

6.6 Divisional structure

- a) The table below summarises, for the 2025-26 season, the divisional structure of the SBL standard-play league, including the rating limits applying to each division.
- b) For juniors (under the age of 16 on 1st September before the start of the season), and their driver, a 15-minute faster time limit may be claimed, if desired. This applies only in divisions having a rating limit of 1825 or lower, and where the rating limit is 80m + 10 seconds per move. For 2025-26, therefore, this concession applies to divisions 4 and 5 only.
- c) For division 6 only, the default time limits differ for adults and juniors, as shown in the note. Additionally, on a match-by-match basis, the two captains may by mutual agreement vary these rules: the number of boards may be increased from 4 to 5, and the time limit can be reduced to 60m + 10 seconds for all players, or increased to 80m + 10 seconds, for all players.

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Division	Boards	ECF Limit	Max Over-Limit	Fischer Time Control	Winner's Trophy
1	5	None	n/a	80m +10	The Waechter Shield
2	5	1977	100	80m +10	The Tom White Trophy
3	5	1828	100	80m +10	The Graham Smith Trophy
4	5	1739	100	80m +10	The David Pritchard Trophy
5	5	1605	100	80m +10	The Colin Price Trophy
6	4	1575	100	70m +10*	The Bill Lowe Trophy

* Note: For division 6, the default time limit for players over the age of 16 on 1st September before the start of the season is 70m + 10 seconds per move. For juniors (under 16) it is 60m + 10 seconds per move.