

Calderdale Chess League

To all Club Secretaries and Team Captains

Dear Colleague,

Calderdale Individual Championship 2009 / 2010

Hebden Bridge Chess Club will again host the competition this year. It will be held at **The Trades Club, Holme Street, Hebden Bridge**. Please encourage as many of your members as possible to enter.

This is a five round Swiss tournament to be held on the following dates:

Round	1:	Monday	2	November	2009
Round	2:	Monday	14	December	2009
Round	3:	Monday	11	January	2010
Round	4:	Monday	8	February	2010
Round	5:	Monday	8	March	2010

Pairings will be displayed at 7:30 p.m. and each round will start at 7:45 p.m. Re-pairings will be made at 8:15 p.m. If a player fails to arrive by 8:15 p.m. they will be assumed not to be playing in that round. Objections to the draw should be made at the League A.G.M.

The time limit is 36 moves in 75 minutes. For re-paired games the time limit is 30 moves in 60 minutes. Each clock is then set back 15 minutes and the game must be completed in the time remaining.

Cash prizes will be awarded after the fifth round; cups and plaques will be awarded after the Team Lightning Tournament in April 2010 as follows:

Winner:	£25	plus an engraved plaque.
Runner-up:	£15	plus an engraved plaque.
Grading prizes of £10 each. The winner also holds the Timeform Cup for one year.		

The entry fee is £3.50 per player, juniors (under 16) £1.50 per player.

A half-point bye may be taken in any one of the first four rounds provided that the controller is notified at least 24 hours in advance. Any player who is unable to play in any round must notify the controller at least 24 hours before the round is due to begin. A player who fails to play in a round without having first notified the controller will be deemed to have withdrawn from the competition.

Will you please send to me a list of players from your club or team who wish to enter. Do not send any money — this will be collected later, at the first round.

Entries should be sent to me to arrive by Sunday 1st November 2009 at the latest. Please note that I shall be away on holiday from 8th to 25th October.

Yours sincerely,

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