

Cornwall County Chess Association

Rules applicable to all team matches

1. Play will be scheduled to start at 7.30 p.m. unless the team captains agree an earlier start.
2. If a player does not arrive at the board within 30 minutes of the start of the match, the opposing captain may claim that board by default. The captain of an absent player may replace him with a substitute at any time within those 30 minutes.
3. A team fielding an ineligible player will lose that board by default.
4. a) Subject to 4(b), teams will be arranged in order of current player ratings as published by the ECF.
b) Notwithstanding 4(a), players whose ratings differ by less than 100 points may be placed in relation to each other in the order decided upon by the team captain..
5. The two team captains will act as joint arbiters with authority to delegate this responsibility if necessary.
6. The full score of each match will be sent to the League Secretary by both Clubs within seven days.
7. All disputes will be settled by the League Secretary.
8. The minimum requirements (except in exceptional circumstances) for a venue for a match are:
 - a) Exclusive use of the room with admittance to club members and chess- related visitors only.
 - b) Suitable tables and chairs to allow adults and juniors to play in comfort.
 - c) Suitable access to the venue and toilets for juniors and the disabled.
 - d) A minimum of intrusive external noise.
9. If the home venue does not meet all of 8(a)-(d), the away team shall have the right to apply to the League Secretary within 48 hours following the due date of the match for an order requiring, if he sees fit, that the match be played at a venue and date to be decided by the League Secretary.
10. Player ratings
 - a) The ratings to be used shall be those published in rating list published by the ECF on the 1st July prior to the start of the season.
 - b) In the absence of information on which to base an estimate, the rating of players with a provisional (P) or no ECF rating shall be deemed to be 1000 for adults and 800 for juniors.
 - c) Notwithstanding 10(b) the organiser will consult the E. C. F. rating database in respect of unrated players and, if he finds information indicating recent playing activity that would justify him in assigning an estimated rating to any player, he will determine the figure to be used and publish this to all participating teams. This procedure will not be invoked for any junior player having fewer than ten results in his record on the E. C. F. rating database.
 - d) So that the organiser can carry out the process in 10(c) teams must notify him at least seven days beforehand of any players whom they claim to be eligible to be rated in accordance with 10(b).
 - e) Before the commencement of the competition the League Secretary shall publish a definitive list of the ratings of all eligible players.
 - f) Once a player eligible for a rating of 800 or 1000 under 10(b) has played a sufficient number of rated games to acquire a full rating, the grading officer shall notify the league secretary, the player and his/her club of the amended rating to be used in the total-rating assessment.
 - g) Subject to 10(f), the ratings referred to in e) shall apply without amendment throughout the season.
11. Where a player's mobile phone, or other electronic device, makes an audible sound, the penalty shall be a warning followed by the automatic loss of the game on a second occurrence.
12. Where the distance between the venues of the two clubs in any match exceeds 50 miles, the away team has the right to insist that the match be played at a venue approximately equidistant between the

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two clubs or any other agreed venue. In such cases the away team is responsible for arranging the hire of and, if relevant, paying for the venue. It must notify home team and League Secretary of the intention to exercise this right at least 30 days beforehand, and of the venue arrangements at least 14 days beforehand. The home team has the right to decide whether the match is played on the home team's club night or not.

13. Where a match is at a neutral venue or involves two teams from the same club, the team listed first on the fixture list will be considered the home team.
14. All games shall be played in accordance with the Laws of Chess in force at the time the game is played.

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