

## Privacy Policy

### General

This site does not collect or store personal data or engage in selling or marketing of mailing lists, nor does the site have any partnership or other arrangement to supply or exchange data with organisations that carry out such activities. Clubs within the league have a 'home page' showing their club profile and summary results, along with other information such as event calendars, notices, internal event results and general content which is the primary responsibility of each club.

The Principle Data published by the site are chess game results, which are stored and made available in different 'views'. Players names, grades, board and match results are made public as soon as the information becomes available. Club and league administrators have the means to upload this information as soon as they can conveniently do so. No payment is charged to access the site and the above data is considered public domain and can be freely reproduced. Some areas of the site however do require password access, for administration or to view 'restricted' contact information. Passwords are not stored in the clear (encrypted with salted hash) so not retrievable by admin, but can be reset if lost.

### Contacts

Players can decide on their published/'known as' name which need not be identical to their full ECF registered name. No contact information is expected to reside on the site unless the player holds office within a club or league committee. Contact details for club and league officers are deemed to be by individual consent and are supplied via their secretary. Secretaries are provided with a key to manage all venue, notices, calendar and officer information pertinent to their club. The league general secretary similarly maintains content on the main league page which includes a list of league officers.

Secretaries can set contact information to appear on their respective main club/league page for general visibility. Making at least one email and/or phone number visible in this way helps to facilitate general and new-member enquiries. You'll never know how many people would have contacted your club if they are not shown the means to do so! An email alias can be used to hide real email address (e.g. name@xxxchess.org.uk) and as a further anti-spam measure the contact data here is obfuscated by processing it into an image to undermine the harvesting software used by spammers.

Secretaries can also set email/phone data to have 'limited visibility' so it will only be seen via own-league/club officer logins. (so other officers in your league can be shown the extra detail they are likely to need for arranging matches etc.) Obfuscation is not considered necessary here so the limited view email links are made clickable for speed/ease of use.

Respective secretaries are responsible for ensuring the preferred forms of contact (email and/or phone) and preferred levels of visibility, as determined by individual officers/players, are published on the site. This information is therefore not considered to be of a 'personal' or 'private' nature that would require provision under the Data Protection Act. If data is placed contrary to this, the appropriate secretary or the site owner should be informed and will immediately change or remove it.

### Queries

The site is owned/funded and maintained by Melvin Steele. Game data is owned by the league(s) served by the site. Queries about the website should be emailed to the webmaster address shown on the site. Queries about matches and all club or league matters should be directed to the appropriate club or league officer, as listed on the site.

### Links

The site includes links to information provided by other websites. Sometimes material in non-web form is sent to us which we may make available, such as notification of events. We do not control the accuracy or completeness of that information and the privacy policies of a linked site will apply to the linked content.

### Tracking & Cookies

Logging of user IP addresses and session times is carried out for security purposes.

This site does not use cookies for Content Management Systems, Search Engine Optimisation/analytics, tracking or other commercial purpose. General page viewing (e.g. chess results) does not make use of cookies at all. First-party 'session cookies' do need to be enabled to upload data such as results or club/league information by respective administrators. (classified as essential to carrying out the transmission of the user's request, so exempt from needing consent, see [official UK reference](#), or for a different viewpoint here is [a simpler one!](#))

Interactive use in the 'forum' area of the site, may require cookies to be used according to the settings and policies of the Wordpress software as implemented by its programmers and the web-hosting provider, where we can not guarantee compliance with [the EU directive](#), though my understanding is that it too only uses cookies to manage user sessions.