

# **Sussex Chess League**

## **Annual General Meeting 21<sup>st</sup> July 2026 at 7.45pm at Lewes Chess Club**

### **Agenda**

1. Chairman's Opening Remarks and Apologies for Absence
2. Review of minutes of Last Year's AGM
3. Secretary's Report and Matters Arising
4. Treasurers Report and Matters Arising
  - 4.1 Approval of accounts.
  - 4.2 Proposal to maintain fees at £10 per team.
  - 4.3 3 Penalty fee of £10 per club will apply where clubs are subject to a fee from ECF for playing unregistered players and matter is not challenged and reversed within 30 days of notification from SCL Treasurer
5. Fixture Secretary's Report and Matters Arising
6. Tournament Controllers Report and Matters Arising
7. Presentation of Trophies
8. Election of Officers
9. County Adjudication Secretary's Report and Matters Arising
10. SCCA Matters relating to the League (and ECF) – possible merger
11. Proposals for Rule Changes
  - 11a. Restrictions on nominated players 4.2.2

Proposal (Bexhill and East Grinstead)

Current rule:

4.2.2 Whether nominated or not, a player from a lower team may appear on a match score card 3 times for higher teams while retaining eligibility to play for the lower team. Upon appearing on a match score card a 4th time for any higher team the player becomes ineligible to play for the lower team.

Proposed rule:

4.2.2 Whether nominated or not, a player from a lower team may appear on a match score card 4 times for higher teams while retaining eligibility to play for the lower team. Upon appearing on a match score card a 5th time for any higher team the player becomes ineligible to play for the lower team.

11b East Grinstead proposal: Addition to rule 12.1 as follows:

#### 12.1 Play-off matches for first place

If two or more teams tie for top place in any division, there shall be a play-off if any team involved wishes it. The teams may, however, agree to share the trophy.

Addition:

Teams wanting to opt for the play-off match shall have 30 days from the date that the final fixture of the division is played to contact the other team to advise that they wish to opt for the play off. If the two teams have already met in the competition that season then the venue shall be reversed for the play-off.

Once the 30 days is up and no team has opted for the play-off, it is determined that the trophy shall be shared

#### 11c. The playing session

##### East Grinstead Proposal to 8.2

Current rule:

#### 8.2 Before play begins

The away team will have the White pieces on the odd numbered boards and Black on the even

Proposed rule:

#### 8.2 Before play begins

Team captains shall: (1) exchange names of team players and toss a coin to determine colours - the team winning the toss decides whether to play white or black on the odd-numbered boards ; (2) agree and announce to all participants: (a) the time control, (b) the agreed finishing time, (c) any arrangements for interruptions that could involve stopping clocks, and (d) the content of rule 8.1.1

#### 12. Location for 2026 AGM

Lewes venue seemed ideal, and subject to availability agreed that Lewes is most suitable.

#### 13 Any other business

Penalties for defaulting matches

New Trophy 'Mark Attree Trophy'