

# ESSEX CHESS ASSOCIATION

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A meeting of the General Purposes Committee will be held on 20 May 2009 at The Old House, 5 Shenfield Road, Brentwood, Essex CM15 8AG starting at 8.00 p.m.

## AGENDA

- 1) Apologies for absence
- 2) Minutes and matters arising from the meetings held on 15 May 2008 and 30 June 2008

Minutes are circulated with this agenda.

- 3) Matters arising from these minutes
- 4) League review for 2008/9
- 5) Proposed changes to League rules for 2009/10

A number of overlapping, and in some cases contradictory, proposals have been received from various clubs and individuals. A separate document will be circulated in advance of the meeting to summarise the arguments that have been put forward, and to provide suggested drafting of the rules in the event that proposals are passed. The various proposals for consideration can be summarised as follows: certain proposals will not need to be considered if earlier proposals fail.

- (a) That instead of being mandatory, a single session format should only be adopted if both players agree to this. If second sessions become possible again, supplementary proposals are:
  - No sealed move should be required.
  - The second session will take place at the away team's venue.
  - As a qualification of the previous bullet, if one of the player's expressed a preference for a quickplay finish, that player will have choice of venue.
  - Within 7 days of the match the player who is home for the second session shall offer his opponent 3 alternative dates, failing which the League Secretary will set a date or award a result.
  - Other clubs' venues should be used if more convenient.
  - The second session should be played as a quickplay finish with all moves in 90 minutes.
- (b) As a variation on (a), that the home team captain will have the decision, after consultation with his players, as to which boards will or will not be single session
- (c) That in a game not played in a single session format, adjudication should be possible with the agreement of both players as an alternative to playing a second session. If adjudications are permitted, supplementary proposals are:
  - The time limit for submission should be 14 days.
  - The fee for a lost adjudication should be £5.

- The League adjudicator should have the right to enforce a play-on.
  - The adjudicator should be significantly stronger than the players concerned, and a play-on should be enforced if this is not possible.
- (d) That the present single session time limit of 24 moves in 60 minutes and a 30 minute quickplay finish should be replaced either by 30 moves in 75 minutes and a 15 minute quickplay finish or by all moves in 90 minutes (or that the players should be able to choose between the three).
- (e) That alternative time limits should be prescribed to allow for venues where only 2½ hours playing time is possible.
- (f) That a captain should be allowed the use of a mobile phone, without penalty, until a full team has arrived.
- 6) 2009 Congress update
- 7) Knockout competition
- 8) Tournaments for 2009/10
- 9) Officers for 2009/10
- 10) Any other business

John Philpott, General Secretary, 30 April 2009

#### Notes

1. The Old House is NOT Brentwood Chess Club's current venue, although the Club has played there in the past. Parking around the back is accessible via Ongar Road. If the car park is full, use Sainsbury's behind Brentwood High Street.
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.