

Rules Governing all Shropshire Chess Competitions

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PART 1

(1) General

1.1 The Shropshire Chess Association (“the charity”) shall organise leagues and competitions in line with its charitable objectives. In addition to their own rules, all competitions shall be governed in accordance with the rules in this document.

1.2 An amendment to Part 1 of the league or competition rules will require the support of a 2/3 majority of members in attendance (physically or virtually) at the AGM or SGM.

1.3 An Amendment to Part 2 of the league or competition rules will require the support of a majority of members in attendance (physically or virtually) at the AGM or SGM.

(2) Annual General Meeting

2.1 An Annual General Meeting (“AGM”) shall take place annually in line with the [charity’s constitution](#).

When considering matters not reserved for the trustees the meeting shall:

2.2 be chaired in line with paragraph 13 of the charities constitution

2.3 give notice for the meeting in line with paragraphs 11 & 30 of the charities constitution

2.4 meet the quorum rules in line with paragraph 12 of the charities constitution

2.5 take minutes in line with paragraph 25 of the charities constitution

Matters to be considered at the AGM include:

2.6 reports from the Association’s Officers & Officials,

2.7 the awarding of trophies for the year’s completed competitions,

2.8 report of the Charities Trustees

2.9 the audited accounts,

2.10 the nomination and election of officers, officials & trustees for the coming year,

2.11 discussion of issues both on the agenda and raised as ‘Any other Business’,

2.12 Proposals for the amendment of the league or competition rules. Amendments to the submitted proposals may be accepted on the night for discussion and voting, at the Chairman’s discretion.

Proposals for amendment to the rules unrelated to existing proposals on the agenda cannot be voted for although the Chairman will always have discretion where a proposal is uncontroversial and necessary to ensure the smooth running of the league or competition.

(3) Special General Meeting

3.1 The officers or members may call a Special General Meeting (“SGM”) in line with paragraph 10 of the charity’s constitution. This meeting must be held in line with item’s 2.2-2.5 above.

(4) Officers/Officials

4.1 Members at a general meeting shall elect officers & officials. Members may also create or abolish posts of any officials as they see fit. The election of an officer or official or the creation or abolition of officials posts only requires the support of a majority of members in attendance.

4.2 Any officer or official is elected for one season only. That officer or official may then stand for re-election at the next AGM.

(5) Membership & Eligibility to Vote

5.1 Every member is entitled to vote on the league or competition rules in line with paragraph 15 of the charity's constitution with the following exceptions:

5.1.1 The right to vote will be denied to any member whose club has not paid its league fees for the previous season.

5.1.2 Members may attend the AGM virtually over the internet. These members will have the same rights as members physically present.

5.1.3 No member who does not attend the AGM (either physically or virtually) has the right to vote on the league or competition rules.

5.2 The membership of the association eligible to vote is as defined in paragraphs 8 and 9 of the Charity's Constitution.

(6) Suspension/Expulsion

6.1 A majority vote by the controller of the league or competition plus the officers of the association (as defined in paragraph 16 of the charity's constitution) shall have the power to temporarily suspend (but not expel) a player from any of the leagues or competitions up until the end of the season. Any suspension can be appealed in which case the president shall create an appeals committee of independent members of the league. The appeal committee's decision shall be final.

6.2 Only a general meeting shall have the power to expel any club or player from the leagues and competition. Such suspensions, expulsions and removals shall require a 3/4 majority in a vote by Association members in attendance. No resolution for expulsion shall be voted on unless its subject has been invited to attend the meeting and been given written notice of the resolution and its associated reasons.

(7) Eligibility of clubs/teams to compete in the Shropshire Leagues & competitions

7.1 To be eligible to compete in the Shropshire League or any of the other competitions hosted by the Shropshire Chess Association, clubs/teams must be based within the historic borders of Shropshire. By majority vote a general meeting can allow clubs/teams from outside Shropshire to participate in any of the leagues or competitions

7.2 All clubs/teams must adhere to the Association's League Rules.

7.3 All clubs/teams entered in the league will be charged an annual fee for each team they enter in the league. This league fee will be proposed by the members at the league AGM but must be approved by the charity's trustees.

PART 2

See rules for the relevant competition.