



## 2021-22 SEASON

### Dates and Venues

Dates and venues for the 4NCL's 2021-22 season can be found by going to [https://www.4ncl.co.uk/2122\\_dates.htm](https://www.4ncl.co.uk/2122_dates.htm) on the 4NCL website. The 'Hotels' section in the '21-22 Season' dropdown menu on the 4NCL website gives further information on the various venues.

### Entry Requirements

All entries, whether for existing teams or for new entrants, need to be received together with the appropriate entry fee by close of play on **Sunday 31 October 2021**. Please either:

- Make a direct transfer to the 4NCL bank account (the preferred method); details can be obtained by contacting Mike Truran on [mike@truranfamily.co.uk](mailto:mike@truranfamily.co.uk). Please include sufficient accompanying narrative to allow the payment to be identified.

or:

- Make cheques payable to '4NCL' and send along with your entry to Mike Truran at The Old Farmhouse, 7 Church Street, Ducklington, Witney, Oxon, OX29 7UA.

In a departure from previous practice captains will be required to register their players online. Captains who have been involved in 4NCL Online will be familiar with this process already. Captains will be sent instructions for the use of the online software and their login details shortly after the closing date for entries. Any requests for additional accounts for captains of individual teams should be sent to Dave Thomas on [drt21@gmx.co.uk](mailto:drt21@gmx.co.uk).

All players for the first weekend must be registered by close of play on **Thursday 11 November**. The 4NCL rules set out the information required for each player. Players named on the initial registration list must either be registered with FIDE prior to the list being submitted or eligible and willing to be registered with them as English players. Players registered as ENG, or not registered, must be ECF Gold or Platinum members (or corresponding junior categories) at the time the registration list is submitted. This rule will be strictly enforced. Please note that we reserve the right to refuse entry to teams whose registration lists are unacceptably late.

## Entry Fees

Entry fees are as follows. These reduced entry fees recognise that teams in the 2019-2020 season were only able to play 6 out of the intended 11 rounds:

- Division 1 & 2: £135
- Division 3 North, Central and South: £60

Entry fees entitle teams to nominate up to 16 players (Division 1 & 2) and 12 players (Division 3 North, Central and South) in their team lists. Nominated players taking team lists over 16 (Division 1 & 2) or 12 (Division 3 North, Central and South) in total will be subject to the usual registration fee.

Registration fees and wildcard fees are as set out in the rules. **Please note that all outstanding registration and wild card fees must be settled without exception before start of play for the relevant round.**

## Prizes

Because of the continuing Covid-related uncertainty around entry and bedroom booking numbers we feel that it would be prudent not to commit to a prize fund just at the moment – but we will review the position at the end of the season, and if we have surplus funds those will be returned in prize money if at all possible.

## Other

The latest version of the 4NCL rules can be found here: [https://www.4ncl.co.uk/data/2122\\_rules.htm](https://www.4ncl.co.uk/data/2122_rules.htm).

Our 'Future Plans for 2020/2021- 2022/2023' document can be found here: [https://www.4ncl.co.uk/data/4NCL\\_2020-2023.pdf](https://www.4ncl.co.uk/data/4NCL_2020-2023.pdf)

Could captains of entering teams please check their contact details in the 'Team Captains' section of the 4NCL website and confirm that they are shown correctly. Please notify any changes to Steve Connor ([sjcon@btinternet.com](mailto:sjcon@btinternet.com)) to update the website, and Dave Thomas ([drt21@gmx.co.uk](mailto:drt21@gmx.co.uk)) to amend the e-mail address associated with your user account in the software.

If entering teams would like a link to their own website from the 4NCL website, please let Steve Connor know.

## Queries

If there are any points that you wish to discuss further then please get in touch with Mike Truran ([mike@truranfamily.co.uk](mailto:mike@truranfamily.co.uk)).