

Cornwall Online Congress

Rules

Preamble

These rules cannot cover all possible situations that may arise during the competition, nor can they regulate all administrative questions. The purpose of the competition is to promote friendly competition in a spirit of fair play. The organisers take the view that, where cases are not precisely regulated by a clause in these Rules, too detailed a rule or narrow an interpretation might produce an outcome that was not fair to all parties. When ruling on any doubtful point, or one not covered in these Rules, fairness must be the Controller's primary consideration. The organisers appeal to all team captains and competitors to accept this view.

Definitions

In these rules "the Cornwall team" refers to the "Cornwall" or "All Cornwall" team on lichess.org.

"lichess" means the website and chess-playing platform, lichess.org

"Rating list" means the Cornwall online rating list

"Cornwall online rating" means the rating published on the Cornwall Chess website (www.cornwallchess.org.uk). The order of priority is:

- i) ECF Online Standard rating (August list)
- ii) ECF OTB Standard rating (August list)
- iii) Estimate where none of the above applies

Competition Rules

1. The competition is open to all members of the Cornwall team.
2. The closing date for entries to be sent to the Controller is **9 a.m. Saturday 6 January, 2023**. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the organiser, subject to the requirement to take a ½-point bye in round 1.
3. The competition will consist of a single section
4. There will be 7 fortnightly rounds with each player playing every other player once.
5. No ½-point byes are available.
6. The organiser will set the pairings for each round using an ECF-approved computer program and distribute them to the players as soon as possible after the completion of the previous round.
7. a) It is the responsibility of the players in each pairing at the earliest opportunity to agree a date and time for the playing of their game. When agreement has been reached, both players must inform the Controller of the agreed date.
 - b) If the players cannot reach agreement on the date on which their game is to be played before the final date for the round, they may, subject to the approval of the Controller, agree a subsequent date as close to that date as possible.
 - c) If a player fails to appear within thirty minutes of the agreed start time for the game, his/her opponent may claim the game by default.
8. The final dates for completion of each round are as follows:
 - Round 1: 26 January 2024
 - Round 2: 19 February 2024
 - Round 3: 23 February 2024
 - Round 4: 9 March 2024
 - Round 5: 23 March 2024
 - Round 6: 6 April 2024
 - Round 7: 20 April 2024

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9. Conduct of games

- a) Each player will play one game against his/her opponent.
 - b) If a player fails to play his/her first move within 30 minutes of the start of play, the game shall be awarded to his/her opponent.
 - c) All games will be played using the game-playing facilities of lichess.
 - d) All games will be played using the RATED setting.
 - e) The rate of play for each game will be all moves in 45 minutes plus 15 seconds per move from move 1
 - f) The first-named player in each pairing will have the white pieces.
 - g) One point will be awarded for a win, a half-point for a draw and none for a loss.
 - h) Both players must send the result of the game to the organiser no later than 11 o'clock a.m. on the following day.
10. The organiser will cause all results and pairings to be published as soon as practicable on the Cornwall Chess website.
- 11) The results of all games played in the tournament will be submitted to the ECF for inclusion in the online standard play list.
- 12). If a player withdraws from the competition without playing all of his/her games, his/her record shall be expunged and any games played by him/her will be null and void.
- 13). Where he is of the opinion that it would not be appropriate for him to make a decision on any matter in which he has an interest, or if it appears to him to be otherwise necessary for the efficient administration of the competition, the organiser may nominate an independent person to carry out this duty.

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