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## **Chess Scotland Annual General Meeting**

### **Matters Raised by Members**

#### **7.1 Maclsaac Cup**

That this Annual General Meeting agree to the Maclsaac Cup be run as part of the Largs Viking Chess Congress from 2016-2018. In an effort to re-invigorate the competition, the Largs Viking Chess Congress will promote the event and offer prize money for the best placed player eligible to be Maclsaac Champion at that year's congress. The Largs Viking Chess Congress would like Chess Scotland to assist in the first year if possible by a reduction in grading fee, with no such financial assistance needed in either of the remaining years of the event being run by the congress.

Proposed by Gary McPheator and Seconded by Jack C Parkes

#### **7.2 AGM Proposal on eligibility:**

To be eligible to compete for any Scottish individual national championship title (excluding primary school events), or to be eligible to represent Scotland in any international competition a person must be a member of Chess Scotland and must meet at least one of the prevailing eligibility requirements relating to

- (i) birth - i.e. be born in Scotland,
- (ii) bloodline - parent born in Scotland (or grandparent if so determined by a vote of CS members), or
- (iii) residence - i.e. have lived in Scotland for the requisite number of years [currently 2].

These principal requirements shall be built into Chess Scotland's rules for eligibility for national Championships and rules for eligibility for international selection, and into future Operating Procedures that relate to eligibility and the



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allocation of future FIDE 'SCO' registration codes. The criteria used and/or future Operating Procedures shall also deal with further parameters of these eligibility requirements, and other issues that arise (such as a shorter residency requirements for juniors, any 'fadeout' period for players qualifying on residence that later leave Scotland, players who have relinquished their SCO code etc).

For international selection, additional criteria may be set by the tournament organisers concerned (including age and rating limits).

Proposed by Walter Buchannan and Seconded by George Moutrie

### 7.3 AGM Proposal on the 'grandparent rule'

The 'bloodline' requirement in the criteria for eligibility for the Scottish Championship and for international selection shall be changed from 'parent born in Scotland' to 'grandparent born in Scotland' and the respective CS rules amended accordingly.

Proposed by Walter Buchannan and Seconded by Jim Webster

### 7.4 SGM notice periods and running of SGM meetings

The normal notice period for an SGM should be 4 weeks, within which at least SEVEN days time should be allowed EACH for the submission of amendments, the voting for amendments and the receipt of proxy votes on the ultimate proposals.

[i.e. as in the following schedule:

Day 0 Notice and proposal(s)

Day 7 Closing date for amendments

Day 14 Amendments voted on.

Day 21 Proxy votes in on the amended proposals.

Day 28 SGM meeting and votes on amended proposals. ]



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Circumstances of exceptional difficulty may require the meeting to take place within a minimum of only 21 days notice, in which these 7 day periods may be shortened proportionately to a minimum of 5 days each.

The results of the votes on amendments should be posted (eg on the CS noticeboard) within two days, with any delay in excess of this time extending the deadline for receiving proxy votes accordingly.

Proxy vote totals shall be published (eg on the CS Noticeboard) at least one day before the meeting.

Any time limit on the length of the meeting shall also be announced at least one week in advance. The meeting shall not be curtailed for reasons of time before this limit expires.

Proposed Walter Buchannan and Seconded by Stephen Hilton