

PROPOSALS TO CHANGE LEAGUE RULES

Item a: Rule C6

Proposed: Chris Holt (Grantham)
Seconded: Felipe Lessa (Gambit)

Current:

A player may not be rated more than 150 points above anyone on a higher board at the agreed start of the match (i.e. excluding substitutes).
If a substitute is used, they may not be rated more than 150 points higher than anyone on a higher board.

Proposed:

A player may not be rated more than 150 points above anyone on a higher board at the agreed start of the match (i.e. excluding substitutes **or defaults**).
If a substitute is used, they may not be rated more than 150 points higher than anyone on a higher board.

Rationale:

[to be supplied]

Item b: Rule C5c

Proposed: Graham Ladds
Seconded: Simon Scott

Current:

From 1st January each season, only players who live, work or study in Nottinghamshire, or have previously played in the league, may be introduced by a club.

Proposed:

From 1st January each season, only players who live, work or study in Nottinghamshire, or have previously played in the league, may be introduced by a club.

A player may be introduced with the agreement of the Records Secretary if outside the scope of this rule.

Rationale: To avoid a situation where a new club member, whose local/most convenient chess club location is an NCA club, is prevented from participating in league chess. It also resolves the anomaly of any new member who joins a club geographically near the border of or outside Nottinghamshire (e.g. Grantham). The Records Secretary would check a new player's genuine valid membership of a club and proximity to it.

Item c: D5: Interference [new rule]

Proposed: Marcel Taylor (Radcliffe & Bingham)
Seconded: John Swain (Gambit)

Proposed:

a) If a club member interferes in an ongoing game, one or more of the following may have a penalty applied:-

- i) The game**
- ii) The match**
- iii) The club**

b) One or more of the following enhancements and penalties may be applied:-

- i) A change to the result of the interfered game**
- N. B. This may result in the game not being rated.**

- ii) A change to the match result of the team or teams
- iii) A change to the Match Points of the team or teams
- iv) A fine on the club of the interfering person

c) The penalties and enhancements may range from and include all the following:-

- i) half or one game point
- ii) one or more match points
- iii) a £20 fine on the Club

d) Agreeing to continue the game after the interference may result in the LMC looking less favourably at the claim.

e) On submission of a complaint, the LMC, after careful assessment, may impose one or more enhancements and penalties.

Rationale:

On several occasions players have interfered in games. This has disrupted the players and may have affected the outcome of the game.

This rule makes it clear that interference is not to be tolerated and will be penalised. Also, this rule gives the League Management Committee (LMC) authority to arbitrate over the situation and to impose penalties.

It is the club's responsibility to educate its members about this rule.

The intention of this rule is to:

- 1. provide a framework for the LMC to apply enhancements and penalties for interference in a game.*
- 2. give the LMC flexibility on who and what the enhancements and penalties may be and may have affected the outcome of the game.*
- 3. inform clubs and their members that interference in a game may result in penalties.*

Item d: LMC Standing Orders 3. Membership

Proposed: Chris Holt (Grantham)

Seconded: Nick London (Radcliffe & Bingham)

Current:

- a) The Committee shall have nine members, consisting of the League Secretary, Records Secretary and seven members elected by the NCA. Where the posts of League Secretary and Records Secretary are both held by one individual, there shall be eight elected members.
- b) The elected members must be from different clubs
- c) Where the League Secretary and Records Secretary are both from the same club then no elected member can be from that club.

Proposed:

- a) **The Committee shall have a membership of one member from each club affiliated to the association, consisting of the League Secretary, Records Secretary and remaining members elected by the NCA.**
- b) **The elected members must be from different clubs. The League Secretary and Records Secretary may both be from the same club, but no elected member can be from a club which currently has one or both post holders.**

[Remove the stipulation that you can reduce the membership if the League and Records Secretary are the same person]

Rationale:

The last RRM increased the LMC to include a representative from every club, but Rule 3 of the Standing Orders has a limit of 9 members.