

# Cornwall County Chess Association

## League rules

- 1) The competition is annual and open to all affiliated clubs.
- 2) The league shall consist of two divisions under the following arrangements:

### 2.1 County Shield

A club or combination of clubs may enter one or more teams of four players each.

### 2.2 Roberts Cup

A club or combination of clubs may enter one or more teams of four players. The average rating of the players must not exceed 1675.

### Eligibility of Players

- a) A player may not play for more than one club simultaneously in the same competition save as provided in 2.2(b).
- b) No restrictions shall apply to any unrated player who has never had a published rating nor to any junior with a published rating lower than 1200.
- c) A player to whom 2.2(b) does not apply and who wishes to transfer to another club may do so by informing the League Secretary accordingly. Thereafter during that season, he may not play for any other club in that competition.

3) The format of the competitions is to be determined at the Management Committee meeting to be held before the start of the season in accordance with paragraph 3.03 of the constitution.

4) Four points will be awarded for a win, two for a draw and one for a loss. No points will be awarded to a team that defaults a match.

5) If two or more teams finish level on match points, the tie shall be broken on the basis of average game points per match played, with defaulted matches disregarded. If this fails to break the tie, the trophy shall be shared.

6) The League Secretary shall, after the Management Committee meeting referred to in rule 3, produce a provisional fixture list for the season, specifying unambiguously the date on which each match is to be played. Any club wishing to propose a change to any fixture date must notify the League Secretary of the proposed change within fourteen days. The League Secretary will rule on any proposed changes and forthwith issue a definitive list.

### 7) Fixtures

a) Matches shall be played on the dates specified in the definitive fixture list.

b) A club failing to fulfil any fixture shall lose the match by default unless it successfully claims that it could not fulfil the fixture because of an unavoidable emergency. The decision of the League Secretary shall be final in relation to any such claim.

c) Matches between two teams from the same club shall take place as early as practicable. Claims for points gained by default will not be allowed in such matches.

8. The team captains will toss a coin to determine colours at the first meeting between the teams; the winner of the toss will have White on odd boards in the first match and the colours will be reversed in the return match.

9. The rate of play shall be 75 minutes for all the moves with 15 second increments from move 1

### 10. Nominated players

a) Where a club or combination of clubs fields more than one team in the County Shield it must nominate its three highest rated players. All such players may play for one team only.

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b) Where a club or combination of clubs fields more than one team in the Roberts Cup it must nominate all its players rated 1950 or over and its two highest players rated under 1950. All such players may play for one team only.

c) No player ordinarily resident outside Cornwall, nor any student attending an educational establishment outside Cornwall, may be nominated under Rule 10(a) or 10(b).

d) Rule 10 of the Rules applicable to all team matches will apply for the purpose of determining the players to be nominated.

e) Where a) or b) applies, the club or combination of clubs may allocate the relevant players to teams as it sees fit.

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