League Rule C4 – two proposals with the second being dependent on the first.

First Proposal.

Once someone has played **three times** in total on higher boards for any team(s), he or she may not play for a lower team. Higher boards are defined as above the bottom **two** boards played or won by default.

Second Proposal, if the RRM rejects proposal 1.

Once someone has played twice in total on higher boards for any team(s), he or she may not play for a lower team. Higher boards are defined as:
   a) Divisions **1/2/3/4/5:** Above the bottom **two** boards played or won by default
   b) Divisions.**1/2/3/4/5:** Above the bottom **three** boards played or won by default

Supporting Notes:

This is intended to give the RRM the opportunity to decide how to strike a fair balance between giving teams/players flexibility (primarily to help clubs avoid defaulting boards, or possibly to sustain an extra team) and not giving larger clubs an unfair advantage over smaller clubs.

The first proposal, that players should be allowed to play 'high up' **two** times above the bottom **two** boards played or won by default, will greatly help clubs keep players eligible yet retains the principle of the bottom two boards which has been used by the league for over two decades.

Manipulation this season by larger clubs taking advantage of the 'bottom 3 boards' has distorted the competition in the lower divisions, and it's clearly illogical for more than half of a team to be eligible for a lower team.

If this proposal is accepted the second proposal will be withdrawn, otherwise the second proposal can decide which divisions should have two or three boards as lower boards.

League Rule C5 (to keep C5 in line with C4).

From

All appearances above the bottom two boards played or won by default will count for eligibility even if that team fails to complete its fixtures

To

All appearances above the bottom two boards played or won by default in divisions ……. and above the bottom three boards played or won by default in divisions ….. will count for eligibility even if that team fails to complete its fixtures

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