

# TAFCA

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## Foreword

This page is for the attention of the Captains and Secretaries of clubs taking part in this year's TAFCA league and Knockout competition.

**Email Results** - if you have a new member please enter their full name and, if a junior, their date of birth. This is important as it is needed to obtain a Pnum for that player, without which the game cannot be graded. Remember also that there could already be someone on the grading list with the same name, so full names are necessary, plus D.O.B for under-21s.

**Email Results** - Submission of results by email must not be delayed. Where the email result is not received by the fixture secretary within 48 hours of the appointed match date by "BOTH" team captains, the offending team(s) shall be penalized the sum of £2.00. Failure to pay the penalty within four weeks of the treasurer's request for payment will result in the deduction of 2 games points for each offence.

**Rearranged fixtures** – Responsibility for changes to fixture arrangements lie with the captain requesting the change. The postponing team captain must offer new dates to the other captain within 14 days and must inform the Fixture Secretary of the postponement and the new date. NOTE – as from season 2011-12 postponed matches must be played within one calendar month. Not complying with this will result in a match-default. **IMPORTANT – if you request a change of date but get no response from the other captain, assume he/she has not received your request. Without explicit agreement from the other captain the fixture must be played on the date in the fixture list.**

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the General Secretary or any other member of the Committee (details at the end of this document).

**TAYSIDE AND FIFE CHESS ASSOCIATION (TAFCA)**  
**CONSTITUTION**

1. *NAME*

The organisation shall be known as "Tayside and Fife Chess Association", hereafter called TAFCA.

2. *OBJECTS*

The objects of TAFCA shall be to arrange League, Individual and other competitions and to promote the interests of chess in Tayside and Fife regions.

3. *MEMBERSHIP*

There shall be two classes of membership, namely: Full Member, Associate Member.

4. *QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP*

- 4.1. Full member. All clubs which enter a team or teams into any of the TAFCA competitions, such entries being accepted by the Committee and the appropriate fees, as set by the AGM being paid, shall automatically become full members of TAFCA for the year of such entries.
- 4.2. Associate member. Clubs which do not enter TAFCA competitions may apply directly to the Committee for affiliation to TAFCA, upon payment of a fee to be set by the Committee. Associate membership shall not confer voting rights.

5. *LEAGUE YEAR*

The League year shall commence on the day following an A.G.M. and shall end with the next A.G.M.

6. *CONTROL*

The whole business of TAFCA shall be under the control of the Committee, which shall be elected annually at the Annual General Meeting.

7. *ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING*

- 6.1. The Annual General Meeting shall be held in May of each year, the date and venue to be set by the Committee.
- 6.2. The agenda and any proposals for consideration at the A.G.M. shall be sent, at least fourteen days prior to the Meeting date, to all Member and Associate Member Clubs.
- 6.3. At this Meeting, the General Secretary, Fixture Secretary, Treasurer and other Office Bearers shall submit annual reports. Office Bearers and other Committee Members shall be elected, subscriptions shall be fixed for the coming season, League trophies shall be presented and any other competent business shall be transacted.
- 6.4. Nomination of Officers and Committee should be circulated one month in advance. Nominations may still be accepted from the floor of the A.G.M. Nominees should be given up to three minutes to support their candidature, if desired.
- 6.5. Proposals by any Member Club, for consideration at the A.G.M, must be given, in writing, to the General Secretary before 1st April. If a matter is raised at the A.G.M. that could not reasonably have been foreseen or predicted, the members present, at their discretion, may accept a proposal from the floor for discussion and decision.
- 6.6. At the A.G.M. each fully paid up team shall have one vote on any matter arising. If a team has no representative present, then that team's vote shall be forfeit. Prior to the commencement of business, the General Secretary shall issue to each team representative a Voting Card, which must be displayed when voting on any matter. Only Voting Cards that are displayed will be counted. No person may represent more than one team.
- 6.7. Representatives of at least one third of the Member Clubs and at least one third of Member teams shall form a quorum at the A.G.M.

## 8. SPECIAL GENERAL MEETINGS

- 7.1. Special General Meetings may be summoned by the Committee, and the General Secretary must also call such a meeting within 28 days of receipt of a written request to do so from the Secretaries of at least one third of Member Clubs.
- 7.2. The notice calling a Special General Meeting shall be sent to all Member Clubs at least fourteen days before the Meeting date, and shall state the business or proposals to be considered. No other business shall be considered.
- 7.3. Each team shall have one vote on any matter arising. If a team has no representatives present, then that team's vote shall be forfeit. Voting Cards shall be issued prior to the commencement of business and votes cast by display of the Voting Cards. No person may represent more than one team.
- 7.4. Representatives of at least one third of Member Clubs and at least one third of Member teams shall form a quorum at the S.G.M.

## 9. COMMITTEE

- 8.1. The Committee shall consist of:
  - President
  - Vice-President
  - General Secretary
  - Fixture Secretary
  - Treasurer
  - C.S. Delegate
  - Junior Liaison Officer
  - Information and Press Officer
  - TAFCA Individual competition Organiser
  - Minute Secretary
  - Ordinary Members
- 8.2. Candidates standing for election to "Ordinary Member" who are members of clubs not represented in the other Committee posts shall automatically be elected.
- 8.3. An auditor shall also be appointed who may be an Office Bearer, but not Treasurer.
- 8.4. In addition, from time to time, an A.G.M. may elect as Honorary Presidents, persons who are considered to have given outstanding service to TAFCA. This award shall be for life, and there shall be no limit to the number of Honorary Presidents. Such Honorary Presidents shall be entitled to attend and take part in Committee meetings, but shall have no right of vote.

## 10. COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- 9.1. The TAFCA Committee shall meet at least three times during each season.
- 9.2. If the agenda includes business appertaining to a particular club, then that club shall be notified and be entitled to be represented at that meeting, but shall not be entitled to vote.
- 9.3. At least 50% of the Committee Members shall be required to form a quorum.
- 9.4. No Committee member may vote on disputes in which he/she or his/her Club has an interest.
- 9.5. A copy of the Minutes of each Committee Meeting shall be sent to all Member Clubs.
- 9.6. Decisions made by the Committee or penalties imposed by it may only be overturned by the decision of the A.G.M. or of a Special General Meeting, which must be called for that purpose.

## 11. CHAIRMAN

At all Meetings, the Chairman shall have a casting vote only.

## 12. AMENDMENTS

- 11.1. Amendments to this Constitution may be made only at the A.G.M. or at a Special General Meeting called for this purpose.

- 11.2. Proposals for such amendments shall be submitted in accordance with paragraph 7 (for A.G.M. proposals) or paragraph 8 (for S.G.M. proposals).
- 11.3. The acceptance of a Constitutional Amendment shall require the approval of not less than TWO THIRDS of voting Members. Members unable to be represented at the Meeting may send a written vote to the General Secretary, who shall record all such votes received before the start of the Meeting.

*13. CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY*

This Constitution supersedes all previous Constitutions and Practices.

# TAFCA LEAGUE RULES

## FORMAT

### 1. COMPOSITION OF LEAGUE

The League shall be divided into Divisions not exceeding 10 teams.

### 2. SCORING SYSTEM

- 2.1. Scoring shall be by the results of individual games.
- 2.2. Two Match Points shall be awarded for a match win and one Match Point for a match draw.

### 3. LEAGUE PLACING

League placing shall be decided by placing the teams in descending order of match points scored.

### 4. PROMOTION AND RELEGATION

- 4.1. The two lowest placed teams in Division 1 at the end of the season shall be relegated to Division 2. The two highest placed teams in Division 2 at the end of the season shall be promoted to Division 1. If a division has 6 or fewer teams, only one team will be relegated from Division 1 and one team promoted from Division 2
- 4.2. Any Club, which has a lower graded team, promoted, whilst at the same time having a higher graded team relegated, should have the decision as to whether the lower graded team may stay in the lower division or move up while the higher graded team moves down.

### 5. BREAKING OF TIES

- 5.1. In the event of ties for League placing at the end of the season, such ties shall be resolved by consecutive reference to the following until a result is achieved:-
  - a) Game Points;
  - b) Result of the individual match result or results;
  - c) Progressive elimination of boards from 4 upwards in the individual match (or the last played match between the individual teams if there were more than one);
  - d) Play off;
  - e) Discounting of boards as in (c) above.
- 5.2. The Fixture Secretary shall notify teams requiring to play off as soon as this requirement is known. The match must take place within 14 days of receiving notice from the Fixture Secretary, who must be advised of the arrangements by the team captain having the choice of venue.
- 5.3. The choice of venue for a play-off shall be decided by lot unless mutual agreement can be reached. In the case of difficulty, the Fixture Secretary should be contacted.
- 5.4. The team having choice of venue shall be responsible for ensuring that equipment and scoresheets are available.
- 5.5. Players taking part in play-off matches must have played at least 2 games for their respective teams during the concluding season and must satisfy the eligibility rules.
- 5.6. If the play-off does not take place within the stipulated time, then;
  - a) In the case of play-offs for promotion, the teams concerned shall lose any rights to promotion and will remain in that Division. The team(s) that would have been relegated will remain in the higher Division.
  - b) In the case of play-offs to avoid relegation, the teams concerned shall be relegated to the Division below. Sufficient teams from the Division below shall be promoted to replace the relegated teams.

## 6. LEAGUE START UP

The start of the season will be the 30th September. The number of teams to be entered must be notified, in writing, to the Fixture Secretary by 15th September. Special permission may be granted by the Fixture Secretary to permit Universities and other clubs to submit their entry by a later date. From this information the Fixture Secretary shall prepare a Fixture List.

## FIXTURES

### 7. FIXTURE LIST

- 7.1. Clubs or teams entering after the end of September will be required to arrange their own fixtures.
- 7.2. The first team of each pairing shall be the home team. The captain of the home team shall be responsible for arranging the match.
- 7.3. Matches must be played on the dates set down in the Fixture List unless mutually agreed otherwise. As far as is possible, alterations to match dates should be made prior to the commencement of the season.
- 7.4. Any changes made to the dates set down in the Fixture List must be advised to the Fixture Secretary immediately such changes are made.
- 7.5. Any club entering a team shall be penalised £2.00 for every unplayed match. The committee will be empowered to consider each case on its merits.
- 7.6. The first date on the Fixture List shall constitute the start of the season. All League matches must be played by 30<sup>th</sup> April. In exceptional circumstances the Fixture Secretary shall have the power to extend the League completion date by up to 2 weeks.

### 8. POSTPONEMENTS

- 8.1. Any change of arrangement must be notified to the Fixture Secretary immediately by the captain requesting the rearrangement.
- 8.2. Matches between teams may not be postponed by more than four weeks. A team cannot request a further postponement of a match, apart from exceptional circumstances.
- 8.3. Prior to the commencement of the season, and not later than 7 days prior to the first published fixture, either team of any fixture (except those covered by 8.2) may insist on a change to the date set down in the Fixture List. The new date must be mutually agreed and arranged in accordance with Rule 8.5.
- 8.4. After the commencement of the season postponements may only be by mutual agreement. A team requesting postponement shall have no right to insist on a postponement. Disputes in such cases must be referred to the General Secretary who shall deal with the matter in accordance with Rule 22. See also rule 8.2.
- 8.5. When a postponement has been agreed it shall be the responsibility of the captain requesting that postponement to offer and agree, within 14 days, an alternative date with the other captain. Postponed league fixtures must be played within one calendar month of the original date. In exceptional circumstances the Fixture Secretary shall have the power to extend the new date by a further calendar month even if this falls beyond the existing end-of-season date. Both captains must immediately inform the Fixture Secretary of the new arrangement. Failure to comply with this rule will result in default by the offending team. See also rule 8.2.

### 9. MATCH DEFAULTS

A match that is defaulted may take place at a later date, provided that both teams' captains agree and the match can be played by the end of the season. The non-offending team will then retain the 2 Match Points awarded for the default, but no Game Points. When the match is eventually played, each team will receive Game Points gained, but no Match Points shall be awarded. The Fixture Secretary must be informed of such agreements and of the match arrangements.

### 10. COMPOSITION OF TEAMS

- 10.1. A team shall consist of four players.



- 10.2. A match shall consist of four boards played at the same venue and at the same time. It is not permissible for players to agree a separate time or date for their game.
- 10.3. A player may not play more than one game in a match.
- 10.4. Before the start of the season, each club must supply the Fixture Secretary with the names of at least four players who will represent each team. The penalty for late submission of nominations shall be the forfeit of two Game Points for each match played before nominations are received by the Fixture Secretary. No club may nominate the same player for more than one team.
- 10.5. Junior teams must have a minimum of three players aged 16 or under.

## 11. ELIGIBILITY

- 11.1. If a club enters more than one team in the League its teams shall be composed such that grading order is maintained throughout all teams, i.e. all of the A-team shall be graded higher than any of the B-team, B-team higher than C-team, etc. (subject to 11.3, 11.5 and 11.6).
- 11.2. Players nominated for a team may play for that team and any higher team.
- 11.3. Any player who plays more than two games for teams higher than that for which he has been nominated will automatically become nominated for the lower of these higher teams, his original team nomination will cease to be effective and he will no longer be eligible to play for a lower team for the remainder of the season. Games where a player "wins" a defaulted game shall be disregarded for eligibility purposes.
- 11.4. A player may not play for a team lower than that for which he is currently nominated.
- 11.5. Where a club has more than one team in the League, nominated car drivers may play for one team higher or lower than his/her correct team, in order to facilitate traveling. If nominated car driver is no longer available the team may nominate a replacement. This re-nomination will not be effective until the Fixture Secretary has been informed.
- 11.6. If a club wishes to play an ungraded player whose strength justifies a place in a particular team, above a graded player, then that club must assign that player an estimated grading. Such an estimate must be notified immediately, in writing, to the Fixture Secretary. This estimate shall apply for the remainder of the season. The grading referred to in these Rules shall be those published by Chess Scotland or other National body for the current season.
- 11.7. If a player joins a club after team nominations have been submitted and his inclusion would displace an existing player, the team captain may apply to the Fixture Secretary for the displaced player to be reclassified into a lower team. This player may not play for the lower team until reclassification has been granted. Rule 11.2 will still apply.
- 11.8. A player may play for only one club in a season except with the permission of the Committee.
- 11.9. For each infringement of 11.2 to 11.7 the game shall be credited to the opposing team.
- 11.10. While a club may enter as many teams as possible it is also possible for a club to rename one or more teams to exist separately and distinct from its other teams. Renamed teams shall exist for practical purposes as separate clubs and players in these teams shall not be eligible to play for the "normal" club teams.
- 11.11. Any club wishing to exercise this option must inform the Fixture Secretary when entering teams under Rule 6. Having exercised this option this club may not thereafter withdraw the option during the course of the current season.
- 11.12. Teams entering as 'junior' must be designated as 'junior' at the start of the season. Junior teams will pay a reduced entry fee that will be set annually at the A.G.M.

## 12. TEAM ORDER

- 12.1. In any team, board order shall be according to each player's grading as set down in the grading list published by Chess Scotland at the start of the current season, with the highest graded on Board 1, second highest on Board 2, third highest on Board 3. Subject to Rule 11.5, ungraded players must play below graded players unless an

estimated grading has been assigned in accordance with Rule 11.6. No variations to published gradings are permitted.

- 14.2. The penalty for infringement of this Rule shall be the award of the points gained on all boards affected to the opposing team.

### **13. STARTING TIMES**

Play must commence at 7.30 p.m. (or the agreed time, if different) except for matches involving a junior team playing away which shall start at 7pm.

### **14. PREPARATION FOR PLAY**

- 14.1. The names of the players taking part in a match must be entered on the result card, in their correct playing order, by the captains of both teams before play starts.
- 14.2. If a team arrives with a player or players short, the start of the match must not be delayed. In this case the captain of that team must enter either:
  - a) The name(s) of the player(s) who has/have not turned up, or;
  - b) The name(s) of a substitute(s).
- 14.3. If the original player is named, he may not be replaced once the match has commenced. If he fails to arrive in time to commence play within one half hour of the scheduled starting time his game shall be awarded to the other team
- 14.4. If a substitute is named on the card, and the original player subsequently arrives, the original player may not replace the named player once the match has commenced.
- 14.5. If any named player fails to take part, then that board must be clearly marked "default" on the result card.

### **RULES GOVERNING PLAY**

#### **15. CLOCKS**

- 15.1. Clocks must be used in all games. The home team captain is responsible for ensuring that equipment and scoresheets are available.
- 15.2. The home team is responsible for ensuring digital clocks are set correctly. It is recommended that the "blitz" mode setting is used.
- 15.3. In a game where the players are unable to agree which flag fell first because the digital clock was incorrectly set, the game point will be awarded to the away team. For grading purposes the result shall be a draw. The result card must clearly indicate where this has occurred.

#### **16. COLOURS**

The away team shall have white on Boards 1 and 3.

#### **17. TIME**

Each player shall have 1 hour 15 minutes + 10 seconds increments from move one in which to complete the game. In matches involving a junior team each player shall have 1 hour + 10 seconds increments from move one in which to complete the game.

#### **18. RECORDING OF GAMES**

In the course of play it is required that each player record the game as defined by FIDE Article 8. Each player must record his own moves and those of his opponent. Both players must record moves until the game is finished.

## 19. SUBMISSION OF RESULTS

- 19.1. The result of the match, containing full details of the match, must be sent by both team captain by email/text within 48 hours of the match taking place, to the Fixture Secretary.
- 19.2. Submission of result by email must not be delayed. Where the email result is not received by the Fixture Secretary within 48 hours of the appointed match date by "BOTH" team captains, the offending team(s) shall be penalized the sum of £2.00. Failure to pay the penalty within four weeks of the Treasurer's request for payment will result in the deduction of 2 game points for each offence.

## 20. DEFAULTS

- 20.1. Except in cases where it is genuinely unavoidable, the Committee will take a serious view of teams defaulting boards and may apply appropriate penalties.
- 20.2. A team defaulting two or more matches during the season shall be automatically relegated to the next lower Division, unless a satisfactory explanation is given to the TAFCA Committee.
- 20.3. One Match Point shall be deducted from a team's score at the end of the season for every three individual games lost by default.
- 20.4. If a team plays less than 50% of its fixtures it shall be considered to have withdrawn, its results shall be discounted and Rule 7.5 shall apply.

## GENERAL

### 21. RULES OF PLAY

- 21.1. All League games shall be played under FIDE Rules except as here modified by TAFCA. All team captains shall have written copies of the Constitution, Rules and Agreements and Interpretations.
- 21.2. All questions not otherwise covered by these Rules or the "FIDE Laws of Chess" must be referred to the General Secretary, who shall consult a sub-committee comprising 3 neutral members of the TAFCA Committee. The decision reached shall be conclusive, but if a game or match in which such a question arises shall have been completed no claims can be entertained by the Committee.

### 22. POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE

The TAFCA Committee shall be empowered to:

- a) Require that a match (or one or more games) be played or replayed if it considers that circumstances justify such a course of action.
- b) Deduct points if a team is judged guilty of a breach of these Rules or Agreements and Interpretations.
- c) Impose such penalties as it deems fit in instances where a breach of these Rules has occurred and for which no penalty has been specified.
- d) Decide the true meaning and/or intention of any Rule that is unclear or ambiguous.

### 23. DISPUTES

- 23.1. In any dispute that is referred to the Committee, each club shall, at least 14 days prior to the next scheduled Committee meeting, supply to the General Secretary written submissions of the facts of the dispute.
- 23.2. In the event of a dispute during a game the clock must be stopped and the players involved should immediately attempt to resolve the problem. If the matter cannot be resolved the two team captains may then be consulted. If the matter still cannot be resolved it should be referred to the Committee. The decision reached shall be conclusive, but if a game or match in which the dispute arises shall have been completed no claims will be entertained by the Committee.

## 24. APPEALS

- 24.1. All appeals must be submitted in writing to the General Secretary, giving the basis of the appeal, and not later than 7 days after the end of the season. Each appeal must be accompanied by a remittance for £10 which will be returned if the appeal is successful.
- 24.2. An appeal shall be heard at the next scheduled Committee meeting, or within 21 days of the end of the season, whichever is the sooner. The appellant shall be required to attend this meeting. Failure to do so will result in the appeal being dismissed. No further appeals shall be permitted.

## 25. AFFILIATION FEES

- 25.1. Entry of teams for the TAFCA League must be accompanied by payment in full.
- 25.2. A late payment fee will be levied where payment in full has not been received by,
  - a) 30<sup>th</sup> November for Universities,
  - b) 31<sup>st</sup> October for all other clubs.

## 26. TROPHIES:

- 26.1. Trophies will only be presented at the A.G.M. or a Committee Meeting by arrangement. Unpresented Trophies will be held by the General Secretary until the next A.G.M.
- 26.2. Holders of TAFCA Trophies shall be responsible for the safe keeping and return of these Trophies by the final Committee meeting of the season. If a Trophy is returned after this time then the holders shall be responsible for the engraving costs of that Trophy. In the event of a trophy being damaged or lost, the holders shall be responsible for the cost of making good the damage or loss.
- 26.3. Medals will be presented to all players of TAFCA competitions subject to the following:
  - a) League - each player must have played a minimum of two league games for that team;
  - b) Knock-Out - one medal to every member that played for the winning team.
  - c) Individual – one medal to winning individuals.
  - d) Team Battle (team) – Only top 4 players in winning team get a medal.  
Team Battle (Individual) – One medal to every winner of individual.
- 26.4. A trophy shall be awarded annually to the most improved junior. This will be a trophy to keep. To qualify the said junior must be graded under 1600 with a status of J16 or lower in Chess Scotland's published grading list at the commencement of the TAFCA season. The trophy will only be awarded if at least 2 players qualify by age and grading.

## 27. ABANDONED GAME.

In the event of a match having to be abandoned, all outstanding games will be replayed. Any completed games will count towards the result.

## AGREEMENTS AND INTERPRETATIONS

1. Matches may be played at a neutral venue if mutually agreed, otherwise the home team has choice of venue.
2. Staunton pattern chess pieces must be used. Any other style should be rejected. Boards should not contain squares less than 50mm and the pieces should be not less than 3.75 inch (King).
3. As far as is possible, clubs should ensure that matches are not disturbed by noise from non-playing persons. Excessive disturbance may give grounds for complaint.
4. Analysis or discussion of finished games should take place away from the games still in progress.
5. Discussion of games which are still in progress must not take place within the hearing of the players of those games.
6. Discussion of games in progress with or by the players of those games is absolutely forbidden. FIDE Article 12 states that a player may lose a game for infractions of this ruling.
7. If a visiting team is not present or ready to start at the scheduled time, their clocks must be started. If the home team is not present or the clocks are not ready at the scheduled starting time, whatever time is lost by the delay must be deducted from the home team's players allocations. Teams consistently causing matches to be started late will be penalised.
8. In the past, some teams have been reluctant to start the clocks on time if their opponents have not been ready or have been late. In some cases this has been abused by their opponents, in other cases the lateness has not been intentional but has led to difficulties for clubs that need to vacate the premises early. The members of the Committee will be taking a lead in this and will be applying no. 7 above in all matches.
9. The FIDE "Quickplay Finish Rules" and "Rapidplay Rules" make mention of Arbiters. It is expected that any queries will be resolved by the two team captains.
10. In order not to discourage inexperienced players from League play, the Committee will not consider claims arising from Rule 17 (the need to record games) in games played in the lowest Division.
11. The Committee is aware that it is possible to avoid the restrictions imposed by Rule 10 (parts 1-4) by nominating a "ghost" player in higher teams in order to play a highly graded player in a lower team and later promote him without losing the services of the displaced player. The Committee considers that such action would be outwith the spirit of the League and will utilise Rule 22, if necessary.
12. Any actions that the Committee considers to be taken in order to avoid the requirements or intention of any rule, may be penalised as being contrary to the best interests of the League.
13. The powers of the Committee extend to the Individual & Knockout competitions.
14. It is expected that competition will be conducted by playing chess, not by seeking loopholes in the Rules.
15. Whilst postponements between teams of the same Club are not allowed (by more than one week), these fixtures may be advanced.
16. It is recommended that the visiting captain contact the home team captain not later than 48 hours prior to the match date to confirm the arrangements.
17. Visiting teams for matches on licensed premises are expected to observe their rules by not consuming their own refreshments on these premises.

# RULES FOR KNOCKOUT COMPETITION

## 1. ADMINISTRATION

- 1.1. The Competition will be conducted by a pre-arranged draw. Each team will be allocated a number, to be drawn by lot, which will remain with that team throughout the Competition.
- 1.2. Clubs entering a team or teams in the TAFCA League shall be entitled to enter teams in the Knockout Competition. There shall be no entry fee.
- 1.3. The current CHESS SCOTLAND "Rapidplay Rules" shall apply.

## 2. ARRANGEMENT

- 2.1. The pairings shall be determined by ballot. In the first round the lower numbered team in each pairing shall have the home draw. In subsequent rounds, home and away draws for each team shall be balanced in accordance with the principles of colour determination in Swiss pairings. Where both teams were given a bye in the first round then the lowered numbered team in the second round pairing shall have the home draw. When both teams have had the same home\away sequence, the lower numbered team shall receive the draw that better fits its sequence.
- 2.2. Round dates will be set aside in the League Fixture List. Matches must be played on or before the appropriate round date, unless both teams obtain approval from the Fixture Secretary. The match must then be played within seven days of the round date.
- 2.3. Subject to K.O. Rule 2.2, matches not played by the round date will result in both teams being disqualified.
- 2.4. By the 30th September each club entering the Knockout competition must supply the Fixture Secretary with the name, address and telephone number of a captain (or contact) for each team entered.

## 3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1. Clubs can enter more than one team and their teams do not have to be in any grading order. But the players in each team must play in grading order.
- 3.2. A team can use no more than 6 players during the course of the season. The first four players to play are the team's first nominations. The penalty for violation of this Rule will be the loss of the match by the team concerned. The opposing team will then progress to the next round.
- 3.3. No player may play for more than one team in this Competition except that any player from a team that has been knocked out of the Competition may play ONE game for any team of the same club, in any round after the round in which they were knocked out. The penalty for violation of this Rule will be the loss of the match by the team concerned. The opposing team will then progress to the next round.
- 3.4. Teams must be in grading order, with the highest graded player on Board 1, second highest on Board 2, third highest on Board 3.
- 3.5. If a default occurs on boards 1, 2 or 3 then, in the second game of the match, players of the defaulting team shall move up to fill the defaulted board(s).
- 3.6. Normal grades will be used.
- 3.7. If a team plays the match with 1 player short, they lose 2-0 on board 4. If a team plays the match with 2 players short, they lose 4-0 on boards 3 & 4. If a team plays the match with 3 players short, they lose 6-0 on boards 2, 3 & 4.
- 3.8. Starting time for the match will be 7.30 p.m. unless mutually agreed otherwise.

## 4. MATCH FORMAT

- 4.1. Clocks must be used. Each game will last a maximum of sixty minutes.
- 4.2. Each player will play two games against the same opponent; one with each colour.

4.3. The away team will have white on Boards 1 and 3 in the first game, with colours reversed in the second game.

5. *TIE-BREAKING*

In the event of a tied score, the match will be resolved by adding the gradings of all players in each team and the team with the lowest total wins the tie-break

6. *MATCH RESULT*

The match result should be reported in the same manner as in League matches, except that each player will have 2 results that should be indicated as follows:

N. Other 1,0 - 0,1 H.I.S. Cousin, and the total points gained by each team at the bottom.

7. *HANDICAP SYSTEM*

The handicap system operates as follows:

Each player will have a nominal starting allowance of thirty minutes. The normal gradings of the two players will be compared, and for every full twenty-five point difference (to a maximum of 600 points) one minute will be deducted from the higher-graded player's allowance and one minute added to the lower-graded player's allowance. Ungraded players must be given a realistic estimated grading which must not be less than 1100.

Examples:

1. Difference of 100 points, higher-graded player gets  $30 - 4 = 26$  minutes, lower-graded player gets  $30 + 4 = 34$  minutes;
2. Difference of 600 points, higher-graded player gets  $30 - 24 = 6$  minutes, lower-graded player gets  $30 + 26 = 56$  minutes.





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