

Cornwall Online Chess League

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 this league 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 too 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 "All Cornwall" refers to the "All Cornwall team" on lichess.org.

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

"Team captain" means the person responsible for team administration, including communication with the Controller

"Squad" means the group of players from which the Team Captain selects his team.

"Cornwall online rating" means the rating published on the Cornwall Chess website (www.cornwallchess.org.uk). This rating is updated weekly by the Controller, The order of priority is:

- i) Lichess Classical Play rating
- ii) Lichess Rapid Play rating
- iii) ECF grade used for CCCA standard play competitions (converted to ELO)
- iv) 4NCL rating
- v) Estimate where none of the above applies

Competition Rules

1. Any member of All Cornwall is eligible to play in the competition
2. On or before a date and time specified by the Controller any member of All Cornwall may enter one or more teams in the competition.
3. The league will be a single-round all-play-all competition consisting of one division.
4. a) On or before a date and time specified by the Controller the Team Captain must submit to the Controller a list of the players in his squad.
b) Players may not appear in two lists simultaneously.
c) A player may be added or deleted provided the Controller is so notified no later than 6 p.m. two days before the round.
5. a) Match dates and pairings will be announced by the Controller once entries are finalised. Matches must be played on the specified dates.
b) All the matches in any round will be played simultaneously.

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6. Composition and Ordering of Teams

- a) Teams will consist of four players.
- b) No later than 9 a.m. on the day before the round the Team Captain will send the team list to the Controller in board order.
- c) Known defaults must be on the lowest boards.
- d) Subject to 6(e) the teams must consist only of players on the lists submitted to the Controller in accordance with Rule 4.
- e) Where only two or three players are available, one or two players belonging to another squad may be added to the team provided that neither player has a grade higher than the two team members with the highest grades
- f) Where there is a difference of more than 80 grading points between two players in the same team, the higher rated player must play on a higher board than the lower rated player. If a team list is submitted in breach of this rule, then the submitted team will be amended to play in descending rating order
- g) For the purpose of 6(f) the Cornwall online ratings will be used.

7. Conduct of matches

- a) Each player will play one game against his or her opponent. The team scoring most game points will be the winner.
 - b) All games will be played using the game-playing facilities of lichess.
 - c) The time limit for each game will be all moves in 45 minutes plus 15 seconds per move from move 1.
 - d) Play will start at 7 p.m.
 - e) The first-named team in each pairing will have the white pieces on the odd-numbered boards and black on the even-numbered boards.
 - f) Two points will be awarded for a win, one for a draw and none for a loss.
 - g) Captains must submit results to the controller by both sides no later than 11 a.m. of the day following the match.
- 8) The Controller will cause all match results to be published as soon as practicable.
9. Where he is of the opinion that it would not be appropriate for him to make a decision on any matter in which a team of which he is a member has an interest, or if it appears to him to be otherwise necessary for the efficient administration of the competition, the Controller may nominate an independent person to carry out this duty.

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