

CONSTITUTION

1. **Name:** The Club will be called "Malpas Chess Club" (hereinafter referred to as "MCC").
2. **Objects:** The aim of MCC will be to encourage, promote & facilitate the playing of chess.
3. **Membership:** Membership of MCC will be open to any person, regardless of race, age, gender, sexual orientation or playing ability
4. **Affiliations:** MCC will be affiliated to The Gwent County Chess Association and Welsh Chess Union.
5. **Officers:** The officers of MCC will be:-
 - i) Chairman
 - ii) Secretary
 - iii) Treasurer
 - iv) Club Captain
 - v) Team Captains
 - vi) Webmaster
 - **Note:** The offices of Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer will be held by separate persons.
6. **Committee:** The officers listed in section 5 will constitute the committee. Any five of the officers so listed (including the chairman) will form a quorum.

The committee will be responsible for all matters concerning the conduct of the club's affairs, and will ensure that the club is run in a prudent and business-like manner.

Any vacancy occurring between annual elections will be filled by a member of the club that the committee will determine.

The chairman may act on behalf of the committee on any matter of urgency, reporting such action at the next available meeting.

7. Annual General Meeting: The Annual General Meeting will be held on a date as soon as is practicable after the end of the playing season in order to:-

- i) Receive reports from the officers
- ii) Elect the officers of the club by ballot of the members then present.
- iii) Decide on the subscription for the coming year.
- iv) Decide in which leagues the club wishes to enter teams, and how many teams it wishes to enter in those particular leagues.
- v) Agree team "home" evenings
- vi) Receive a statement of accounts prepared by the treasurer.
- vii) Agree the club's policy on items to be dealt with at Gwent County Chess Association Annual General Meetings.
- viii) Take decisions on any other matters of policy and playing practice that may arise from time to time.

8. Special General Meetings: A Special General Meeting will be held at the discretion of the committee, or following a written request forwarded to the secretary and signed by at least five members specifying the aim of such a meeting.

9. Voting: All motions must be proposed and seconded (other than Chairman's motions). All members will have only one vote regardless of the number of posts held. All issues will be decided by a simple majority (notwithstanding section 15). The committee may decide that the issue is of such importance that not only should a Special General Meeting be called, but also that a postal vote be used. The chairman will have the casting vote in the event of tied ballots.

10. Reduced Subscriptions: A panel consisting of the chairman, secretary & treasurer will deal with applications for the waiving or reducing of a member's subscription, and with all other matters involved in the interpretation of the rules relating to subscriptions. Any member aggrieved by a decision of the panel may appeal to the committee.

11. Finances: The MCC financial year will run from the 1st June to the 31st May. All subscriptions are to be paid in full by 31st October each year. Failure to do so by any member will automatically make this person automatically unavailable for selection. MCC will operate such bank or building society accounts as it sees fit. The authorised signatories for the operation of such accounts will be the Club Treasurer and one other Officer appointed by the committee. The treasurer will be responsible to the committee for all the club's financial affairs.

12. Club Rules: MCC will adopt rules to govern in more detail the club's playing and administrative affairs. These rules will also detail the roles and responsibilities of club officers and will be subject to approval by the Annual General Meeting. No additions or alterations may be made to Club Rules except at an Annual General Meeting or a Special General Meeting.

13. Alterations: No alterations or additions to this constitution will be made except at an Annual general Meeting or a Special General Meeting.

14. Disputes: Any matter not provided for in the Constitution or Club Rules will be resolved by the committee and reported to the Annual General Meeting.

15. Dissolution: MCC may at any time be dissolved by members voting for a "Scheme of dissolution". Then the consent of 75% of members voting in a postal ballot of the entire membership is required.