

NCA

Nottinghamshire Chess Association

League Handbook 2008–09

NCA Officials

League Fixtures

Club Details

League Rules

Officers

Executive Committee

President	David Levens	01 773 761 170	16 Queen Street, Langley Mill, Nottingham NG16 4EJ
Secretary	Andrew Walker	01 15 947 2474	2 Park Terrace, The Park, Nottingham NG1 5DN
Treasurer	Robert Richmond	01 15 945 5908	25 Wilford Lane, West Bridgford, Nottingham NG2 7QZ
Co-opted members	Kevin Harvey	0791 3703451	29 Cloister Street, Dunkirk, Nottingham, NG7 2PG
	Neil Graham	01623 483731	52 Skegby Road, Annesley Woodhouse, Nottingham NG17 9JH

plus LMC representative (see below) and one further co-opted members (TBA)

Team Captains

4NCL	Ian Kingston	01 15 967 8367	7 Northdown Drive, Beeston, Nottingham NG9 5NT
Under 175	Vacant		
Under 150	Will Place	07792 500235	7 Hilary Close, Wollaton, Nottingham, NG8 2SP
	Kevin Harvey	see above	
Under 125	Keith Walters	01 15 928 2384	17 Deddington Lane, Bramcote, Nottingham NG9 3EW
Under 100	Ric Dawson	01 773 782 117	132 Wharf Road, Pinxton, Derbyshire NG16 6LG
Correspondence	Keith Walters	see above	

League Management Committee

Chairman	Maurice Hill	01 15 9164328	4 Sevenoaks Crescent, Bramcote, Nottingham NG9 3FW
League Secretary	Robert Richmond	see above	
Records Secretary	Will Place	07792 500235	7 Hilary Close, Wollaton, Nottingham, NG8 2SP; willplace@hotmail.co.uk
Members	Steve Burke	01 773 580372	1 Slade Close, South Normanton, Derbyshire DE55 3AL
	Kevin Harvey	0791 3703451	29 Cloister Street, Dunkirk, Nottingham, NG7 2PG
	Drag Sudar	01 15 978 6124	52 Westbury Road, Nottingham NG5 1EJ
	Chris Holt	01 476 572493	32 Portrush Drive, Grantham, Lincs NG31 9GD
Reserves	Barry Redburn	01 636 525741	Highfield House, Moor Lane, Syerston, Newark NG23 5NA
	TBC		
Executive Committee Representative	Maurice Hill	see above	

Other Officers

Grading Officer	Brian Hayward	01 15 987 3784	58 Stanhope Road, Gedling, Nottingham NG4 4HP
ECF Representative	Robert Richmond	see above	
MCCU Representatives	Robert Richmond	see above	
Bulletin Editor	Vacant		
Congress Director	Robert Richmond	see above	
County Championship	Robert Richmond	see above	
Schools Liaison	David Levens	see above	
Publicity Director	David Levens	see above	
Handicap Tournament	Jon Tait	01 623 883213	The Forge, Chapel Lane, Farnsfield, NG22 8JP
Special Events/Blitz	Vacant		
Auditor	Steve Burke	see above	

For updates and corrections, visit the NCA web site: <http://www.nottsches.org/>.

Champions

League Champions 2007/08

Division 1	University 1
Division 2	Grantham 1
Division 3	Nomads 1
Division 4	Ashfield 4
Division 5	West Bridgford 2

County Champions 2007

County Champion	Maurice Hill
U150	George Murfet
U125	James Thomson
U100	Anthony Thorsen

Handicap Knockout: Mansfield

Introduction

Dear Captain

The 2008–09 season is almost upon us. The increase of three teams means the league has been restructured as follows:

Division 1	Division 2	Division 3	Division 4	Division 5
University 1	University 2 (R)	Radcliffe & Bingham 1 (R)	Ashfield 4 (R)	Radcliffe & Bingham 2 (R)
Gambit 1	West Nottingham 1 (R)	Mansfield 2 (R)	Navigation 2 (R)	Navigation 3
Ashfield 1	West Nottingham 2	University 3	Gambit 4	Ashfield 5
West Bridgford 1	Ashfield 2	Nomads 2	Grantham 2	West Nottingham 6
Mansfield 1	Navigation 1	Newark 2	Nomads 3	West Nottingham 7
Long Eaton 1	Gambit 2	Gambit 3	West Nottingham 5	West Nottingham 8 (N)
Grantham 1 (P)	Nomads 1 (P)	Ashfield 3 (P)	West Bridgford 2 (P)	Long Eaton 2 (N)
Newark 1 (P)	West Nottingham 3 (P)	West Nottingham 4 (P)	West Bridgford 3 (P)	Nomads 4 (N)
			University 4 (P)	

P = Promoted; R = Relegated; N = New

West Nottingham 5 were not relegated from, and University 4 were promoted to, Division 4 as a result of the increased number of teams.

There are various things that I'd like to draw to your attention:

- ◆ Ashfield will play all their home matches on Wednesdays at the Summit Centre.
- ◆ *Submission of results:* The Rules Revision Meeting approved changes to rule B14, to allow the official result to be submitted by email. Results may be sent to the Records Secretary (see p. 2) either by email or by post on the result card. *Both* captains are now responsible for submitting the result (since the opposing captain cannot sign your email), and a full set of result cards is attached, either to send in or just record the result on the night, for later copying to email. Where both teams submit results by post it is OK for them to sign and the home team submit the record card, as previously.
- ◆ *Out-County players:* Rule C6(b) has been amended. Prior LMC approval will now only be required for new Out-County players graded or of estimated strength over 150.
- ◆ Please note the Rules Guidance from the LMC on the inside back page.
- ◆ Following discussion at the Rules Revision Meeting, the LMC approved the following statement on disabled access:

'As a voluntary measure for 2008/09, where clubs are unable to provide wheelchair access and opponents give 1 month's notice of the wish to play a wheelchair player they are requested to play the board in question away, or at a suitable alternative venue, and prior to the main match.'
- ◆ Promotion and relegation, while notionally two up, two down, depend to a large extent on the number of league entries received, and the LMC cannot guarantee how many teams will actually be promoted and relegated from each division. The LMC will attempt to promote divisional champions where practicable.
- ◆ The LMC does not accept the inability to raise a team as a sufficient reason to postpone a match. Because of the two-point penalty for defaulting a match, it is in your interests to fulfil your fixtures even if you cannot raise a full team.
- ◆ All matters to be referred to the LMC should be directed to the League Secretary in the first instance.

Finally, please check your team's fixtures carefully to ensure that there are no errors or omissions.

Robert Richmond
League Secretary

Fixtures

Key: U = University weeks; x[Team] = No fixtures for team(s) represented by code; Jamboree = team jamboree

Teams: Teams are represented by a two-letter code indicating the club, followed by a single digit indicating the team.
 As = Ashfield; Ga = Gambit; Gr = Grantham; Le = Long Eaton; Ma = Mansfield; Na = Navigation; Ne = Newark;
 No = Nomads; Rb = Radcliffe & Bingham; Un = University; Wb = West Bridgford; Wn = West Nottingham

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Clubs

Ashfield

Wednesday: The Summit Centre, Pavilion Road, Kirkby-in-Ashfield NG17 7LL (01623 751822)
Secretary: Alan Morrey 01623 453077 2 Cambourne Gardens, Ravenshead, Nottingham NG15 9FU
1st Wed Steve Burke 01773 580372 1 Slade Close, South Normanton, Derbyshire DE55 3AL
2nd Wed Phil Morgan 01623 558862 30 Carsic Lane, Sutton in Ashfield, Notts NG17 2AX
3rd Wed Sally McIntosh 01773 830027 28 Cressey Road, Alferton, Derbyshire
4th Wed Trevor Lewis 01623 755156 37 Chapel Street, Kirkby-in-Ashfield NG17 8JY
5th Wed Richard Dyce 01623 461917 63 Stonechurch View, Annesley, Notts NG15 0AZ

Start time: 7:30 pm

Disabled access: Full access.

Notes: 1st team will use digital clocks; other teams may also wish to use them as more clocks are purchased.

Gambit

Federation House, Claremont Road, Nottingham (0115 962 2294)

Secretary: Brian Hayward 0115 987 3784 58 Stanhope Road, Gedling, Nottingham NG4 4HP
1st Tue Brian Hayward 0115 987 3784 58 Stanhope Road, Gedling, Nottingham NG4 4HP
2nd Tue Drag Sudar 0115 978 6124 52 Westbury Road, Nottingham NG5 1EJ
3rd Tue Gary Hopkinson 0115 913 5920h 6 Parker Gardens, Stapleford, Notts NG9 8QG
0115 987 2488w
4th Tue Derek Padviss 01623 794902 8 Stanley Close, Ravenshead, Notts NG15 9GE

Start time: 7:30 pm

Disabled access: Upstairs room – no lift.

Grantham

Kontak Sport and Social Club, 40 Barrowby Road, Grantham, Lincolnshire, NG31 6PD (01476 561211)

Secretary: Chris Holt 01476 572493 32 Portrush Drive, Grantham, Lincs NG31 9GD
07876 250460
1st Wed Chris Holt 01476 572493 32 Portrush Drive, Grantham, Lincs NG31 9GD
07876 250460
2nd Wed Chris Cumbers 01476 561879 49 Belton Lane, Great Gonerby, Lincs NG31 8NA

Start time: 7:30 pm

Disabled access: The venue has disabled ramps and toilet facilities. The playing room is upstairs. Arrangements can be made to play downstairs with notice.

Notes: A limited number of DGT electronic clocks are available for those who wish to use them.

Long Eaton

Moorlands Club, Curzon Street, Long Eaton, Nottingham NG10 4FL (0115 973 2785)

Secretary: Andy Robins 0115 972 1785 9 Weston Crescent, Sawley, Long Eaton NG10 3BS
1st Wed Geoff Gibson 01332 874076 29 Lime Grove, Draycott, Derbyshire DE72 3NS
2nd Wed Wallace Bryce 0115 849 8414 30 Bosworth Way, Long Eaton, NG10 1EA

Start time: 7:30 pm

Disabled access: Matches can be played downstairs if notice is given.

Mansfield

William IV Public House, Stockwell Gate, Mansfield NG18 5QE (01623 621283)

Secretary: Ken Morrison 01623 451838 40 Rannoch Drive, Mansfield NG19 6QX
1st Thu Jon Tait 01623 883213 The Forge, Chapel Lane, Farnsfield NG22 8JP
2nd Thu Janos Wagenbach 01623 452579 99 Dalestorth Road, Skegby NG17 3AG

Start time: 7:30 pm

Disabled access: Upstairs room; no lift.

Navigation

The Navigation Public House, 6 Wilford Street, Nottingham NG2 1AA (0115 947 2739)

Secretary: Kevin Harvey 0791 3703451 29 Cloister Street, Dunkirk, Nottingham, NG7 2PG
1st Tue John Harrison 0115 919 2898 27 Waldemar Grove, Beeston, Nottingham NG9 2BJ
2nd Tue Mick Frings 0115 955 4483 2 Kensington Gardens, Carlton, Nottingham NG4 1EA
3rd Tue Ken Cairney 0115 811 8937 136 Newark Crescent, Sneinton, Nottingham, NG2 4NY
0790 8672967

Start time: 7:30 pm

Disabled access: Upstairs room – no lift. Arrangements possible with due notice.

Newark

Balderton Working Men's Club, 69 Main Street, Balderton, Newark NG24 3NN (01636 702313)

Secretary: Graham Ladds 01636 821891 Spinners, Old Great North Road, Sutton on Trent, Newark NG23 6QL
1st Wed Grenville 01400 272393 Goldsborough, Sudthorpe Hill, Fulbeck, Grantham, Lincs, NG32 3LE
Wollerton
2nd Thu Richard Myers 01636 651506 15 Grosvenor Road, Balderton, Newark NG24 3EJ
Start time: 7:30 pm
Disabled access: Play on ground floor, but two steps up to entrance door.

Nomads

Sherwood Community Centre, Mansfield Road, Sherwood, Nottingham NG5 3FN

Secretary: Maurice Hill 0115 916 4328 4 Sevenoaks Crescent, Bramcote, Nottingham NG9 3FW
1st Mon Maurice Hill 0115 916 4328 4 Sevenoaks Crescent, Bramcote, Nottingham NG9 3FW
2nd Mon David Griffiths 0115 928 1597 47 Templeoak drive, Wollaton, Nottingham, NG8 2SF
3rd Mon Ric Dawson 01773 782117 132 Wharf Road, Pinxton, Derbyshire NG16 6LG
4th Mon Steve Sherwood 0115 916 6460 8 Headingley Gardens, Nottingham, NG8 5AX
Start time: 7:15 pm
Disabled access: Ground floor rooms – easy access for wheelchairs.

Radcliffe & Bingham

Royal British Legion, Main Road, Radcliffe on Trent NG12 2BB

Secretary: Nick London 0115 966 5172 18 Newton Close, Lowdham, Nottingham, NG14 7WF
1st Tue Marcel Taylor 0115 953 7580 62 County Road, Gedling, Nottingham NG4 4JL
2nd Tue Steve Baker 0115 933 3974 8 Carnaby Close, Upper Saxondale, Notts, NG12 2LQ
Start time: 7:30 pm
Disabled access: Downstairs room – wheelchair accessible.

University

Room C20, Portland Building, University of Nottingham NG7 2RD

Secretary: Phil Jacobs 0115 916 0368h 29 Ringwood Crescent Wollaton Nottingham NG8 1HL
07717 411573m
1st Thu Alex Posazhennikov 0115 967 7149h; 45 Alderman Close, Beeston, Nottingham NG9 2RH
0115 951 5461w
2nd Tue TBA
3rd Thu Jixin Yang 0115 970 5513h; 24 Ednaston Road, Dunkirk, Nottingham NG7 2JF
07887 651189m
4th Tue Joe Pym TBA
Start time: 7:15 pm
Disabled access: Can cater for wheelchair users if given a week's notice.

West Bridgford

Trentside Club, 32 Wilford Lane, West Bridgford, Nottingham NG2 7RL (0115 981 1368)

Secretary: Tim Walker 0115 981 0525 74 Studland Way, West Bridgford, Nottingham NG2 7TS
1st Tue Will Place 07792 500235 7 Hilary Close, Wollaton, Nottingham, NG8 2SP
2nd Tue Frank Hill 0115 982 0985 18 Albert Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham NG2 5GS
3rd Tue David Gold 0115 846 3993 11 North Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham NG2 7NG
Start time: 7:30 pm
Disabled access: Upstairs room – no disabled access.

West Nottingham

Bramcote Memorial Hall, Church Street, Bramcote, Nottingham NG9 3HD

Secretary: Ian Kingston 0115 967 8367 7 Northdown Drive, Beeston, Nottingham NG9 5NT
1st Mon David Levens 01773 761170h; 16 Queen Street, Langley Mill, Nottingham NG16 4EJ
07870 666153m
2nd Mon Predeep Nehra 0115 945 2208 1 Hollycroft, West Bridgford, Nottingham NG2 7BU
3rd Mon Nikolai Berdunov 0115 877 0030 34 Meriden Avenue, Beeston, Nottingham NG9 2TR
4th Mon John Crawley 01773 827179 Brookside Cottage, 41 Brookside, Belper, Derbyshire DE56 1UR
5th Mon Penny Mackay/ 01623 798908 The Gun Room, Newstead Abbey Park, Nottingham NG15 8GE
Michelle Macleod 01332 793413 6 Bell Avenue, Aston-on-Trent Derby DE72 2BE
6th Mon Phillipa Somers 0115 923 3234 15 Valley Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham NG2 6HG
7th Mon Alan Kenyon 01623 793009 28 Sheepwalk Lane, Ravenshead, Notts, NG15 9FE
8th Mon Eddie Jones 01332 873235 6 Park Street, Breaston, Derby
07711 948033m

Start time: 7:30 pm
Disabled access: Full disabled access.
Notes: First and second teams will use digital clocks; others may do so depending on availability.

Rules

Schedule A: Administration

- 1 The Nottinghamshire Chess League shall be controlled by a League Management Committee (LMC) elected at the AGM of the NCA, consisting of a League Secretary, a Records Secretary, 5 members and 3 reserves. The LMC shall:
 - (a) Elect a chairman, who shall have a vote and a casting vote
 - (b) Organise the league into such divisions as circumstances permit and compile a fixture list
 - (c) Arbitrate on all disputes, its decisions being final, and publish its decisions and interpretations
 - (d) Distribute to clubs, at least 14 days before the start of the season, match result cards and the fixtures handbook.
- 2 LMC Meetings:
 - (a) No club may be represented by more than one member, except when the League Secretary and Records Secretary belong to the same club
 - (b) A member of the LMC, including the League Secretary and Records Secretary, may not be present during a discussion or vote on any issue concerning his or her club, unless personally involved, when he or she may give evidence.
- 3 The League Secretary shall:
 - (a) Have the discretion to admit new teams into the bottom division not later than 31 December
 - (b) Receive notification of disputes, call LMC meetings, prepare witnesses and collect relevant information
 - (c) Send entry forms for the following season to all clubs by 15 June.
- 4 The Records Secretary shall:
 - (a) Validate match results, send them to the grading officer and bulletin editor, and compile league tables
 - (b) Deal as he or she deems most equitable with incorrectly formulated results.
- 5 Rule alterations:
 - (a) Alterations to these rules may be made only at an annual Rules Revision Meeting
 - (b) No later than 31 March, the Association Secretary shall call the meeting to be held normally in the first half of June
 - (c) Proposals must be submitted in writing not less than 35 days before the meeting to the Association Secretary, who shall circulate them to all association officers and club secretaries at least 21 days before the meeting
 - (d) The proposer and seconder must be from different clubs.

Schedule B: The League

- 1 The season is from 1 September to 1 May and clubs must be affiliated to the NCA before entry into the League.
- 2 Clubs must, by 15 July, return the completed entry form to the League Secretary.

- 3 A team must immediately notify the League Secretary and all captains in that team's division of a change to the venue, the team captain or his or her details.
- 4 If two or more teams from the same club play in the same division, the first match of the club's two highest teams in that division shall be between them. Matches between teams from the same club must be played by 31 January.
- 5 A team not completing at least half of its fixtures shall have its record deleted and be regarded as having withdrawn.
- 6 Final positions of teams in a division will be determined by match points (win = 2 points, draw = 1, loss = 0); game points; results between tied teams (match points; game points) fewest defaulted boards and playoff matches at a neutral venue, which if drawn will be decided by board count; bottom board elimination; toss of a coin by a neutral LMC member.
- 7 All matches must start at 7:15 pm or 7:30 pm as notified by the home club unless both team captains have agreed an alternative time. The home team will ensure the equipment is properly laid out at the agreed time of starting.
- 8 A match will be defaulted by any team that fails to field at least half the number of players scheduled to play in a match.
- 9 A team that defaults a match must provide an explanation to the Records Secretary or League Secretary within 7 days.
- 10 All games must be played with chess clocks.
 - (a) The time limit shall be 30 moves in 60 minutes in the bottom division, or 35 moves in 75 minutes in all other divisions, after which the clocks will be set back 15 minutes and the game played to a finish
 - (b) Where electronic clocks are proposed for use, either player may provide an analogue clock and insist on its use
 - (c) Where electronic clocks are used, the required time periods must be set at the beginning of the match, so that no further adjustment of the clocks is required.
- 11 Each match must be played over 4 boards in the bottom division and over 5 boards in all other divisions.
- 12 Before the start, the captains must exchange team lists. The away team shall have white on the odd-numbered boards.
- 13 The Laws of Chess, as interpreted by FIDE, must be adhered to. Exceptions or additions to these laws:
 - (a) English descriptive notation is permitted
 - (b) Smoking must not be permitted in the playing area during the match
 - (c) Mobile phones must be switched off or, by prior agreement with the opponent and opposing captain, set to silent
 - (d) If a player fails to arrive at the board within 30 minutes of the clock being started, that board shall be defaulted unless a qualified substitute is found in the meantime.

- 14 Each captain must email, post or personally deliver the result to the Records Secretary within 7 days.
- 15 Fixture rearrangements:
 - (a) A captain seeking to rearrange must inform the opposing captain and seek permission from the League Secretary
 - (b) If the League Secretary decides there is a compelling reason for rearrangement then, no later than 14 days after the scheduled fixture, the team captains must agree a new date and inform the League Secretary; otherwise the League Secretary may choose the date.

Schedule C: Players

- 1 The LMC may penalise any club that uses a player who is not, in the opinion of the LMC, a *bona fide* member of that club.
- 2 A player may only play one game in any one evening, including wins by default.
- 3 No player may play in the League for more than one club in any one season except at the discretion of the LMC.
- 4 No player may play for a club lower team if he (or she) has, previously in the same season, played twice for higher teams other than on the bottom two boards played. If a club has more than one team in the first division, each such team shall be considered the higher team for the purposes of this rule.
- 5 All appearances above the bottom two boards played will count for eligibility even if that team fails to complete its fixtures.
- 6 New players:
 - (a) A club wishing to field a player new to that club must inform the Records Secretary of the player's grading code and grade, date of birth (juniors only) and details of clubs or counties previously played for
 - (b) If a player has not previously played in the league and does not reside, work or study in Nottinghamshire, and is graded or of estimated strength of over 150, he

or she cannot play for the club until the above information has been supplied and permission has been granted by the LMC. Otherwise the information must be provided with the result of his or her first match for the club.

Schedule D: Penalties

- 1 The penalty for infringing rule B3, B4, B12 or B15(a) is the loss of the match by default.
- 2 The penalty for infringing rule B10, B13, C2, C3, C4 or C6 is the loss of the game by each offending player.
- 3 The penalty for infringing rule B7 is a time penalty on the clocks of the offending team equal to the period of delay.
- 4 The penalty for infringing rule B2 is a fine of £20.
- 5 The penalty for infringing rule B14 is a fine of £1 in respect of each infringement.
- 6 The penalty for playing an ineligible player in a match is the transfer of one game point from the offending team to their opponents, in addition to any other penalty, provided that the total game score of a team shall not become negative.
- 7 The penalty for defaulting a match is the loss of two match points and a fine of £10, in addition to any other penalty imposed. The LMC may take any action it deems equitable if defaulted matches affect promotion or relegation.
- 8 The penalty for infringing rule B9 is the loss of two more match points by the team concerned.
- 9 Defaults that occur above the bottom board played will incur not only the loss of that game but also the transfer of 0.5 game points from the offending team to their opponents.
- 10 The LMC may revoke or reduce any of the above penalties if the club penalised can show to the Committee that the infringement was due to circumstances not reasonably within the club's control.

League Guide to the Laws of Chess

This guide is largely an edited version (to fit on 1 page) of the piece written by Neil Graham in *Notts News* No. 12 (2007/08) and is intended to cover those problems that may arise in a league match, where there is no arbiter present.

(a) Keeping a game score (Article 8)

You must write your game down move by move, except when in time trouble (see below). You may reply to your opponent's move before recording it. It is forbidden to write down a move in advance, except when claiming a draw by repetition.

If a player has less than five minutes left on his clock at some stage in a period... then he is not obliged to meet the requirements of Article 8.1. Immediately after one flag has fallen the player must update his scoresheet completely before moving a piece on the chessboard.

So if you are in time trouble you don't have to maintain a scoresheet if you have less than five minutes on your clock. Once a flag has fallen you must get your scoresheet up to date. In practice in a League match you'd be expected to make up your scoresheet in your own time; normal procedure and courtesy is to do that using your opponent's scoresheet. That is covered in Article 8.5b. This part of the law also covers what happens if both players are in time-trouble. Once one flag has fallen the clocks should be stopped and the scoresheets brought up to date, reconstructing on a second chessboard if necessary.

(b) Claiming a draw by three times repetition (Article 9)

You may only claim the when it is your turn to move. If the position has just appeared claim the draw. If the position will appear with your next move write the move on your scoresheet, declare your intention to play that move and claim the draw. Do *not* make the move at the board – this renders the claim invalid. If the claim is disputed stop the clock, set up on another board and check. If the claim is correct the game is drawn, and if not there is a time penalty.

(c) Illegal moves

Covered in Article 7.4. If a player makes an illegal move, his opponent is awarded two minutes extra time in the first two instances; for a third illegal move by the same player the game is lost.

(d) The chess clock

Use of the clock is covered under Article 6. Firstly please note that under 6.8 – the players must handle the chess clock properly. It is forbidden to punch it forcibly, to pick it up or to knock it over. Article 6.9 is very important in League play. A flag is considered to have fallen when either player has made a valid claim to that effect. So to win on time you must make a claim to that effect and show that your opponent's flag has fallen.

(e) Conduct of players

Article 12 refers. Item 12.2 bars mobile phones. I always ask players to turn off phones before the start of a match and Article 13.7 tells us that players in other games are not to speak about or otherwise interfere in a game. So please remember you must not tell players they have lost/won on time, have reached the time control, should play for a win or

draw, should accept an offer of a draw, that the opponent is not keeping score or has made an illegal move, or anything else. This is interference.

(f) Quickplay finish

Where games are played as in Article 10, a player may claim a draw when he has less than two minutes left on his clock and before his flag falls. This concludes the game.

He may claim on the basis:

- (a) that his opponent cannot win by normal means. and/or
- (b) that his opponent has been making no effort to win by normal means.

In (a) the player must write down the final position and his opponent verify it.

In (b) the player must write down the final position and submit an up-to-date scoresheet which must be completed before play has ceased. The opponent shall verify both the scoresheet and the final position. The claim shall be referred to an arbiter whose decision shall be the final one.

The difficult positions usually occur where the player with the advantage is short of time. In such situations you can play for a win and risk losing on time, or play for a draw. Some tips on playing for a draw.

- (a) The earlier you decide to play for a draw the more likely you are to get it. It should be a positive decision to go for the draw. "Playing for a win while keeping the draw in hand" is playing for a win and you risk losing on time.
- (b) Offer a draw. This clearly shows your intentions.
- (c) Aim for a fortress - demonstrating your opponent cannot win by normal means.
- (d) Repetitions can be useful. They show you are not playing for a win. It now requires your opponent to show that they are making an effort to win by normal means (which would not be the case if you were trying to win and they were just defending your threats)
- (e) Remember to complete the scoresheet. In doubtful cases you may not be able to demonstrate your opponent cannot win by normal means, where only the final position matters. This gives you a second chance.

The ECF has published guidance on interpreting the laws relating to the quickplay finish. See: http://www.englishchess.org.uk/organisation/fide/guidance-quickplay_nov06.htm

