

The following are a few notes taken from the (incomplete) documentation held by the league.

2024-25	<p>16 clubs. 21 mixed teams in 3 divisions. 17 men's teams in 3 divisions. 8 ladies teams in 2 divisions.</p> <p>Junior League restarted Capper Trophy competition held on a Sunday</p>
2023-24	<p>18 clubs. 22 mixed teams in 3 divisions. 17 men's teams in 3 divisions. 7 ladies teams in 1 division.</p> <p>AGM Jun 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> League Development Officer to restart a Junior League <p>Presentation night at Chester Rugby Club</p>
2022-23	<p>20 mixed teams in 3 divisions. 15 men's teams in 2 divisions. 3 ladies teams in 1 division.</p> <p>AGM Jun 2023:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trophies awarded at the AGM Presentation night to be organised for 2023-24 <p>Men's league formalised (men allowed to play in mixed and men's league) Ladies league started (teams of 4 ladies with same rules as men's league) League development continued - junior matches arranged Agreed to stop awarding player of the season trophies</p>
2021-22	<p>24 mixed teams in 3 divisions. 14 men's teams in 2 divisions.</p> <p>AGM May 2022:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mixed teams to remain 4 men & 4 ladies Men allowed to play in both mixed and men's leagues Ladies league to be created Special rules discontinued - normal rules to apply for 2022-23 League Development Officer appointed <p>Play resumed with special rules for this season only & no promotions or relegations Ceased production of hard copy Rules & Fixtures handbook League fees waived (so no total for numbers of members)</p>
2020-21	<p>AGM Sep 2021:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Special rules created to account for ongoing Covid (allowing players to double up & team captains to reschedule matches) To be no promotions or relegations in 2021-22 <p>No play (Covid)</p>
2019-20	<p>30 mixed teams in 4 divisions. 10 men's teams in 1 division.</p> <p>Covid Season suspended Mar 2020 No AGM or presentation night</p>
2018-19	<p>530 members. 33 mixed teams in 4 divisions. 8 men's teams in 2 divisions.</p> <p>AGM May 2019</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Single division in the men's league (if numbers entering too great each team to play either a home or away game) <p>Individual medals no longer awarded (for environmental reasons) Both Parker & Capper trophy competitions played on a single Sunday</p>

<p>2017-18</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">516 members. 33 mixed teams in 4 divisions. 8 men's teams in 1 division.</p> <p>AGM May 2018:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No appetite (insufficient court time) to run Parker & Capper Trophies through the season - try running on a Sunday again Stop awarding individual medals <p>New method for points awarded adopted (1 point for each game won) Parker/Capper Trophy competition changed to a single Sunday</p>
<p>2016-17</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">524 members. 33 mixed teams in 4 divisions. 6 men's teams in 1 division.</p> <p>AGM May 2017:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Change to how points are awarded. Instead of 2 points for a win, 1 point for a draw and 0 for a loss, each team shall be awarded 1 point for each game won in a match <p>No longer an expectation for clubs to provide refreshments</p>
<p>2015-16</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">485 members. 32 mixed teams in 4 divisions. 5 men's teams in 1 division.</p> <p>AGM May 2016:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fixtures to be managed using website plugin SportsPress with team captains entering the match scores & league tables generated automatically <p>Informal men's league started (teams of 4 men playing 6 events of cross-over doubles) Some venues stopped allowing food to be brought in. New web host appointed. In-house website created. Facebook page created.</p>
<p>2014-15</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">485 members. 34 teams in 4 divisions.</p> <p>AGM May 2015</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Informal men's league to be created to allow match participation for men not playing in the mixed league <p>Ongoing difficulties with website</p>
<p>2013-14</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">452 members. 32 teams in 4 divisions.</p> <p>AGM May 2014</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rules redrafted Difficulties reported with website
<p>2012-13</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">480 members. 34 teams in 5 divisions.</p> <p>AGM May 2013</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request for scores to appear on the website <p>Rally Points scoring system successfully adopted Parker & Capper Trophy handicap competitions played throughout the season</p>
<p>2011-12</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">478 members. 34 teams in 4 divisions.</p> <p>AGM May 2012</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rally Points scoring system accepted <p>New, externally created, website up and running</p>
<p>2010-11</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">497 members. 35 teams in 5 divisions.</p> <p>AGM May 2011</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rally points scoring system rejected <p>No Junior league</p>

2004-05	Results sent to website manager fortnightly to be loaded onto website.	18 clubs. 572 members. 47 teams.
2004-05	(Wirral League created from an amalgamation of the Birkenhead, Hoylake & Wallasey Leagues)	
2003-04	Complaints that league tables not up to date (website manager too busy) Junior league running but not sure when it restarted or how long it continued for.	556 members. 45 teams.

1999-00	50th Anniversary Year Book produced (have a very poor photocopy) (But the first season engraved on the Division 1 trophy is 1948-49)	640 members. 58 teams.
1998-99	Concern about falling numbers of members & teams	732 members. 60 teams.
1997-98	Lack of enthusiasm for tournaments	812 members. 67 teams.
1996-97	Decision to be made whether to continue separate tournaments - one played with feathers, one with plastics or have a single, feathers only, tournament with A & B sections	
1995-96	Junior league no longer viable	72 teams.
1994-95	Competitions included: the League Tournament (feathers), the Plastics Tournament, Parker Trophy & Capper Trophy	871 members. 72 teams.
1993-94	Dearth of under 16s	923 members. 79 teams.
1992-93	Junior league running (but don't know when it started on how long it continued for)	941 members. 82 teams in 10 divisions.

1985-86	105 teams in 12 divisions Competitions included the League Tournament, Parker Trophy & Capper Trophy	105 teams in 12 divisions.
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Some of the following information has been taken from a document produced by **Mike Aston** entitled 'A case study of the Development of the Chester & District Badminton League' dated April, 1985.

Also, thanks to **Alan Grundy** for providing a newspaper cutting of the winners of the league in 1950.

1981?	Arthur Capper Trophy introduced check date on trophy
1960s & 1970s	There was a general move from village halls to school gymnasias and sports halls The building of Leisure Centres meant more courts, larger clubs and more teams in the league By 1975-76 there were 80 teams in 10 divisions
1957-58	Gertrude Parker (1 st league sec) donated the Parker Trophy to be played for on a knockout basis. First winners Roften.
1956	Lancashire & Cheshire registered as independent Badminton Associations
1949-50	17 teams in 3 divisions Black Diamond winners again (see newspaper cutting dated 1950)
1948-49	Chester League formed - 13 clubs/teams in 2 divisions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teams of 4 men & 4 ladies • Playing 4 mixed games, 2 ladies doubles and 2 men's doubles • 2 points for a win (assume it was 1 for a draw) • Refreshments at half time Winners of Division 1 - Black Diamond <i>(MA said 13 clubs & 2 divisions but date 1949-50)</i> <i>(AG thought the newspaper was the 1st year of the league (1949-50) but this has 17 teams & 3 divisions)</i> <i>The first engraving on the Division 1 trophy is 1948-49 so this must have been the first season</i>
Post War	Village clubs around Chester were playing friendly matches Leagues formed in Birkenhead (1946), Hoylake (1948) and Crewe 1949 - 160 clubs in Cheshire Badminton Association
1939	72 clubs in the Cheshire Badminton Association
1926	Wallasey was the most competitive area in the county The first league in the county was created there
1921	Lancashire & Cheshire formed a joint Badminton Association
1912	Badminton was played in Chester as early as 1912 in the form of Chester Badminton Club which was formed by Army personnel and played in the old skating rink on Liverpool Road, Chester.