

Constitution

(Updated as per AGM 2005)

1. NAME

The name of the Association shall be “Lancashire Chess Association”, and “Lancashire” shall be defined as that area which the Association shall from time to time determine.

2. OBJECTS

The objects of the Association shall be:-

- to promote, encourage, and organize the playing of chess in Lancashire;
- to promote inter-county matches and other team events including Lancashire club tournaments;
- to organize and maintain the Lancashire individual championship and other individual championships or competitions within the county;
- to further the interests of Lancashire clubs and players in matches and tournaments.

3. MEMBERSHIP

The Association shall consist of:-

- a) Affiliated Clubs - clubs which pay the appropriate registration fee for each of their playing members;
- b) Individual Members: i) Vice-Presidents, Associate Members;
ii) Honorary Life Vice-Presidents;
iii) Life Members elected before 1st January 1971.

4. OFFICERS

The officers of the Association shall consist of:-

- a) President, b) General Secretary, c) Treasurer, d) Registrations Secretary, e) 1st Team Captain, f) 2nd Team Captain, g) 3rd Team Captain, h) 4th Team Captain, i) 5th Team Captain, j) Junior Organiser k) Correspondence Match Captain, l) Congress organiser m) Assistant Congress Organiser, n) Bulletin Editor

5. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The business of the Association shall be managed by the Executive Committee, which shall consist of:-

- a) The officers of the Association;
- b) Any club delegate in attendance at the meetings;
- c) One Vice-President;

The Executive Committee shall have power to co-opt. Seven members shall form a quorum. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to receive reports from the officers and to consider any matter referred to it by a General Meeting.

At the meeting prior to the Annual General Meeting:-

- a) The General Secretary shall present a Report on the events of the year;
- b) The Treasurer shall present a Report together with an audited statement of the Accounts for the year;
- c) The Reports from the other officers of the Association shall be submitted, together with a summary of each one for inclusion in the General Secretary's Report to the Annual General Meeting;
- d) The Agenda for the Annual General Meeting shall be considered, together with any resolutions that the Executive Committee considers appropriate.

6. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Association shall be held in May or June. The Financial year shall end on 31st March. Notices of the A.G.M. shall be sent to:-

- a) The Executive Committee;
- b) Affiliated clubs;
- c) Life Members and Vice-Presidents.

Such notices shall be posted at least 16 days before the meeting is to be held. Every club which is a member of the Association shall be entitled to send a delegate to the A.G.M., but any club which has 30 or more registered players shall be entitled to send two delegates. The only persons entitled to attend the A.G.M. shall be the Executive Committee, Life Members and Vice-Presidents. The President may invite other persons if in his opinion this would further the aims of the Association. The only persons entitled to vote shall be members of the Executive Committee and delegates from affiliated clubs. Eight shall form a quorum.

The business of the Annual General Meeting shall be:-

- a) Minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting,
- b) President's Remarks,
- c) General Secretary's Report,
- d) Treasurer's Report,
- e) Presentation of Trophies and Prizes,
- f) Election of Officers of the Association,
- g) Appointment of Auditor,
- h) Appointment of Delegates to the Northern Counties Chess Union,
- i) Appointment of Delegate to the British Chess Federation,
- j) To fix membership fees for all classes of members,
- k) To consider any resolution submitted to the General Secretary by an affiliated club before 31st March,
- l) To consider any other matters of importance to the Association.

7. EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETINGS

The General Secretary shall summon an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Association

(a) if so directed by the Executive Committee, or (b) upon receipt of a requisition signed by the secretaries of any three affiliated clubs. An Extraordinary General Meeting shall only consider resolutions relating to the business for which it was called. Notices, attendance, and voting shall be as for the Annual General Meeting.

8. ENTITLEMENTS OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS

Vice-Presidents shall be entitled to (a) a free copy of the B.C.F. Year Book of Chess and the N.C.C.U. Electronic Grading List, (b) Lancashire Chess Association literature, (c) representation by one representative on the Executive Committee.

9. DISPUTES

All disputes arising in events under the auspices of the Association shall be referred to the relevant officer. Every member shall have the right of appeal to the Executive Committee, whose decision shall be final.

10. ALTERATIONS TO THE CONSTITUTION

This Constitution may be altered only at a General Meeting of the Association. Notice of any proposed alterations shall be circulated with the notice convening the meeting. Any alteration requires the support of at least two-thirds of those present and entitled to vote.