

WARRINGTON & DISTRICT CHESS LEAGUE CONSTITUTION

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1. NAME

The name of the league shall be the WARRINGTON AND DISTRICT CHESS LEAGUE.

2. OBJECTIVES

The aim of the league shall be to encourage and promote Chess in Warrington and its surrounding districts. It shall be the responsibility of the Executive Committee (infra) to produce (for discussion purposes) to the League at each and every third AGM (the first being in 2012), such development plans as agreed by the Executive Committee to pursue the stated aim.

3. MEMBERSHIP

Chess Clubs shall be eligible for membership at the discretion of the League's Annual General Meeting. Any club seeking to join shall join on a resolution of the league at AGM.

Membership of each club shall automatically be renewed at the next AGM,

4. SUBSCRIPTIONS

4.1. The annual subscriptions for the following season shall be decided at the League's AGM and shall be due and payable by 1st August prior to the season start. Any outstanding ECF Grading fees for prior seasons, including the season just ended, are due and payable on the same date.

4.2 Team Entry

4.2.1 From 2020 AGM onwards the team entry for the forthcoming season has the WDCL AGM as it's closing date. Any club not attending the AGM, should provide it's entry before the AGM takes place. A tolerance of 2 weeks will apply to mitigate for events such as car breakdown on the way to the AGM.

4.2.2 A club's entries to the League's competitions shall only be accepted, and player registrations approved, if the relevant subscriptions for the new season and any amounts due to the League in respect of prior seasons (including ECF grading fees) have been paid on or before the due date

5. MANAGEMENT

5.1. The business of the League shall be managed by elected officers who shall be known as the Executive Committee.

5.2. Executive Committee.

The Executive Committee is made up of the President, Secretary, Treasurer, Vice-President and League Manager..

5.2.1 The President. The President shall manage the league and chair its general meetings and any Executive committee meetings.

5.2.2 The Vice President. The Vice President will stand in for the President as and when required, and shall take over his duties if the President is unable to continue them.

5.2.3 The Secretary. The Secretary will facilitate all communications between the League and its member

clubs and players. The Secretary will also minute and distribute the minutes of all meetings.

5.2.4 The Treasurer. The Treasurer will collect all monies owed to the league, pay all monies owed by the

league and produced yearly accounts for the league at its AGM, and provide all due assistance to any auditor appointed by the League.

5.2.5 The League Manager. The League Manager will administer the running of the league's various divisions, applying the rules as necessary and providing regular updates as to league tables, player of the year competitions, etc. The League Manager will also pass the results to the League's grading officer at appropriate intervals for them to process for grading.

The League Manager shall oversee the production of a fair and balanced fixture list for the League competitions at the start of every season.

The League Manager shall oversee the League's knock out competitions and apply the rules when required.

The League Manager can delegate any of the above responsibilities.

5.3. League Officers.

These are to be Publicity Manager, Development Officer, Grading Officer, Auditor and League Archivist.

5.3.1 Publicity Manager. The Publicity Manager shall be responsible for will running the league's website and support clubs in getting publicity in their local press.

5.3.2. Development Officer. The Development Officer shall be responsible for the development of chess within the WDCL Chess League geographical footprint.

5.3.3. Grading Officer. The Grading Officer is responsible for the timely and accurate submission of results for ECF grading.

5.3.4. The Auditor shall audit the League's yearly financial accounts.

5.3.5. The League Archivist will manage and update the League Archive and act as a point of reference for anyone requiring historic league information.

5.4. The Rules Committee. Every club may nominate one of its members to be a member of the Rules Committee.

The Rules Committee assist with rule interpretation and shall review proposed changes to the rules and constitution that are to be presented to the league AGM.

Members of the Rules Committee will if requested offer advice to anyone wishing to propose a change to

the WDCL Constitution, League and Competitions Rules.

6. MEETINGS

6.1. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

6.1.1. The AGM will normally be held on a suitable date in June, July or August of each year, and shall be fixed at the AGM prior, or in default thereof, by the League Secretary for a date in June/July/August on no

less than 3 months notice to the

secretaries of member clubs or member clubs whose membership application shall be determined thereat.. The only persons allowed to vote at an AGM shall be one delegate from each team entered in the current season. A quorum shall consist of sixteen persons, or one half of those allowed to vote - whichever is the smaller number.

6.1.2. The business of the AGM shall be:

(i) to approve the prior minutes of the League in AGM;

(ii) to receive and record the usual reports of the Executive Committee of the prior season;

(iii) to make such administrative preparations as are reasonably required for the following season, including the appointment of officers

and (if so desired) an auditor;

(iv) to consider any proposals for which any required notice has been duly given and circulated;

(v) to consider (at the discretion of the chair of the meeting) any other business raised at the meeting

An agenda for the AGM shall be circulated by the League Secretary to the Secretaries of the clubs no later than 2 weeks prior to the date of the AGM.

6.2. EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

6.2.1. An EGM shall only consider proposals relating to the business for which the meeting is called. The General League Secretary shall call an EGM of the league within six weeks:

(i) A request of the Executive Committee

(ii) A request signed by the Secretaries of at least four member Clubs

6.2.2. The call of the EGM shall be effected by the giving of at least 21 days notice of such a meeting shall be sent to the Officers of the League members of the Executive Committee and the Secretaries of member clubs, such notice to include a copy of the request(s) aforesaid.

7. RULES

7.1. Amendments to the Constitution Rules, League Rules, Fixture Creation Guidance and/or Cup Rules shall only be made at the AGM or at an EGM called for that purpose and with the approval of at least two

thirds of those present and entitled to vote.

7.2. The League Secretary shall require at least six weeks written notice (prior to any AGM) and five weeks written notice (prior to an EGM) of any proposed alterations to the Rules.