

Constitution of Camborne Chess Club

1. Name

The Club shall be called "Camborne Chess Club" (The club) and shall be affiliated to the Cornwall County Chess Association (CCCA).

2. Objects

- a) to organise and promote the playing of chess in Camborne and West Cornwall.
- b) to provide a home venue for chess matches, social chess games and the club's activities.
- c) to enter and support teams in local and national chess competitions
- d) to organise chess competitions within the Club,
- e) to organise the coaching of juniors and others.
- f) to organise other events (including, but not limited to social chess)

3. Membership

Membership shall be open to all, subject to the discretion of the committee, provided that the appropriate subscription is tendered on demand.

4. General Meetings

- a) The supreme authority of the Club is vested in the General Meeting which alone shall have the power to change the Constitution.
- b) A quorum for a General Meeting shall be 10 members or one third of the Club membership whichever is the less.
- c) To carry any proposal at a General Meeting a simple majority of those present and voting is required except that to carry a proposal affecting the constitution a majority of at least two to one of those members present and voting is required.
- d) The Secretary shall notify all members when a General Meeting is to be held, giving 14 days' notice of the date, time, venue and agenda.
- e) The Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall be held between May and September and shall appoint a Committee comprising the officers of the Club listed in clause 5.
- f) Any club member may propose an item for inclusion on the agenda of the AGM provided it reaches the Secretary in writing 21 days prior to the AGM.
- g) A Special General Meeting shall be called by the Secretary within 4 weeks of receiving a written proposal signed by at least ten members or one third of the membership whichever is the less. No business shall be discharged except that for which the meeting is called. If such proposals are received 4 weeks or less before the AGM then, at the discretion of the Committee, they may be included in the agenda for the AGM.

5. The Committee

- a) The committee will consist of the following officers of the club:
 - i) The President, who will chair General and Committee Meetings,
 - ii) The Secretary, who will maintain and preserve the records of the Club and be responsible for the day-to-day running of the Club,
 - iii) The Treasurer, who will be responsible for the management of the Club's finances,
 - iv) The Coaching Organiser
 - v) The captains of teams participating in the competitions of the CCCA. Such captains may elect not to serve on the committee if they so choose.
 - vi) Further Committee Members may be elected by the AGM, either without portfolio or to fulfil specific roles.
- b) The Committee shall retire annually and shall be eligible for re-election at the AGM.
- c) The Club Committee shall meet at such times as may be required. A quorum shall be 4 members.
- d) The Committee shall have the power to fill any casual vacancy in the Committee and to co-opt additional members onto the Committee.
- e) The Committee may expel or suspend the membership of any member whom it deems to have behaved in an illegal or inappropriate manner.

6. Finance

- a) If appropriate, the committee will apply to the Cornwall Chess Trust for a grant covering the net expenditure for the previous year.
- b) Funds shall be expended wholly and exclusively for the furtherance of the Objects of the club.
- c) The Treasurer shall prepare a balance sheet and statement of income and expenditure as at the date of the AGM for each year and shall present these to the AGM.
- d) The funds will be held in a Bank or Building Society account in the name of the Club and withdrawals will be made against the signatures of any one of the President, Secretary and Treasurer.
- e) Any funds remaining on dissolution of the Club after satisfying any outstanding debts and liabilities will be given to the CCCA.

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7. Trophies

Trophies that are returnable to the Club or to some other organisation, and which are won by Club members or teams, will be the responsibility of the winning individual or, in the case of team trophies, the Secretary.

8. Child Protection and Data Protection

The club will adhere to the Child Protection and Data Protection Policies of the CCCA which can be viewed at <http://www.cornwallchess.org.uk/html/links-row/info.shtml>.