

Agenda for the Annual General Meeting of the Milton Keynes Chess Club

To be held on Thursday, 4th September 2025, 7:45pm
in the Berrill Cafe, at The Open University

- 1) Apologies for Absence
- 2) Welcome
- 3) Minutes of the last meeting
- 4) Secretaries Report
- 5) Treasurers Report
 Subscriptions for 2025-26 Recommendation
- 6) Internal League report
- 7) Safeguarding Report
- 8) Beds league Captains reports for 2024/25 Season
- 9) Election of Officers
 - Chairman
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer
 - Tournament Secretary
 - Safeguarding Officer
 - Deputy Safeguarding Officer
- 10) Bedfordshire League Team Captains
- 11) Any Other Business
- 12) Key rota
- 13) Cordon trophy
- 14) Change in beds league rules

Proposed rule change 1

Luton are proposing the following change to the Bedfordshire Chess League rules:

Current rule:

11. Matches must start at 7:30pm unless both captains agree in advance to a different starting time. Matches should last at least three hours. Clocks are to be started at 7:30pm (or pre-agreed starting time) or if not available at this time the lost minutes are to be deducted from the time of the home team when actually started.

Proposed new rule:

11. Matches must start at 7:30pm unless both captains agree in advance to a different starting time. **A minimum period of 3 hours must be available for the match.** Clocks are to be started at 7:30pm (or pre-agreed starting time) or if not available at this time the lost minutes are to be deducted from the time of the home team when actually started.

Proposed rule change 2

Luton are proposing the following change to the Bedfordshire Chess League rules:

Current rule:

12. b) Unless the League Controller agrees otherwise, a difference of more than 100 rating points will be irrefutable proof that the higher rated player has a higher current playing strength. Differences of 100 rating points or less will not be deemed to be prima facie evidence of differences in current playing strength.

A player's rating is defined as their ECF OTB standard play original rating on the 1st September prior to the start of the season. A category A or K rating is a qualifying rating for the purposes of this rule. If the player does not have a qualifying rating then an active FIDE standard play rating for that date will apply. Failing that an ECF category A or K OTB Rapid chess rating will be used.

The qualifying standard play rating of a player shall be deemed to be the rating of that player for the whole season. A player without such rating, but subsequently obtaining such rating will be treated as having that as a qualifying rating from its publication and thereafter.

If a player has none of the ratings above, the team captain shall provide an estimated rating, providing evidence if available. After a minimum of four match results have been submitted, the League Controller will issue a rating for that player based on those results which will be used for the remainder of the season in the Beds League, unless they subsequently obtain a qualifying rating. This shall remain the players deemed rating unless and until the League Controller deems otherwise. Team captains may apply to the League Controller for a new estimated rating to be applied to any player with no qualifying rating. Such an application must be supported by appropriate evidence, such as recent results and needs to be agreed to by the League Controller. In any event, such a player may play three matches for their club in the league before rule 8 applies.

Proposed new rule :

12. b) Unless **there is evidence to the contrary and** the League Controller agrees otherwise;

i) If a qualifying rating is being used a difference of more than 100 rating points will be irrefutable proof that the higher rated player has a higher current playing strength. Differences of 100 rating points or less will not be deemed to be prima facie evidence of differences in current playing strength.

ii) If an estimated rating is being used a difference of more than 150 rating points will be used as irrefutable proof that the higher rated player has a higher current playing strength and differences of 150 rating points or less will not be deemed to be prima facie evidence of differences in current playing strength.

A player's rating is defined as their ECF OTB standard play original rating on the 1st September prior to the start of the season. A category A or K rating is a qualifying rating for the purposes of this rule. If the player does not have a qualifying rating then an active FIDE standard play rating for that date will apply. Failing that an ECF category A or K OTB Rapid chess rating will be used.

The qualifying standard play rating of a player shall be deemed to be the rating of that player for the whole season. A player without such rating, but subsequently obtaining such rating will be treated as having that as a qualifying rating from its publication and thereafter.

If a player has none of the ratings above, the team captain shall provide an estimated rating **using all available evidence. If a player has a ECF category P Standard Play or Rapid Play rating this should be taken into account with any other evidence in determining the estimated rating. The estimated rating shall be deemed as the players current playing strength to be used when determining the board that the player will be playing on in accordance with Rule 12. a). The evidence used shall be provided to the League Controller if requested.**

After a minimum of four match results have been submitted, the League Controller will issue a rating for that player based on those results which will be used for the remainder of the season in the Beds League, unless they subsequently obtain a qualifying rating. This shall remain the players deemed rating unless and until the League Controller deems otherwise. Team captains may apply to the League Controller for a new estimated rating to be applied to any player with no qualifying rating. Such an application must be supported by appropriate evidence, such as recent results and needs to be agreed to by the League Controller. In any event, such a player may play three matches for their club in the league before rule 8 applies.