

DORSET COUNTY CHESS ASSOCIATION

CONSTITUTION

General Rules

- I. The Association shall be called "The Dorset County Chess Association" and shall be a member of the West of England Chess Union.
- 2. The aims of the Association shall be to encourage interest in the game of Chess, and to organise and support competitive chess to this end.
- 3. Any club which meets within the county boundary shall have the right of affiliation to the Association. Clubs which meet outside the county boundary may be affiliated to the Association with the approval of the Annual General Meeting.
- 4. The membership of the Association shall comprise all members who are registered with the British Chess Federation through the county and shall be open to any person who is a present or past resident of Dorset. Any person contributing the appropriate amount to the County funds shall be elected to membership as a Vice-President, and shall be entitled to vote at any General Meeting.
- 5. A General Meeting of all members shall be called annually. This meeting shall be the governing body of the Association, and at this meeting all offices shall be open for election. The offices shall be honorary and shall comprise :-

President	Secretary	Treasurer
Match Captain	Publicity Officer	Grading Officer
Match Secretary	Secretary for Junior Chess	
Congress Secretary	Correspondence Conductor	

The Annual General Meeting shall be notified to all members not less than 14 days in advance.

- 6. Subject to the control of the A.G.M., the management of the Association shall be vested in the Executive Committee which shall consist of all elected officers of the Association. The President shall be chairman of the Executive Committee. The elected committee shall have the power to co-opt any other person to serve on the committee until the next A.G.M.
- 7. The Executive Committee shall elect from its members, delegates to attend meetings of the Executive and General Council of the W.E.C.U.
- 8. The annual fees payable by all members and clubs shall become due on 1st July each year, and shall be those fixed by the A.G.M. The retiring Treasurer shall present to the A.G.M. an audited Income and Expenditure Account for the year, the Hon. Auditor to be appointed by the Executive Committee.
- 9. All events organised by the Association shall use the Authorised English translation of the F.I.D.E. laws of chess, being the last edition issued before the commencement of any event.
- 10. An Extraordinary General Meeting may be called at any time by the Executive Committee and shall be called within 4 weeks of receipt by the Secretary of a request signed by at least 10 members. Not less than 14 days notice of such a meeting shall be given to all members.
- II. The General Rules shall be altered only by not less than a two-thirds majority of votes cast at a General Meeting. Notice of any proposed alteration shall be given to the Secretary in time for it to be circulated with the notice of the meeting.