

Roy Maddock Handicap Tournament 2023-24

Final Placings 2023-24			P	W	D	L	Pts	Avge	Bonus	Score
1	B	David Stott	11	9	1	1	47	4.27	2.2	6.47
2	C	David Walker	12	3	2	7	31	2.58	2.4	4.98
2	D	Has Shah	10	1	1	8	12	1.2	2	3.2
4	B	Amit Midha	6	5	0	1	38	6.33	1.2	7.53
5	C	G.Stonehouse	9	3	3	3	33	3.67	1.8	5.47
6	D	C.Hammonds	6	2	1	3	25	4.17	1.2	5.37
7	D	Raj Parmar	4	1	1	2	14	3.5	0.8	4.3

Congratulations to David Stott, winner of the Roy Maddock Cup!

H.Shah	0	S.Cody	1
S.Cody	0	H.Shah	1
D.Walker	1	H.Shah	0
H.Yang	1	R.Parmar	0
R.Parmar	½	H.Yang	½
G.Stonehouse	1	H.Shah	0
D.Walker	½	C.Hammonds	½
G.Stonehouse	0	D.Stott	1
D.Stott	1	D.Walker	0
D.Walker	0	D.Stott	1
H.Yang	0	G.Stonehouse	1
C.Hammonds	0	D.Stott	1
D.Stott	1	C.Hammonds	0
S.Bhatti	1	A.Babbar	0
A.Babbar	1	S.Bhatti	0
H.Shah	0	D.Walker	1
D.Stott	½	G.Stonehouse	½

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D.Walker	½	G.Stonehouse	½
A.Midha	0	D.Stott	1
D.Stott	0	A.Midha	1
G.Stonehouse	0	D.Walker	1
D.Stott	1	R.Parmar	0
R.Parmar	1	D.Walker	0
D.Walker	0	E.Maltezos	1
G.Stonehouse	0	C.Hammonds	1
D.Stott	1	H.Shah	0
H.Shah	1	D.Stott	0
A.Midha	1	D.Walker	0
D.Walker	0	A.Midha	1
C.Hammonds	0	G.Stonehouse	1
H.Shah	0	A.Midha	1
A.Midha	1	H.Shah	0
C.Hammonds	1	D.Walker	0

10 games played to qualify for the Roy Maddock Cup. Full tournament rules on second page.

Harrow Chess Club - Handicap Tournament

The Handicap Tournament runs throughout the season and offers club members the opportunity to play informal games against each other in the framework of a competition. Unlike inter-club matches and the Swiss Tournament, however, Handicap Tournament results are not submitted for grading. This ingenious competition was devised by the late Roy Maddock, a long-standing member of the Club. The winner will be presented with the Roy Maddock Cup, to be held for one year. A minimum number of ten games must be played in order to qualify.

Here is a reminder of the rules:

Each player receives a category, from A (the highest) to D, based on perceived playing strength. For current players, categories as at the end of last season are carried over to this. New players entering will normally start in Category D, unless grade or playing strength suggests otherwise.

You can play any club member – just invite them for a game and call it a Handicap. You can, however, only play two Handicap games against any one player in the season.

You can play with or without clocks; if with clocks, decide your own time control.

Write the results on the board, the player with the white pieces first. Please record each game separately, e.g. Smith 1 Jones 0 Jones 1 Smith 0 (NOT Smith 1 Jones 1). This is necessary in order to determine promotions and demotions accurately.

Scoring

You score more if you beat a player in a higher category than your own, less if you beat an opponent in a lower category. This is the Handicap.

	A	B	C	D
A	8	6	4	2
B	10	8	6	4
C	12	10	8	6
D	14	12	10	8

So, if a C beats a C, or a D beats a D, for example, 8 points are scored.

However, if a D beats a C, he scores 10 points, while if a C beats a D, he scores only 6 points.

Half the points that would have been scored for a win are scored for a draw.

An average is then arrived at (points scored divided by the number of games played). To encourage participation in the tournament, an automatic bonus of 0.2 points is added per game played, up to a maximum of 20 games. Thus, up to 4 bonus points may be earned.

If, after playing six games or more, a player's average score reaches 6 (not including bonus points), he will be promoted to the next higher category. On the other hand, if a player's average score falls to 2 after six or more games, he will be demoted a category.

But you don't have to worry about the scoring and promotion details. This will all be taken care of by the controller! Just remember to write up your results! The leader board will be published once the tournament gets under way.

David Walker
Handicap Tournament Controller

