

Stourbridge chess club ladder 2021 – 2022

1. The ladder competition will run from 27/10/21 until 26/5/22.
2. The initial positions on the ladder are determined based on approximate playing strength. The strongest player will be placed at the bottom and the weakest player at the top. Anyone who joins the ladder after week 2 (4/11/21) will be placed at the bottom of the ladder.
3. You may challenge anyone who is one, two or three places above you on the ladder
4. Players toss or draw lots to determine colour.
5. If the lower-ranked player wins, the lower-ranked player takes the higher-ranked player's spot on the ladder, and the players in between move down one spot.
6. If the higher-ranked player wins, there is no change in the players' rankings.
7. If the game ends in a draw, the lower-ranked player takes the spot just below the higher-ranked player.
8. After a ladder game is played, at least one of the players must play a ladder game against someone else before they are allowed to play each other again.
9. The ladder shall be displayed on the Club's website and on the Club noticeboard. These rules should be available on the website.
10. The rate of play will be 60 minutes per player.
11. Players must record the moves save where a player has less than 5 minutes remaining on his/her own clock.
12. All games should be played on a Club Night. However if this is not possible, they can be played at other times or online if both players agree. If covid regulations prevent the playing OTB chess, the tournament can continue online for players who are able to do so.
13. Once a challenge has been made the challenged player may not make a challenge until the accepted challenge has been played. The challenged player may however accept another challenge provided it is scheduled to be played at a later date.
14. Club Matches and other tournaments shall take precedence over ladder games. Pre-arranged Ladder challenge games shall take precedence over spontaneous challenges.
15. Results of games must be communicated to Julie, Ben and Reece by both players without delay. (Or at least within 48 hours) Following a game, players may make the appropriate changes on the ladder on the notice board.
16. Any point not covered by these Rules shall be determined by the Tournament Secretar(ies) whose decision shall be final.