

Nottinghamshire Chess Association

RULES REVISION MEETING held on 19th May 2025 at The British Legion Club, Radcliffe on Trent

Present: [ASH] N Graham (chair), P Morgan, R Taylor; [WN] S Scott; [WB] S Walentowicz, C Budd, E Cavazzoni; [GAM] D Sudar, M Naylor-Eade, D Padvis; [GRA] C Holt; [RB] M Taylor, A Johnson, Stuart Humphreys, N London (minutes).

Apologies: J Swain, G Ladds, C Cumbers.

1. Changes to NCA League Rules

All valid proposals were previously circulated three weeks before the meeting.

a. Rule B10

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

For: 6, Against 6, Abstained 1

The Chair used his casting vote to maintain the status quo.

Therefore the proposal was rejected.

b. Rule B6

"[c] No player rated 1700 or above may play in the bottom division of the Nottingham Chess League"

For: 1, Against 13,

Proposal rejected

c. Rule B6

"[d] The club match rating of a player with a club estimate/provisional rating shall be re-assessed after they have played 4 rated games and the new rating then be used for the rest of the season."

For: 0, Against 13, Abstained 1

Proposal rejected.

2. County Championship 2024-25

Members of Radcliffe & Bingham Chess Club have offered to organise this on two separate Sundays during the summer period. Opinions were sought and offered on the format.

Agreed to go forward with the plan and to publicise when dates and arrangements had been confirmed.

Action: N London, S Humphreys

3. Summer Rapidplay League

A new event had been proposed by EC and details and dates circulated in previous weeks. 3 entries received so far, with 4 more indicated. Deadline for entries (to Nick London) is 25 May 2025.

Clarifications on rules:

- Team members can be changed between matches and even between first and second games on a board if necessary
- The key stipulation is that the average rating of a team must not exceed the section maximum (U-1800 or U-1500)
- Rating to be used are Original ECF ratings from May 2025 list.
- Players can appear for two different teams from the same or different clubs provided they are in different rated sections.

Noted that this is a new event intended to be friendly and fun, and that a commonsense approach should be taken in applying the rules and rating issues.

4. NCA Annual General Meeting

This is now confirmed for Monday 7th July, starting at 7:30pm, at the British Legion Club, Radcliffe-on-Trent. Formal notice will be sent out to clubs shortly.

5. Any Other Business

- a. A list of players who have not yet renewed their ECF membership is available from the LMS home page under Reports/ECF Reports/Non-members
<https://lms.englishchess.org.uk/lms/organisation/680/non>

NB: If the membership is not renewed by the end of July then clubs are liable for charges.

See also the report under Reports/ECF Reports/Potential Game Fee

<https://lms.englishchess.org.uk/lms/organisation/680/potential>

which current ECF members whose membership would expire before 30th June. They may be auto-renewed but this can't be seen on the report.

Clubs are advised to check with members appearing on either list to ensure their status is known and appropriate.

- b. New members joining ECF (i.e. those who don't require membership for the 24-25 season) are advised to take up membership from 1st July onwards to cover all activities for the following season.
- c. Best Game Prize: this has not been awarded for the past 3 seasons. Mike Naylor-Eade will invite entries for any games played in NCA-administered events from 2022 onwards. Prizes will be awarded for each year. A Best Swindle prize is also available.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 8:30 pm.