



# Queens Park CHESS CLUB

## Summary of Committee Meeting

24th June 2024 | Remote (Teams Meeting)

**Present:** Andy Chisholm, Paul Cumming, Rhys McCrosson, Jordan McNaught, Iain Shields (Meeting Chair)

### Response to the Club Championship Survey

- The survey of the members garnered universal agreement on the expansion to 7 rounds.
  - **DECISION:** The Club Championship 24/25 will be 7 rounds.
- Idea to extend final round to 3 week window to account for summer holidays.
  - RM suggested waiting until the fixtures are announced before deciding on this. PC didn't see the harm in deciding straight away.
  - **DECISION:** the window for round 7 will be extended from 12 days to 15 days after the designated date.
- It was brought up that the offering of 2 x ½ point byes could result in players who haven't been available being a full point ahead of players who had played their games, potentially resulting in players feeling hard done by.
  - AC reminded that the idea behind the byes in the first place was to give maximum flexibility to players.
  - JM suggested that only one ½ point bye be offered, but with an addition that further zero-point byes could be taken, allowing the player to remain part of the tournament, whilst still limiting defaults.
  - **DECISION:** each player will be allowed one ½ point bye (to be taken in any round before round 7), and any number of zero-point byes (½ point bye must be taken before zero-point byes are allowed).

- It was raised about how the potential influx of new members would be managed with the start of the club championship.
  - With membership renewals being offered earlier this season, new members will be able to join earlier than last year.
  - With the season starting in early September, and round one of the club championship to be in the final week of September, new members should be able to be inducted in plenty of time to be ready for round 1.
  
- Point about formalising the use of other local chess club nights to reschedule Club Champ matches where members can't make the designated night.
  - **ACTION:** AC will contact the local clubs who meet on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays to move this idea forward.
  
- It was raised that, rather than tie breaks, a joint first place would be a fairer alternative in the event of a tied score.
  - It was pointed out that with the expansion to 7 rounds that a tied score is much less likely than last season.
  - RM asked if there was a way to factor the ½ point byes into the pairing system to limit any advantage that could be gained by players using their bye strategically.
  - **ACTION:** JM to clarify the pairing system rules for IS to make sure the official CC ruleset is clear.

## Next Meeting

- To be set after membership renewals are released - w/c 5th August