

Surbiton Chess Club ("SCC") Constitution

(As amended at the SCC AGM 9 August 2021)

Objectives

- to encourage the study and practice of chess amongst Members;
- to represent Members by affiliating to the Surrey County Chess Association ("SCCA"), the Thames Valley Chess League ("TVCL") and such other chess associations that the Members may desire to be associated with from time to time;
- to organise teams to compete in the SCCA, TVCL and such other competitions that the Members may desire to participate in from time to time;
- to organise competitions (which may be informal competitions) for Members;
- to organise events to entertain and instruct Members in the practice of chess;
- to organise events and other activities to promote social interaction between Members
- to promote the activities of the club with a view to attracting new Members

Members

- an individual may become a Member at the invitation of any member of the Committee and upon payment of the annual subscription fee as agreed at the AGM from time to time;
- a Member has the right to one vote in relation to any matter brought before a General Meeting provided that the Member has paid the annual subscription and does not owe any other monies to SCC;
- a Member will cease to be a Member by order of the Committee if the Committee believes that to be in the best interests of SCC
 - a written appeal against such a Committee decision would be considered by the Committee in good faith

Committee

- the Committee shall comprise: the Chairman, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Safeguarding Officer and the captains of each team in the competitions that SCC participates;
- the Committee shall operate consistent with the budget, mandates and actions as agreed by General Meetings save that it may make non-material adjustments to these if it believes that is in the best interests of SCC;
- a minimum of three persons shall constitute a quorum for a Committee meeting;
- decisions by the Committee shall be determined by a majority vote of its members;
- in the event of a tied vote the Chairman shall have the casting vote

General Meetings

- the Committee shall give not less than two week's notice of a General Meeting which shall be open to all Members to attend;
- the Annual General Meeting ("AGM") agenda shall include:
 - election of the Committee including team captains
 - agreement of the budget for the following season
 - agreement of the annual subscription fee
 - the appointment of an auditor of the previous season's accounts
 - such other matters that are proposed by the Committee
 - such other matters that are proposed by Members providing they give not less than one week's notice prior to the meeting
- any General Meeting other than the AGM shall be termed an Extraordinary General Meeting ("EGM")
- a General Meeting shall be quorate if a minimum of three members of the Committee are in attendance together with a further minimum of three additional Members (who may also be members of the Committee)
- decisions by the General Meeting shall be determined by a majority vote of the Members in attendance;
- in the event of a tied vote the Chairman shall have the casting vote

Officers' Indemnification

- Every officer or independent examiner of SCC shall be indemnified out of the assets of the SCC against all losses or liabilities which they may sustain or incur in or about the execution of the duties of their office or otherwise in relation thereto, including any liability incurred by them in defending any proceedings, whether civil or criminal, in which judgment is given in their favour, and no officer shall be liable for any loss, damage or misfortune which may happen to or be incurred by the SCC in the execution of the duties of their office or in relation thereto