	9	Radcliffe & Bingham 2	<i>promoted</i>
Ashfield 2	8	Ashfield 2	<i>not relegated</i>
Division 3	Pts	Division 3	
Gambit 3	19	Nomads 2	<i>relegated</i>
Radcliffe & Bing'm 2	19	University 2	
University 2	18	Gambit 4	
Gambit 4	16	Newark 2	
Newark 2	16	Gambit 5	
Gambit 5	12	Beeston 2	<i>new team</i>
West Nottingham 2	7	Ashfield 3	<i>promoted</i>
Central 1	5	Grantham 3	<i>promotion added</i>
Division 4	Pts	Division 4	
West Bridgford 3	16	West Nottingham 2	<i>relegated</i>
Ashfield 4	15	Central 1	<i>relegated</i>
Ashfield 3	15	Ashfield 4	
Grantham 3	14	Radcliffe & Bingham 3	<i>promoted</i>
Nomads 3	9	Radcliffe & Bingham 4	<i>promotion added</i>
Gambit 6	8	Gambit 6	<i>not relegated</i>
West Nottingham 3	7	Nomads 3	
		Grantham 4	<i>promotion added</i>
Division 5	Pts	Division 5	
Radcliffe & Bing'm 3	22	Ashfield 5	<i>new team</i>
Newark 3	17	Beeston 3	
Grantham 4	13	Radcliffe & Bingham 5	<i>new team</i>
Radcliffe & Bing'm 4	12	Radcliffe & Bingham 6	<i>new team</i>
Beeston 2	11	Newark 3	<i>not promoted</i>
Gambit 7	6	Gambit 7	
Central 2	3	Central 2	
		West Nottingham 3	