

NORTH ESSEX CHESS LEAGUE

Constitution

(A) General

- (i) The name of the League shall be the "North Essex Chess League"
- (ii) The objects of the League shall be to further interest in chess by the provision of facilities for constituent clubs to meet each other competitively on a league basis, the organisation of other chess events of all kinds for constituent clubs and their players, and to promote chess activities generally
- (iii) This Constitution may only be altered at a general meeting of the League by resolution supported by at least two thirds of the members present

(B) Officers

- (i) Compulsory offices under this Constitution shall be those of President, Chairman, Vice-Chairman, General Secretary and Treasurer
- (ii) Further offices may be created by the League in general meeting or by the Committee at its discretion to assist with the management of League affairs, and officers may be appointed in respect thereof who shall remain in office until the next Annual General Meeting at which fresh officers may be elected in accordance with Clause C(i) hereof. Offices so created may be terminated by the League in general meeting or by the Committee when the purposes for which they were created have been fulfilled
- (iii) At any one time, not more than two thirds of the officers of the League shall be members of the same club

(C) General Meetings

- (i) An Annual General Meeting shall be held once in each year, when reports shall be submitted by the officers, when the officers of the League for the next year shall be elected, when recommendations to the Committee can be made by members of constituent clubs, and when the Committee can bring forward matters for general discussion and resolution. The General Secretary will make draft minutes available to all members, usually within four weeks of the meeting
- (ii) The Committee shall have power to call a general meeting if it deems such a meeting necessary, to discuss and resolve upon one or more specific proposals notified at the time of calling of the general meeting
- (iii) Constituent clubs shall receive three weeks' notice of any general meeting and the proposed agenda thereof
- (iv) Every person attending a general meeting shall have one vote, providing such person is a member of a constituent club

(v) Resolutions at any general meeting shall be passed by a majority vote. The Chairman shall have power to exercise a casting vote if required

(vi) A General Meeting shall not be held unless a quorum can be formed; the quorum to consist of the Chair, Vice-Chair or General Secretary and members from at least half of the clubs who are taking part in NECL competitions during the season that the general meeting is taking place.

(D) League Committee

(i) The League Committee shall consist of the officers and one representative from each constituent club, such representative to be nominated by his club

(ii) Each member of the Committee shall have one vote and a resolution shall be passed on a majority vote. The Chairman shall have the power to exercise a casting vote if required

(iii) The administration of League affairs shall be undertaken by the Committee

(iv) The League Committee shall not meet unless a quorum can be formed, the quorum to consist of the Chairman, or Vice-Chairman or General Secretary and two other members of the Committee but so that no meeting shall take place if all members present are members of the same club

(v) Officers and club secretaries shall receive three weeks' notice of any Committee meeting and the proposed agenda thereof

(vi) The Committee shall have power to appoint a Select Committee consisting of three or more officers including the Chairman or General Secretary or both to undertake specific items of the League's business. The Select Committee shall ordinarily make reports and recommendations to the Committee on the items so undertaken but shall have power to make decisions binding on the Committee if so directed

(vii) The Committee shall ensure that the objects of the League are properly operated and shall be responsible for planning the various activities. It shall, however, always organise these activities so that inter-club match play is the main feature of each season

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