

Minutes of Rules Revision Meeting, Wolds Pub, 7.30pm 22nd May 2023

Present

Stephen Humphreys, Steve Burke, Graham Neil, Maurice Hill, Simon Scott, Chris Holt, Chris Hill, Graham Ladds, Marcel Taylor, Mike Naylor-Gale, John Swain, Phil Morgan, Neil Graham, Bob Taylor, Dragoljub Sudar, Stefan Walentowicz, Chris Budd, David Griffiths, Mick Frings, Andy Lowe, Tim Walker

1. Opening of meeting

Opened by chair Maurice Hill

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies from Andrew Walker

3. Proposals for League rule changes

i. Rule C4

This was considered second (the changes to Rule B10 was considered first)
Proposal one was carried 13 to one.

Proposal one: [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 "](#)

ii. Rule B10

This was considered first.

There were 4 proposals. Debated as to what is best for individual clubs. Grantham propose proposal 2 as would Struggle for captains. Gambit may be able to do a lot of teams but have limited number of captains. Newark would struggle to run 3 teams of 5 boards. Ashfield would struggle to run 3 teams of 5 boards. Nomads prefer 4 boards. West Bridgford wouldn't have enough for 5 board teams.

Each proposal was voted on in reverse order. Proposal 1 was carried.

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.](#)

iii. Rules B7/B13/C6/Appendix

a. 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."](#)

Carried 16 for none against

b. Rule B13

Change to read:

Each 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.

Carried 16 for 1 against

- c. 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.

Carried:- 13-1

- d. 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.

Carried 14 for, none against

- iv. Schedule B rule 9 (proposal four on separate sheet)

Change 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.

This was carried 15-2

An alternative was proposed by Drag Sudar to abolish b. This was not carried 2 -15.

4. Centenary Working Group

Chessfest was discussed. Concerns of how to obtain funding. Should NCA contribute? Event does not clash with other events as far as we know.

Proposal to ask NCA for £1000. Carried 16-1.

Alternative proposal for £500 not seconded so not voted on.

5. Proposal for number of teams in first division

This proposal was withdrawn

6. Any other matters

Tim Walker raised that MCCU AGM meeting coming up, If there are Any questions to be asked let Tim Walker know.

Raised that Dave Coates was resigning as of AGM. The person who built the website has retired. Anyone who has general technological websites please put themselves forward