



Chess Scotland Annual General Meeting

Motions for the AGM

Motions concerning the constitution (Require 2/3 majority)

1. That the posts of Home Director (Junior) and International Junior Director are merged and a new post of Director of Junior Chess formed. (Andy Howie and Jim Webster).
2. Chess Scotland Constitution Paragraph 6.3
In the last line, replace three months with two months (Hamish Glen and Jim Webster)
3. Chess Scotland Constitution Paragraph 12.1
In the last line, replace August with November (Hamish Glen and Jim Webster)

General Motions (Simple Majority)

4. Use of the main Chess Scotland Forum to be accessed and used only by active Chess Scotland members and affiliates, and special guest users (as specifically determined by the management committee) Guest users may be potential users who will be allocated a specific period of time. There may also be a public forum accessible by all users. Members who will to apply to the forum must supply a PNUM and current email address on application. Membership of the forum is not an automatic right and may be rescinded at any point. (Ian Brownlee and Hamish Glen)
5. Extracts from the Constitution regarding this motion.

4. Affiliation

4.1. Chess Scotland shall be empowered to receive the affiliation of other Chess organisations, and to fix the terms of affiliation (including any fees or subscription) in each case. Such affiliation shall continue until terminated either by Chess Scotland or the affiliated organisation.

6. Subscriptions

6.3. An annual subscription payable by Individual, Club and Affiliate organisations of Chess Scotland and as recommended by the Finance Director shall be approved by COUNCIL. These approved subscriptions may differ between the various classes of membership and in respect of different age groups or other categories defined by COUNCIL. COUNCIL is empowered to revoke the membership of any Member whose subscription is three months or more overdue and may delegate this power to the Membership Secretary.



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Background

Chess Scotland encourages the development of Junior Chess and ways to sustain development, training and potential financial support for both domestic and international events are needed. Financially Chess Scotland is not currently able to support this. Chess Scotland must review how funds are both accrued and spent and I feel that is necessary to investigate and develop all possible means without overly burdening the adult membership into funding a large part of the junior budget. Junior subscriptions may not be sufficient to do this on their own and with the current cash reserves of Chess Scotland.

In offering advantages and inducements for Junior Organisation to affiliate it is unreasonable to extend the same facilities to external organisations at no cost to them.

Motion

All non-affiliated Chess organisations that utilise the Chess Scotland grading system will be charged at rates, as determined by, and in accordance, with Chess Scotland Constitution paragraph 6.3. These grading charges, determined under Chess Scotland financial reviews shall apply to all games submitted for the main grading list. Allegro games will currently be exempt from grading charges. (Jim Webster and Hamish Glen)

6. Whilst Lothian Junior Chess does not underestimate the financial challenges which Chess Scotland faces, the burden being placed on Junior Chess by the new grading fee structure is too high. We believe that this matter requires a period of discussion as to how best Junior Organisations should contribute to Chess Scotland. Accordingly we propose that affiliated organisations should not pay Junior grading fees for the 2017-2018 season (David Chambers and Martin Clarke)