

## Nottinghamshire Chess Association

### RULES REVISION MEETING held on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024 at The Wolds, West Bridgford

Present: [WN] S Scott, M Herbert; [NOM] G Neil, D Griffiths; [WB] S Walentowicz, C Budd, H Carter, E Cavazzoni, T Walker; [ASH] D Hardman, P Morgan, B Taylor, N Graham, S Burke; [GAM] D Sudar, J Swain, M Naylor-Eade, D Padvic; [GRA] C Holt, C Hill; [RB] M Taylor, A Johnson, P Erentz, Stuart Humphreys, N London.

Apologies: M Hill, C Sargeant, G Ladds, Stephen Humphreys, M Richmond, C Cumbers.

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#### 1. Election of Chair

In the absence of the president (Maurice Hill), Neil Graham was proposed as as chair for the meeting.

Proposed: N London, seconded: M Taylor

Elected, none against

#### 2. Changes to NCA League Rules

All valid proposals were previously circulated three weeks before the meeting.

##### a. Rule B10

"Each match must be played over 5 boards in the **top two divisions** and over 4 boards in all other divisions"

For: 7, Against 11

Proposal rejected

##### b. Rule B13

"Each team captain must submit the result on the ECF League Management System, and notify the League Secretary of any dispute, within **3 days** of the match."

Proposal accepted, none against

##### c. Rule C6

"A player may not be rated more than 150 points above anyone on a higher board at the agreed start of the match (**i.e. excluding substitutes**).

##### d. **If a substitute is used they may not be rated more than 150 points higher than anyone on a higher board"**

Proposal accepted, none against

##### e. Rule C5c

"From **1st January** each season, only players who live, work or study in Nottinghamshire, or have previously played in the league, may be introduced by a club."

For: 17, Against 4

Proposal accepted

##### f. Rule C4

An amendment to the original wording was allowed by the chair for clarification, and amendment accepted by the meeting:

"Once a player has been listed on a team sheet three times in total on higher boards for any team(s), that player may not appear for a lower team. **Higher boards are defined as boards 1 or 2 that are played or won by default.**"

For: 18, Against 4

Proposal accepted

- g. Rule B8  
“A match will be defaulted by any team that fails to field at least half the number of players scheduled to play in a match. **A team which defaults a match is required to submit a written explanation to the League (or Records) Secretary.**”  
For: 13, Against 7  
Proposal accepted
- h. Rule D2  
“Team penalties –  
a). The penalty for defaulting a match or infringing B3, B4 or B15(a) is the loss of 2 match points and a fine of £20.  
b) The penalty for infringing B14 is the match is recorded as a double default.
- i. **c) The LMC may take other such action as it deems equitable as set out in the standing orders of LMC**”  
Proposal accepted, none against
- j. Rule B9  
“The standard time limit shall be **65 minutes plus an increment of 10 seconds per move to finish the game.**”  
[i.e. no option for 75 minutes to finish the game]  
Proposal accepted, none against
- k. Appendix to Rule 6  
Clubs must assign a match rating for each player (**minimum 1300**), and include that rating with the player’s first match result of the season...  
For: 11, Against 11  
Chair applied his casting voter in favour of the status quo, and therefore:  
Proposal rejected

3. County Championship 2023-24 (M Naylor-Eade)

Members of Gambit Chess Club are organising this event which is now confirmed to take place on 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> June at Radcliffe Hall (R & B CC home venue). Traditional classical time limit is being used. Information and entry form has been emailed to club secretaries and will appear on the NCA website

4. NCA Annual General Meeting (N London)

This is now confirmed for Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July, starting at 7:30pm, at the Wolds Pub, West Bridgford. Formal notice will be sent out to clubs shortly.

Noted that there are several key officer roles falling vacant, including president, general secretary and league secretary, which must be filled if NCA and eh league is to function.

Any queries or expression of interest, please contact Nick London

5. Any Other Business

- a. Steve Burke (treasurer) noted that some clubs have not yet paid their Association fees for 23-24. Please do so as soon as possible.
- b. Chris Holt (ECF rep) advised the meeting that ECF has decided to amalgamate the gold and silver ECF membership levels from 4 July 2024. If a silver membership is preferred then renew before this date to obtain the current lower price.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 9.00 pm.