

# Proposal for amendment of the constitution – 11/03/2016

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## Constitution

1. The name of the organisation shall be The Nottinghamshire Chess Association.
2. Aims  
The aims of the Association are:
  - a. to organise chess in Nottinghamshire;
  - b. to encourage the playing and study of chess in the County; ~~and~~
  - c. to participate in and contribute to regional and national chess activities.
3. Membership  
The membership of the Association shall consist of the following:
  - a. **Individual members:**
    - i. **honorary life vice presidents**
    - ii. **elected officers**
    - iii. **elected committee members**
  - b. **affiliated clubs**
4. **Application for affiliation shall be open to:**
  - a. any club having its regular meeting place in Nottinghamshire; ~~and~~
  - b. any club in an adjoining county, ~~provided that it has the permission of its County Association~~
5. An affiliated club shall have the right to send delegates to general meetings on the basis of one delegate per club plus one delegate per team in the league.
6. **A club shall cease to be affiliated in any of the following circumstances:**
  - a. the non-payment of fees due one month from a written demand sent by the Association Treasurer;
  - b. by a resolution terminating such **affiliation** passed at a general meeting; ~~and~~
  - c. by a letter of resignation sent to the Association Secretary.
7. Meetings  
The Association shall hold an Annual General Meeting. Not more than eighteen months shall elapse between successive Annual General Meetings. The business shall include the election of a President, Secretary and Treasurer
  - a. The duties of the Secretary shall be:
    - i. To attend to the day-to-day administration of the Association;
    - ii. To convene all general meetings of the Association; ~~and~~
    - iii. To keep full and correct minutes of all such meetings.
  - b. The duties of the Treasurer shall be:
    - i. To attend to the day-to-day finances of the Association; ~~and~~
    - ii. To prepare and submit duly audited accounts to a general meeting of the Association.
8. **A Special General Meeting may be requisitioned by at least 25% / 33% (to be decided at the GM) of affiliated clubs, in writing, to the Association Secretary, who shall then arrange for a meeting to be held within 6 weeks of receiving the requisition.**
9. **Proposals for General Meetings**
  - a. **Alterations to the constitution, league rules or executive committee standing orders may only be proposed and seconded by:**
    - i. **Individual members**
    - ii. **Secretaries and team captains of affiliated clubs**

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- b. Proposed alterations to the league rules must include the name of the proposer and seconder, who must be from different clubs, and must be submitted in writing to the Association Secretary no later than the end of March.**
  - c. Proposed alterations to the constitution or executive committee standing orders must include the name of the proposer and seconder and must be submitted in writing to the Association Secretary.**
- 10. League rules may only be altered at a designated general meeting (the Rules Revision Meeting) to be held no later than the end of May.**
- 11. The Association Secretary shall give at least 21 days notice **of general meetings**, by e-mail, delivery or post, to all members. This notice shall include any proposed alterations to the constitution, committee standing orders or league rules or a proposed resolution to terminate a club **affiliation**, otherwise such proposals shall not be entertained.
- 12. Procedure at meetings
  - a. The quorum shall be ten.
  - b. If present the President shall take the chair at all meetings. Otherwise the **individual members and club delegates** present shall elect one of their number to chair.
  - c. The matters dealt with at meetings shall be those of which due notice has been given and such other matters as the Chairman may, at his or her discretion, allow, unless precluded by any other parts of the constitution.**
  - d. The Chairman may adjourn any meeting that has been in progress for more than two hours to another date and place nominated. No further notice of the adjourned meeting shall be necessary.
- 13. The items below shall be dealt with in general meetings. All other items may be dealt with in general meetings or by a committee appointed for that purpose by a general meeting.
  - a. the number, titles and duties of the Association's officers and committees
  - b. the election of honorary life vice-presidents;
  - c. the election of officers, provided that no person may be elected President more than three years in succession;
  - d. the appointment of committees;
  - e. the adoption of the duly audited annual accounts;
  - f. the setting of fees;
  - g. the annual reports of the officers and committees;
  - h. any alterations to the constitution, committee standing orders and league rules, **subject to the requirements of any other parts of the constitution;**
  - i. the admission or termination of a club **affiliation**;
  - j. the bank mandate; ~~and~~
  - k. alteration of the financial year.
- 14. Voting
  - a. Each **individual member** or delegate shall have one vote. No proxy voting shall be allowed.
  - b. A two-thirds majority of those attending and entitled to vote shall be necessary for alterations to the constitution. All other matters shall be decided by a simple majority.
  - c. In the event of an equality of votes the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote.

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