

Stratford upon Avon Chess Club Constitution

- 1) The Club shall be known as the Stratford upon Avon Chess Club.
- 2) The objects of the club shall be to encourage the playing of chess in Stratford-on-Avon District, both socially and to form representative teams to play in Regional Chess leagues and competitions.
- 3) Membership of the club shall be open to all on the payment of an annual subscription. The amount of which to be determined before the start of the playing season at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) each year.
- 4) The Committee of the club shall consist of the President, the Secretary, the Treasurer and other such members as agreed at the AGM. Such officers and other committee members shall be elected for a term of office of one year at the AGM and in the event of any of them resigning or being unable to act; the committee shall nominate a successor to act until the next AGM.
- 5) The President shall be responsible for the general oversight of the club.
- 6) The Secretary shall conduct all the club's correspondence, record minutes of all General and committee meetings and give at least twelve days written notice of a General Meeting to all members.
- 7) The Treasurer shall keep the club's account and present a summary of the same at the Annual General Meeting.
- 8) The remaining committee member shall be responsible for running all internal club tournaments and such other duties as may be delegated to them at a General Meeting or a committee meeting.
- 9) The committee shall elect Team Captains at the beginning of each season. The Team Captains shall be responsible for the selection of team members, within the restrictions imposed by any competition rules.
- 10) The Annual General Meeting shall be held at the end of the playing season.
- 11) The President may at any time call a General Meeting and one must be held at the request of any four members. The quorum at a General Meeting shall be six including at least two committee members. Written notice of all General meetings shall be given to all members as under 6) above.
- 12) A committee meeting must be held at the request of any one member of the committee. The quorum at a committee meeting shall be three.

- 13) The President shall act as Chairman at all General and Committee Meetings.
- 14) In his absence the chair shall be taken by one of the committee members in the order given under 4) above. The Chairman shall have a casting vote at all such meetings.
- 15) The Constitution of the Club may only be amended by a two-thirds majority of the members present at a General Meeting and written notice of any proposed amendment must be given to the Secretary at least five days before it can be considered.