

**Agenda for Rules Revision Meeting, Wolds Pub, 7.30pm 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2023**

1. Opening of meeting
2. Apologies for absence
3. Proposals for League rule changes
  - i. Rule C4 (proposal one on separate sheet)
  - ii. Rule B10(proposal two on separate sheet)
  - iii. Rules B7/B13/C6/Appendix (Proposal three on sheet)
  - iv. Rule B9 (proposal four on separate sheet)
4. Centenary Working Group
  - i. Discussion
  - ii. Resolution Proposal (Proposal five on sheet)
5. Proposal for number of teams in first division
6. Any other matters

## **Proposals for Rules Revision Meeting**

1. Proposer: Drag Sudar  
Seconder: Nick London

### **Proposal 1.**

Delete paragraph two of rule C4 which currently states " Before the season starts a club must list 3 current members who will be tied to the 1st team "

### **Proposal 2 (if proposal 1 is not passed).**

Alter rule C4 paragraph two to read

" Before the season starts, a club must list 2 or 3 current members who will be tied to that club's 1st team, depending on whether the team has 4 or 5 boards "

2. Proposer: Nick London  
Seconder: Drag Sudar

Rule B10 currently reads:

*Each match must be played over 4 boards in the bottom division and over 5 boards in all other divisions*

### **Proposal 1**

Replace B10 with:

Each match must be played over 5 boards in the top division and over 4 boards in all other divisions

OR

### **Proposal 2**

Replace B10 with:

Each match must be played over 5 boards in the top two divisions and over 4 boards in all other divisions

OR

### **Proposal 3**

Replace B10 with:

Each match must be played over 4 boards in all divisions

OR

### **Proposal 4**

Retain current B10 rule:

Each match must be played over 4 boards in the bottom division and over 5 boards in all other divisions

3. Proposer: Nick London  
Seconder: Mike Naylor-Eade

### **Rule B7**

Change to read:

“All matches must start at 7.15 pm or 7.30 pm **or 7:45pm** as notified by the home club unless both team captains have agreed an alternative time.”

*Reason for change: some clubs now have restrictions on access to their premises which makes an earlier start not possible.*

### **Rule B13**

Change to read:

Each **home** team captain must **submit the result on the ECF League Management System**, and notify the League Secretary of any dispute, within 7 days of the match.

*Reason for change: to match new procedures using the LMS*

### **Rule C6**

Change to read:

A player may not be **rated** more than **150** points above anyone on a higher board, except where a lower **rated** eligible substitute is used after the agreed start of the match.

*Reason for change: conversion to new ECF rating system*

### **Appendix**

Change to read:

Appendix **Rating** Guidance for Rule C6

Clubs must assign a Match **Rating** for each player, and include that **rating** with the player's first match result of the season. The Match **Rating** will remain in force all season unless the Records Secretary agrees otherwise.

Assignment of the Match **Rating** should be in the following order of priority:

- a) **The September Official Original Monthly Rating (Full only) for Standard OTB play, from the ECF Rating website.**
- b) **The Latest Official Original Monthly Rating (Full only) for Standard OTB play, from the ECF Rating website.**
- c) **FIDE or National rating, converted if necessary**
- d) Last published **rating from the ECF Rating website** (adjusted by up to **75** points either way if you feel it appropriate).
- e) A club estimate of the player's **rating**.

There may be cases where an old ECF **rating** (option d) is considered to be inaccurate by more than **75** points. In these cases a club may assign an estimate, but only with the agreement of the **Records Secretary**. This permission should be sought before the player's first game as, if permission is not given, it may affect the player's eligibility for that match.

Notes:

In practice most players will be assigned their September rating. Changes of rating mid-season are only likely to be granted in exceptional circumstances.

*Reason for change: to clarify the use of new ECF monthly and live rating system for Rule C6 4.*

Currently, Schedule B rule 9 states:

9 a) The standard time limit shall be 80 minutes (65 minutes in the bottom division) plus an increment of 10 seconds per move to finish the game.

b) The home team may decide to play with an alternative time limit of 90 minutes (75 minutes in the bottom division) to finish the game.

The proposal is to change this to:

9 a) The standard time limit shall be 65 minutes plus an increment of 10 seconds per move to finish the game.

b) The home team may decide to play with an alternative time limit of 75 minutes to finish the game.

Proposer: John Swain

Seconder: Maurice Hill/Mick Frings

## **5. Proposal to provide funding for Nottingham 'Chessfest' 2023**

The Centenary Working Group reported to the Executive Committee in March 2023, and gained approval for organising a one day open air event in Nottingham. This idea is inspired by the highly successful (and much larger scale) Chessfest event which has taken place in Trafalgar Square for several years. 2022 saw parallel events taking place in Liverpool and Hull.

The aim is to organise a one-day, open air, high profile event that attracts the public's attention to chess and provides an opportunity to take part in various chess-related activities. This will include friendly games, tuition, junior coaching sessions, giant chess sets, simul, blind chess displays, commentaries, online challenge matches etc.

Date: Saturday 15 July 2023

Venue: Trinity Square, Nottingham

Costs: estimated at £6000, to include:

Rent of space; marquees, tables chairs; LCD screen & live board; PA system; visiting master (simul/compere /commentator); publicity; giant chess sets

Sources of Finance:

£3000 from Notts Chess Foundation

Commercial sponsorship (unconfirmed)

NCA contribution

Successful Outcomes:

High volume contact with the general public on the day; collection of contact details for those interested in pursuing chess at a club; raised awareness of chess activity in the area and existence of NCA in particular; media coverage and publicity driving an uptake in organised chess.

The proposal is that NCA provides £1000 towards the costs of running this event

Proposed: Nick London

Seconded: Graham Neil