

Notts Chess Association

League Mgt Committee Meeting (virtual meeting via Zoom) 06 August 2022

Present: Chris Holt (chair), Nick London (secretary), Mike Naylor, Simon Scott, Andy Robins, Graham Ladds.

Apologies: Dave Griffiths, Phil Morgan, Chris Budd.

1. Noted that West Bridgford has transgressed Rule C5 (a) by fielding two new players after 1st March, from outside Notts. MN opted not to penalise for this on the general principle of a relaxation of league rules, and the prevalence of illness among regular W Bridgford members.

Agreed that the two players concerned should be regarded as new for season 22-23, i.e. that they must appear in a match before 1st March 2023 to be allowed to appear after that date

2. League Structure for 2022-23:

- a. Due to a late amendment there are now 35 teams entered for the league season.
Agreed that 5 divisions with 7 teams in each would be run.
- b. Allocation of teams to be based primarily on final standings in 21-22, but with specific requests for division placement taken into account.
- c. See list at end for team allocation

3. Arrangements and Rules for 22-23 season

The LMC proposals to the NCA general meeting of 21/07/22 were supported by the meeting in an advisory capacity.

Confirmed that the following variations to standard league rules shall apply:

- a. 4 boards per team (varying Rule B10)
- b. Time limit of 65 minutes+ 10 second increments OR 75 mins for whole game (varying Rule B9)
- c. Rules C4 and C6 would not be subject to penalties if transgressed
- d. Some clubs may need to start matches at 7:45 to meet the requirements of the venue (varying Rule B7)

4. Promotion & Relegation

- a. **Agreed** that the principle of P & R should be applied after the final outcome of 22-23 season. LMC reserves the existing authority to vary allocation of teams for 23-24 season if circumstances require it (e.g. change in number of team entries; special requests from teams not to be promoted).
- b. **Agreed** that 1 promotion and 1 relegation per division is intended.

5. Fixture List Plan

- a. 1st draft of fixture list to be circulated by 20/08/22
- b. Corrections and amendments returned by 03/09/22
- c. Final fixture list published by 10/09/22

6. League Calendar

- a. Week 1 = 19-23 September (provisional)
- b. Christmas & New Year Break 12 Dec – 6 Jan
- c. Fixtures completed by 12 May 2023 (provisional)

Appendix: Team Allocation 2022-23 Season

DIV 1	DIV 2	DIV 3	DIV 4	DIV 5
Mansfield 1	Nomads 1	Gambit 3	West Bridgford 2	West Bridgford 3
Gambit 1	University 1	West Nottingham 2	Newark 2	West Nottingham 3
West Bridgford 1	West Nottingham 1	Nomads 2	University 2	University 3
Newark 1	Radcliffe/ Bingham 1	Gambit 4	Nomads 3	Radcliffe/Bingham 3
Ashfield 1	Ashfield 2	Radcliffe/Bingham 2	Beeston 2	Gambit 6
Gambit 2	Grantham 1	Ashfield 3	Gambit 5	Grantham 3
Beeston 1	Central 1	Grantham 2	Central 2	Newark 3