

Constitution

- 1. Name:**
 - a. The League shall be called the "Dudley and District Chess League" (DDCL).
- 2. Objective:**
 - a. The object of the League is to promote the playing and development of Chess in Dudley and District.
 - b. The League will be affiliated to Worcestershire Chess Association.
 - c. The League will be affiliated to English Chess Federation.
- 3. Members:**
 - a. Any chess club whose place of meeting is within Dudley and District shall be eligible for League membership.
 - b. The geographical extent covered by the phrase "Dudley and District" is purposely not defined so that clubs further afield than the environment of Dudley may be admitted to membership.
 - c. Clubs applying to join the league must be approved at a General Meeting.
- 4. Officers:**
 - a. The Officers will be responsible for conducting the business of the League.
 - b. The Officers will consist of the following:
 - i. President;
 - ii. General Secretary;
 - iii. Treasurer;
 - iv. Records Secretary.
 - c. All League Officers shall be elected by vote at the Annual General Meeting.
 - d. All League Officers shall vacate their office annually with the exception of the President who will hold office for two years.
 - e. All Officers shall be eligible for re-election.
 - f. All matters not covered by this Constitution shall be decided by the Officers.
 - g. A General Meeting may appoint additional roles to assist in the running of the League, but these roles will not be Officers of the League.
- 5. Annual General Meeting:**
 - a. The AGM shall be held during the month of August.
 - b. The AGM alone shall have the power to make, repeal and amend the Constitution or the Competition Rules.
 - c. Notice of any motion to be submitted to the AGM must be received by the Secretary by 30th June.
 - d. At least fourteen days' notice together with an agenda of the business to be transacted shall be sent to each Member Club and League Officer.
 - e. The quorum for the AGM shall be five persons who are eligible to vote.
- 6. Extra-ordinary General Meeting:**
 - a. An EGM shall be called upon requisition to the General Secretary signed by no fewer than three secretaries of Member Clubs stating the purpose for which such meeting is requisitioned.
 - b. Such meetings shall take place within one month from the receipt of the requisition by the Secretary.
 - c. The business to be transacted shall be confined to that dealt with in the requisition and any other business of which the General Secretary shall have received similar notice not less than seven days before the date of the meeting.
 - d. At least seven days' notice together with an agenda of the business to be transacted shall be sent to each Member Club and League Officer.
 - e. The quorum for the EGM shall be five persons who are eligible to vote.
- 7. Voting:**
 - a. The following shall have the power to vote at any General Meeting:
 - i. League Officers;
 - ii. One representative from each Member club.
 - b. Voting at all meetings shall be by show of hands unless a secret ballot shall be demanded by any member present.
 - c. In all cases a simple majority shall suffice to carry any proposition or amendment to either the Constitution or Competition Rules.
 - d. Should the voting on any motion be equal, the President, or if he is absent, the duly elected chairman of the meeting shall give a casting vote.
 - e. No person shall have more than one vote by virtue of possessing more than a single qualification.
 - f. There shall be no voting by proxy.
- 8. Subscriptions:**
 - a. The subscription payable by Member Clubs and their players participating in league activities shall be decided by the League at a General Meeting.
 - b. The accounts of the League shall be audited by an Honorary Auditor who shall be appointed by the AGM.