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Richardson Cup Rules (revised September 2013)

1. The competition for the Scottish Club Championship shall be open for competition to a maximum of sixteen Scottish chess clubs. The winner shall hold the Richardson Cup for one year.
2. The competition shall be an unseeded knockout with a new draw made for each round. If necessary, matches will take place to determine which teams will be relegated to next season's Spens Cup. Their places in the next season's competition shall be taken by the Spens Cup finalists. Where no relegation matches take place, teams eliminated in their first match will be offered additional matches by participating in a [Richardson consolation event] other than those which choose (on the entry form) not to be considered as eligible. A club which is eliminated without playing a match shall not be eligible unless the Arbiter decides otherwise.
3. The method for resolving ties shall be as follows:
 - (a) Board count, (b) Board elimination (c) A 15-minute rapidplay match with colours reversed.
4. Each club shall be represented by eight players who shall be bona fide members of the club they represent. They must be normally resident in Scotland or within 50 miles of the normal meeting place of the club. They need not be the same throughout the competition, but no player shall represent more than one club in the Richardson and Spens Cups, [Richardson consolation event] or Campbell Rosebowl in any one season. For every infringement of this rule, one point shall be deducted from the score of the offending club and added to the score of the opposing club.
5. To be bona fide a player should have:-
 - a) Paid the required membership fee for the current season
 - b) Satisfied at least one of the following:
 - * Represented the club in other events in the current or preceding season
 - * Represented that club previously for an extended period
 - * Represented that club previously and no other Scottish club between times
 - * Had no affiliation to a Scottish club for at least 5 years and the chosen club is geographically acceptable (ie not necessarily the closest but either near to being the closest suitable club or one more easily reached by road or rail)It would be desirable for the player to be participating in other activities of the club.Any club in doubt about the bona fide status of a proposed player must contact the Arbiter as early as possible and no later than seven days before the match.

6. The order of players in each team shall be that of grading order based on the published Chess Scotland rating list but allowing players within 50 points of each other to play in any order. After team lists are exchanged, the captains shall toss for choice of colour at board one. The move at the remaining boards shall alternate accordingly.

7. Failing agreement, clubs more than 80 map miles apart shall play at an intermediate venue to be fixed by the Arbiter. Detailed arrangements shall be made by the away team and expenses shared. A match may be played by telephone, but this is advisable only in exceptional circumstances.

8. The Arbiter shall fix a date for each round and a venue and time for the final. All other matches shall commence at 2.00 pm. and if mutually agreed in writing by the clubs concerned, or if so determined by the Arbiter, a match may take place at an earlier date or commence at another time.

9. All games shall be played in accordance with the Laws of Chess, as laid down by the Federation Internationale des Echecs (FIDE).

10. It is the responsibility of the home team to provide sufficient clocks and suitable sets, boards, etc. When play takes place at an intermediate venue, each team shall provide half the equipment required (plus one additional clock). The time limit shall be 40 moves in 2 hours. In telephone matches, the rate of play shall be 40 moves in 105 minutes.

11. Games unfinished at the time check (as defined in rule 10) must be (except in telephone matches) completed by a quickplay finish (see FIDE Law 10), each player having an additional 30 minutes for all moves. In telephone matches such games must be sent to the Arbiter for adjudication. Each position so sent shall be accompanied by a claim for a win or a draw, attested by the team captains. Each club shall also forward to the Arbiter the adjudication fee of £6, all to reach him within 7 days of the match. The fee shall be returned to the club whose claim is upheld by the adjudicator.

12. Either side involved may appeal against adjudication decisions in accordance with the procedure specified below.

13. In the event of an appeal against a decision by the Arbiter, the case shall be referred to the Arbiters' Committee whose decision shall be final. The club's claim must be accompanied by a £20 fee, refundable at the discretion of the committee. The Director of Home Chess shall have the power to alter or modify the foregoing rules in such manner as he may think necessary.

14. It is strongly recommended that the home team supply refreshments to the visiting team during the playing session.

* Number subject to alteration.

Spens Cup Rules

1. These rules are the same as the Richardson Cup, except for:
2. The Spens Cup shall be open for competition to any Scottish chess club not in the Richardson Cup for that season. The finalists shall be promoted to the following season's Richardson Cup competition. Up to two teams may be entered.
3. A club which has entered a team in the Richardson Cup may also enter a 'B' team in the Spens Cup. The team squads must be separate but a player may play on boards 7 or 8 in the Richardson Cup for the 'A' team and for the 'B' team in the Spens Cup in the same season. The 'B' team may not gain promotion to the Richardson Cup and if they reach the final of the Spens Cup then only one team shall be promoted to the following season's Richardson Cup competition.
4. A club which has not entered a team in the Richardson Cup may enter two teams in the Spens Cup. The team squads must be separate and players in one squad may not play in the other squad in the same season. Grading order need not be continuous throughout the two teams, only within each team.
5. In Richardson rule 4, substitute 'six' for 'eight'.
6. Replace Richardson rule 6 by the following: The order of players in each team shall be in strict grading order based on the published Chess Scotland rating list.
7. After team lists are exchanged, the captains shall toss for choice of colour at board one. The move at the remaining boards shall alternate accordingly.
8. A competition for the Jack Campbell Rosebowl shall be held for all clubs which are eliminated in the preliminary or first round, other than those which choose (on the entry form) not to be considered as eligible. A club which is eliminated without playing a match shall not be eligible unless the Arbiter decides otherwise.
9. It is strongly recommended that the home team supply refreshments to the visiting team during the playing session.

Appeals Against Adjudication (Applicable only to telephone matches)

1. These must be submitted by one of the two sides who submitted the original position for adjudication. No third party may appeal.
2. The appeal must reach the Arbiter within four days of the original decision being received by the side or player appealing, and be supported by a reasoned line or lines of analysis, in triplicate, opposing the original decision, together with the original position.
3. At the same time, the appellant must notify the opposing match captain that an appeal has been made, giving details of the decision(s) in question.
4. Appeals must be accompanied by a fee of £10, which is returnable if the appeal is upheld.
5. If two or more games in a match have been adjudicated, and an appeal is made against one or more of the decisions, the opposing side may counter-appeal, within 3 days of receipt of the notice of appeal, in any of the other adjudicated games of the same match. Such counter-appeals must comply with rules 1-4, reading 'notice of appeal' for the first mention of 'original decision' in rule 2. The decision of the Appeal Judge shall be final and binding.
6. Any notification of adjudication results by the Arbiter may be given by telephone and confirmed by letter, and shall be deemed to have been given at the time of the telephone call.
7. Any claim which does not comply with the rules will be invalid.

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