

RADCLIFFE & BINGHAM CHESS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP 2026-27

1. The competition is based on time handicaps derived from ECF ratings, and is designed to give all members an opportunity to win or at least qualify for the final group
2. All players should attempt to play a single game against others by **March 1ST 2027**. Games can be arranged by mutual agreement prior to the club night
3. **Points Scored:** **WIN = 3 points;** **DRAW = 2 points;** **LOSS = 1 point**
4. **TIME HANDICAP:** Handicap times are allocated based on the difference in ECF rating for August 2026. Each player is allocated into a band, eg: if the difference is 50 or less then both players get 60 minutes each, a difference of 1- 200 points would give the higher graded player 45 minutes and the lower graded 75.
The maximum allowance is capped at 75 minutes; minimum allowance is 12 minutes
5. **Allocation of colours** is by the traditional pawn-dip method before the start of the game
6. All points scored (including lost-game points) will be totalled after 2nd March. It is not compulsory to have played all games; the aim is simply to cumulate enough points to come in the top four.
7. **Final Play-Off:**
The top four qualify for a final all-play-all group, the winner of which is club champion. Colours are reversed from the initial game. Normal handicap rules apply for clock times.
In the event of a tie the lowest graded player takes priority in both the Initial Qualifier and the Final Sections
8. **How to use the Cross-Table:**
Find your name on the left and read across to find your own clock time under your opponent's column. Adjust your clock to give yourself the time shown.
After the game, write in the result in the same box (Win = 3, Draw = 2, Loss = 1)
9. **Plate, Cup, Saucer and Spoon Competitions**
After the Initial Qualifier is completed, non-qualifiers will automatically be allocated to the **4-person all-play-all sections**. Colours are reversed from the initial game.
Normal handicap rules apply for clock times. Lowest graded takes priority in ties.

All play-off games must be played and results entered by Monday 3 May 2027 at the latest. Games not played will be counted as a 'double zero'