

Cornwall County Chess Association (CCCA)
Proposed team competition structure for 2021/22 season

Introduction

The suspension of OTB play gives us the opportunity to consider what improvements we can make to our competition structure in time for the eventual resumption of OTB chess.

Any changes to the existing arrangements need to be made at Management Committee Meeting consisting of the members of the Executive Sub-Committee and one representative per club

Clause 3.01 of the CCCA Constitution: “The Management Committee shall consist of the Executive Sub-Committee, the secretary or other authorised representative of each affiliated club and, if thought fit, a maximum of three persons elected by the Association in General Meeting.”

Clause 3.02: “The Management Committee shall meet before the season starts to make arrangements for the coming season's activities and at such other times as considered necessary by the Executive Sub - Committee. Seven days' notice of meetings shall be given to members of the Committee.”

Because of Covid issues it will not be possible to hold a physical meeting. The Constitution does not specify the form the meeting has to take. I propose that, once a consultation period of approximately four weeks is complete, we move to vote on the various motions. I would email a notice to committee members and club secretaries in accordance with clause 3.02, the notice to contain the text of the motions to be voted on. Votes to be cast by email to me within 7 days of the notice. This procedure meets all the requirements for a Management Committee meeting.

Summary of Proposals

- County Shield and Roberts Cup to be played as two regionalised double-round competitions in the second half of the season with East v West play-offs at the end for the trophies.
- A. W. Busby and Roger Grime Cups to be one-day weekend competitions
- 500 League – no change
- New competition – Two rounds per weekend in the first half of the season at central venues.
- Team Jamboree – revive.

NOTES ON INDIVIDUAL COMPETITIONS

500 League

- No change

Team Jamboree

- Revive this competition as a one-day event on a Saturday or Sunday.

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County Shield and Roberts Cup

- Currently these are season-long single-division double-round countywide evening leagues. The disadvantage of this is that, apart from the night driving involved, in an elongated county like Cornwall, away team players will often not arrive home until after midnight. This is potentially a discouraging factor for players in the 60+ age group (i.e., most of us!) and juniors.
- It is proposed that, from 2021/22, the County Shield and Roberts Cup be played as two regionalised double-round competitions in the second half of the season with an East v West final at the end.
- Ties for qualification for the finals to be broken in the following order:
 - a) Game points
 - b) The head-to head results of the teams.
 - c) Average rating in the head-to head - lower average to qualify.
 - d) Coin toss or drawing of lots.

A. W. Busby and Roger Grime knock-out cups

- Under the present arrangements it is normal for the preliminary round and final to be several months apart, giving the competitions no focus of interest.
- It is proposed that, from 2021/22, the cup competitions be played as one-day events on two separate Saturdays or Sundays. In each case a separate event should be organised for players not involved in the cup matches.
- Draws would be made by lot immediately before each round.
- If there are more than four entries for a section, a preliminary round to be played on an evening(s) beforehand
- If all games in a match are drawn, the tie would be broken in favour of the team with the lower rating average. If the average rating of both teams is identical, the tie would be broken by a coin toss.
- 3rd place play-off for the beaten semi-finalists.

New competition for the first half of the season

- A one-division six-round Swiss with teams of 6 to compensate for the lack of a second division (preferred)
- Play two rounds at a time at a central venue on a Saturday or Sunday.
- Play all matches in each round simultaneously
- Time control 75/15
- Apply for venue hire funding from the Cornwall Chess Trust

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