

ESSEX CHESS ASSOCIATION

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A meeting of the General Purposes Committee has been arranged for 19 May 2010 at the Bardswell Social Club, Bardswell Close, Weald Road, Brentwood, Essex CM14 4TJ starting at 8.00 p.m.

AGENDA

- 1) Apologies for absence
- 2) Minutes and matters arising from the meetings held on 20 May 2009

Minutes are circulated with this agenda.

- 3) Matters arising from these minutes
- 4) League review for 2009/10
- 5) Proposed changes to League rules for 2010/11

Proposals were received by the prescribed deadline on two aspects of the rules

- (a) Some clubs have acquired DGTs which can be set to operate in an incremental mode, which many players will be familiar with from Essex matches in the County Championship. However, there is currently no provision within the Essex League rules for an incremental time limit to be played in a League Match, even if both teams are willing to proceed on this basis, as rule 28(a) now prescribes a universal rate of all moves in 90 minutes. It is proposed that, as a minimum, the rules should permit the use of an incremental time limit by mutual agreement. The two supplementary issues are.
 - Should mutual agreement be necessary, or ought the home team be able to insist on an incremental time limit?
 - Should the specific incremental time limit be written into the rules, and if so what should it be? As an experiment, the match between Writtle and the President's team on 1 October 2009 was played at a rate of all moves in 80 minutes plus ten seconds a move added from the start.
- (b) Rule 21 currently concludes with the sentence "A Match Captain is permitted to have a switched on phone in the playing room, provided it is on silent/vibrate mode until all players in his team have arrived or default time expires, but must leave the playing room to take a call." It has been suggested that the inclusion of the reference to silent/vibrate mode in this sentence does not reflect the intention of the original proposal from Basildon, and means that the captain does not appear to have any greater privilege than the other players, rendering the sentence redundant. Should the captain be entitled to have his phone on not on silent/vibrate mode when awaiting one or more of his players, provided that he leaves the playing room as soon as possible once it rings?

6) GPC voting structure

Paper to be provided by the Rules Sub-Committee

7) 2010 Congress update

8) Knockout competition

9) Tournaments for 2010/11

10) Officers for 2010/11

11) Any other business

John Philpott, General Secretary, 28 April 2010

Notes

1. The meeting will take place at Brentwood Chess Club's venue and not at the Old House where last year's meeting was held.
2. This meeting is an opportunity for affiliated clubs, league and other affiliated organisations to air their views on any aspect of the Association's activities. Please ensure that your club, league or organisation is represented. Persons eligible to attend this meeting are members of the E.C.A. Executive and one (AND ONLY ONE) representative of each affiliated club, league and other organisation.
3. A meeting of the Executive will be held immediately after the conclusion of the GPC.