

### **Club Championship 2020/21 Rules (covid-19 derogations)**

1. A contest over 5 rounds with Swiss based pairings in a single section. The FIDE Laws of Chess shall apply as modified by the [ECF Tournament Rules](#) for rated over-the-board chess where social distancing applies.
2. The rate of play shall be all moves in 80 minutes plus 10 seconds per move (G80/10). By agreement, notified to the Tournament Secretary in advance, the players may agree a two session format provided both sessions are completed at least 24 hours before the start of the next round with at least 36 moves to be played in the first session which shall not be less than 3 hours in duration.
3. All players shall appear at the Club on the date published for the start of each round at 7:30pm, ready to play save that:
  - a) any player may request in advance and before the publication of the draw a half-point bye in one round save for the last; and
  - b) the Controller may at his discretion award a further half-point bye in any round save for the last in extenuating circumstances.
4. Any player who has not been granted leave of absence above and who has not appeared by 8.00 pm shall be defaulted. After two defaults a player shall be deemed to be withdrawn.
5. Failure to start or complete a game within the time periods allowed under these Rules, shall render either or both players liable to default at the discretion of the Tournament Secretary.
6. Adjourned games where a two session format has been agreed shall be arranged so as to allow not less than 3 hours play. Uncompleted games at the end of the second session shall be treated as a draw for the purposes of pairings for the following round in the absence of an agreed result.
7. Results or the current state of play shall be communicated by both players to the Tournament Secretary within 12 hours of the playing session either by email or phone/text message. Scoresheets should be retained for production as required.
8. In the event that two or more players tie for first place the Championship the following tie-break provisions shall apply:
  - a) the results of the direct encounter between the player(s) tied either to break the tie or to eliminate players from the tie, thereafter
  - b) a single game play-off between those remaining tied shall be played as directed by the Tournament Secretary, thereafter
  - c) the Championship shall be shared between the remaining tied players.
9. Any point not covered by these Rules shall be decided by the Tournament Secretary.

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