Alunster Chess Union League Captains Manual

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1. Introduction

This document gives an introduction to the new web based league reporting system for team captains or reporters.

Basically there are two main screens you will need to use. The first allows you to add players to your team panel. The second allows you to report your match results. There is also a third screen which you can use if you need to add a player who is not currently on the ICU players list.

Your team panel is just a list of the players you intend to use on your team and can be updated at any stage. It is not connected to the league rules but is intended to simplify entering of results.

To avoid confusion or duplication of player names it is best to select them from a list rather than typing the names freehand. Since teams may use guest players and the clubs to which players are registered in the ICU list are often out of date it is not workable to filter players based on their recorded club.

Since there are about 10,000 active players in the ICU list it would be very awkward and error prone for team captains to select players from the full list each time. Particularly when some players have very similar names. Therefore the system allows each team captain to select his panel of players before matches and results are reported by selecting the players from this panel. You may add players to the panel at any stage.

You must add any new players to your panel before they play in a match as otherwise the opposing team captain won't be able to enter the results. If you don't add the player by midnight on the day the match is played, the game will be recorded as a walkover.

I hope you find the system easy to use and entering the results should only take a few minutes using any modern web browser (e.g. Internet Explorer, Chrome, Firefox etc.). In fact I think you will find it easier than sending results in an email!

2. LOG-IN SCREEN

Leagues

- 2015 Div 1
- 2015 Div 2
- Team Contacts
- League Rules
- · Captains Login
- 2015 Div 1 New

In order to edit your panel or report results you will need to log in to the system. This allows the system to recognise which team you are captain for. To get to the login screen click the Captains Login link under the Leagues menu button on the main menu for any page. This will open the login page shown below.



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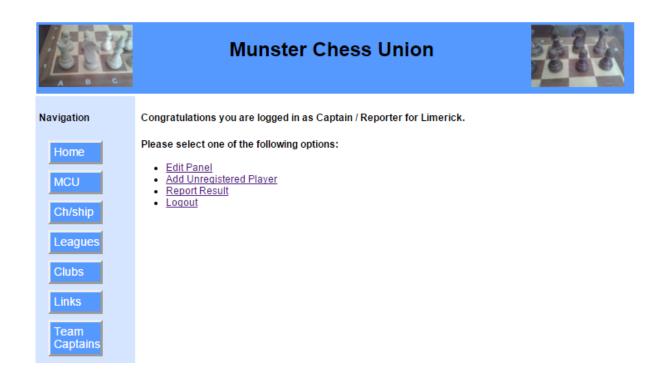
Navigation	Please Enter User Name and Password		
Home	User Name: Your Email Address		
MCU	Password: Enter password after Click to change your password. first time.		
Leagues			
Clubs	New Password: Enter password here first time. Confirm Password:		
Links	Zermini i desaword.		
	Submit		

You will use the email address which you use as team captain to log on to the system. The very first time you log in the system won't have any password for you. You add your password by typing it in the 'New Password' and 'Confirm Password' boxes in the lower part of the form. If the two passwords you type don't match you will receive an error message and you will have to re-enter your user name (email address) and passwords.

After your first log in you will enter your email address and your password in the top boxes. Having entered your email address and password you click the 'Submit' button to log in.

If your attempt is successful you will see the following screen which indicates the team for which you are logged in and gives you links to the 'Edit Panel' and 'Report Result' screens.

If you wish you can nominate a reporter who can enter results for your team. Just send the reporters email address and it will be added to the system.



3. PANEL EDITOR



While you are logged in as a team captain or reporter you will see an additional button 'Team Captains' on the main menu on the left. If you click on this it gives you the links for 'Edit Panel', 'Report Result' and 'log out' pages.

Next to the main menu there is a list of available players for selection. You can use the default Club List to add players registered with your club in the ICU list. You can click on one or more names to select them on the list. Hold down the 'ctrl' key to make multiple selections. The selected names are highlighted in blue as shown below.



When you have selected the names click on the 'Add Selected Players' button to add them to the panel. You will notice that the club player list is sorted by rating for convenience.

If you need players not registered to your club click the 'ICU List' button to display a full list of active ICU players i.e. players who have paid their registration fees either last year or this year. The ICU list is ordered alphabetically by surname.

You can add players to your panel by switching between lists and clicking 'add selected players' as often as you wish. If you add a player by accident you can remove them from the panel by clicking the 'Remove' link.

When you are finished you click 'Submit Panel' to add them to the database. You can come back to the 'Edit Panel' page at any time to add more players to your panel.

4. Adding an Unregistered Player

You may need to add a player who is not currently on the ICU registered list. Clicking on the Add Unregistered Player link opens the following page.



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Navigation	Temporary Players		
Home	Please note that all players in the MCU Leagues must be current members of the ICU.		
	Players identities are tracked by their ICU number since names etc. are not guaranteed to be unique.		
MCU Ch/ship	To allow for situations where there are delays in registering new players this form can be used to temporarily add a player's name to a team panel. Please include date of birth and an email address which are required for FIDE registration. To add a former member who is returning to the ICU please include their original ICU code if possible. If the player already has a FIDE ID you must include it and their Federation to ensure they are properly registered.		
Leagues			
Clubs			
Team Captains	First Name :		
	Date of Birth : dd/mm/yyyy		
	FIDE ID:		
	Federation :		
	Email:		
	Old ICU Code :		
	Submit Player		

You need to enter the player's first name, last name, date of birth and email address. The date of birth and email address are required for FIDE registration. This will allow the ICU Ratings Officer to register the player with ICU and FIDE. Any player who is registered by the ICU will have Ireland as their Federation.

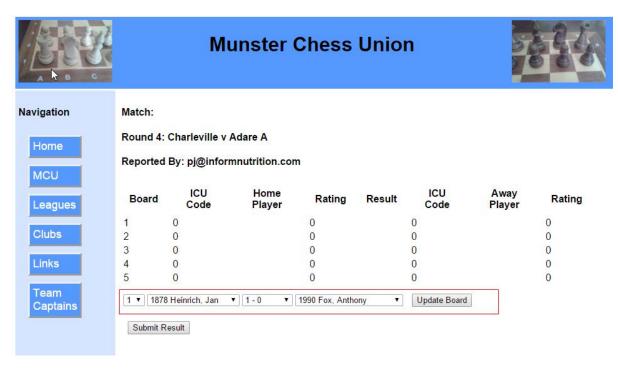
If the player being registered is already FIDE registered then you need to include their FIDE ID and Federation so that they are correctly registered.

The ICU List shown in the Panel Editor actually only shows currently active payers (paid up members for last year or this year). If you are adding a former player who is returning please add the player's old ICU Code in the text box,

When the appropriate details are entered click the Submit Player button. If you click the Edit Panel button you can see the new player in your panel.

5. REPORTING RESULTS

When you click on 'Report Results' in the main Captains Menu the system will check for any matches which are due to be played but whose results you have not entered. It will begin with the first unreported match and open a screen as shown below.



The page identifies the match and teams involved with the home team on the left and the away team on the right. The results are entered in the area outlined in red at the bottom of the screen. The drop down boxes allow you to select the board number, home player, result and away player.

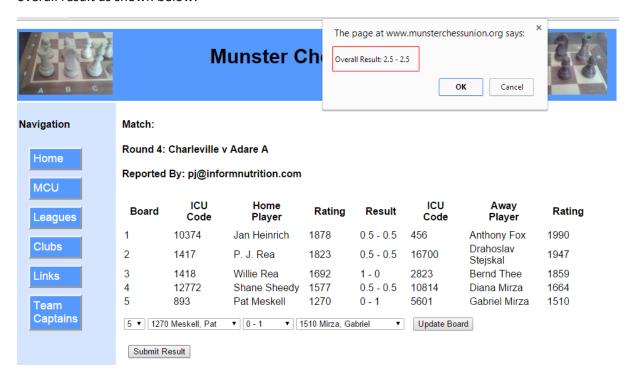
By default it starts with board 1 and the top rated players. Once you have selected to correct options click the 'Update Board' button to add it to the result list. The updated results screen after updating the board is shown below.



The board counter moves to the next board and you can enter the board 2 result and so on. Continue to enter the results board by board until the results are complete. Please check the results carefully before clicking 'Submit Result'.

The system does a check for obvious errors and displays a message if it finds any problems. Just click 'OK' and edit the invalid result. To do this select the board number for the result which has to be edited and enter the correct values for home player, result and away player.

When you click 'Submit Result' if everything looks okay the system pops up a message box giving the overall result as shown below.



If the result (outlined in red above) is correct then click OK. If not click 'Cancel' and edit the incorrect board. Once you click 'OK' the result is recorded in the database. The page will be updated to indicate that the result has been processed.



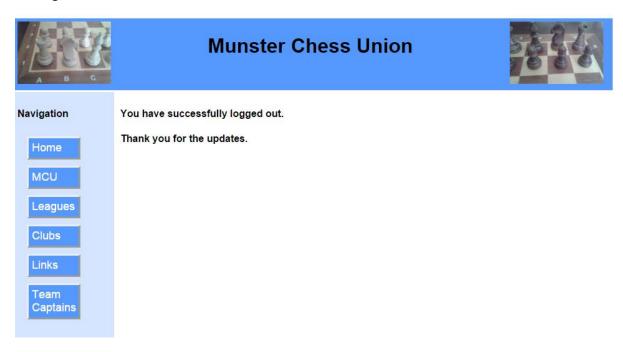
To submit the next result click on the 'Team Captains' menu button and then the report result link again. If you have reported all the matches up to date you will see the following page.

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Navigation	No unreported matches found for your team.	
Home		
MCU		
Leagues		
Clubs		
Team Captains		

6. Log-out

When you are finished submitting results or editing your team panel click the 'log out' option under the 'Team Captains' menu button. This simply terminates your browser session so anyone else using the browser does not have access.

The log out screen is shown below.



You can now continue browsing the website and the 'Team Captains' menu button will disappear.

7. CHECKING RESULTS

You can see the results displayed from the database by clicking the '2015 Div 1 New' item under the 'Leagues' menu section (it is just under Captains Login). This is pretty much the same as the existing results page except that it will now display the up to date results from the database.



The only significant difference is the Status column. When the result is reported by one team captain the Status shows as 1 with a yellow background. When the second team captain submits the result the status changes to 2 if the results match and the background becomes light grey.

If there is a mismatch the Status is shown as 3 and the result is displayed as 0.0-0.0 in red. In this case the league controller will have to check with the team captains and update the result. The status will then show as 2.



The screenshot shown above indicates that I made a mistake entering the results for Ennis B versus Sarsfield and that I have not entered the second team result for Ennis A versus CCYMS yet.

The Leader Board is generated directly from the database results and orders teams based on match points and then game points.