

Rules

1. All games shall be played in accordance with the Laws of chess as laid down by FIDE except where modified below
 - Mobile Phones will be allowed in the venue but must be switched off. Should a phone ring during play, the game will be declared lost for the owner of the phone.
2. The rate of play will be all moves in 90 minutes with a 30 second increment from move 1
3. Placing in each division will be determined
 - a. first - by match points
 - b. second - by game points
 - c. third - by individual match result
 - d. fourth – by lowest number of defaults
 - e. fifth – by bottom board elimination.
4. All games will be Chess Scotland graded and FIDE rated.
5. Players within a team must play in strict grading order. However, a 100pt interchange is acceptable. Using the live grade as per CS website is permissible for fast improving players.
6. Throughout the season, players may play for only one club, (excluding players who have been asked by organiser to fill up teams on the day)
7. Clubs having more than one team must play top five graded players in first team and follow down in same manner if more than two teams. This means players can be promoted to top team several times depending on strength of players on day.
8. Teams which fail to turn up for their match will be automatically relegated the following season
9. A team will be penalized 1 matchpoint for every 3 boards that it defaults in a season
10. In the draw, the first team mentioned gets white on odd numbered boards.
11. All disputes will be resolved by the arbiting team and, if necessary, the disputes committee. This Committee will consist of the remaining team captain in that division
12. The organisers reserve the right to take any steps deemed necessary to ensure the smooth running of the League. (ie Glynis Grant and Andy Howie have the final say in ALL matters!)
13. As per 2023 AGM, all divisions will be FIDE rated
14. Any non Scottish players must have a FIDE ID from their national federation before the start of play on the day. Scottish Players who do not have a FIDE ID must provide their date of birth.