

FRED DAY CUP: RULES 2024-2025

- The competition is open to any player affiliated to the Bucks County Chess Association through club membership or individual subscription.
- In each pairing, the first-named player has the white pieces.
- Black should contact white to arrange the date, time and venue for each game not later than the third day of the scheduled month of play. Although it is not essential to play the match during the scheduled month, it is important that a future date be set. There is no reason why matches should not be played ahead of schedule if that is convenient. Similarly, there is nothing to prevent white taking the initiative with arrangements.
- The player with the black pieces has choice of venue although black may elect to cede this privilege and allow white to host the match.
- It is the host's responsibility to provide all playing equipment (i.e clock, board, chess set and score-sheets).
- Potential venues include a chess club, other clubs, domestic homes, or public houses. If using a chess club of which neither player is a member, do contact an officer of that club first to confirm that the arrangement is acceptable.
- Before confirming the arrangement, the host should advise the opponent if the proposed venue is likely to have significant noise or any other distractions which some players might find unacceptable.
- Black should inform the Controller of the result within seven days of the game.
- Defaults - players will be committing to playing between five and nine games. Family, health, work, or other issues may make that commitment unattainable, however there really is no fair way of handling defaults so please do not enter the tournament unless you have a reasonable prospect of completing the schedule.
- The usual FIDE laws of chess <https://handbook.fide.com/chapter/E012023> apply although the restrictions on electronic devices such as mobile phones can be relaxed.
- If a digital clock is available, the move rate will be "All the moves in 80 minutes with a 10 second increment from move one" (i.e the usual Bucks League move rate). Where digital clocks are unavailable, the move rate will be "All the moves in 90 minutes".
- There will be no controller available during these games so, in the event of a dispute, the clocks should be stopped and the times and position recorded on the score-sheets, which should be kept up-to-date. Both players should submit their claims to the Controller within one week of the game with completed score-sheet and any written comments they wish to be considered. Failure of either player to submit a written claim within the time limit may result in the opponent's claim succeeding by default.

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- Players may be defaulted for unreasonably failing to make, agree or comply with arrangements for games. Anyone who experiences difficulties in contacting an opponent should inform the controller without delay.
- Ties - In the event of a tie for a place, the default option is that the place will be shared unless one or both players demand a play-off, in which case colours will be reversed from the original pairing. If a place is tied by multiple players and at least one wishes to play-off, the controller will advise.
- Prize Fund: £60 to be distributed according to the the number of divisions. The winner of division one will keep the Fred Day Cup for a year.