

Portsmouth and District Chess League

Concord for season 2008-2009

Following the passing of various resolutions at the AGM which left the playing conditions unclear please find below a clarification of the playing conditions for the coming season. The key points are:

- Ⓔ Division 3 remains unaffected by the changes.

In Divisions 1 and 2:

- Ⓔ There are no adjudications this season. Adjudications have been replaced with the option to finish on the night (F)
- Ⓔ The match will finish on the night if both players have picked F.
- Ⓔ If one of the players picks F and one player picks P, then the match is played on, and the player picking F has choice of venue.
- Ⓔ The rates of play are unchanged.
- Ⓔ The playing session is extended to three hours.

The following is written to include the precise wording of the existing regulations where possible.

In Divisions 1 and 2 there are no adjudications for this season. Adjudications have been replaced with finish on the night (F). When filling the match card in for this season instead of play on (P) or adjudication (A) please use P or F.

All sessions are 3 hours. To ensure the session is completed in good time it is accepted that clocks may be started promptly at 7.30 even if the opponent has not arrived.

If both players agree to play on (P) the rate of play is 30 moves in 1¼ hours, then the second and subsequent time controls are to be at the rate of 24 moves per hour. Unfinished games at the termination of a session (3 hours) shall be continued at a time and place agreed by the two players, within two weeks of the previous session.

If one player has requested finish on the night (F) and the other player requests play on (P) then the player requesting F shall have choice of venue for the adjournment. Venue means time and place.

If both players agree to finish on the night (F) the rate of play is 30 moves in the first 1¼ hours, followed by a 15-minute "sudden death" finish, i.e. each player has an extra 15 minutes to complete all his moves. The following rules apply only after 30 moves have been played:

- Ⓔ Normal Rules of Chess apply, except as below,
- Ⓔ A player cannot win on time if he does not have mating material,
- Ⓔ If a player is not attempting to win by "normal means", then his opponent can claim a draw, but he must make the claim and stop the clocks before his flag has fallen.
- Ⓔ These rules will be enforced by team captains, and disputes should be referred to the Controller.

In Division 3, the rate of play shall be 30 moves in the first hour, followed by a 15 minute quick-play finish, as in Rule 37 (Cole Cup). All sessions will continue to be 2½ hours.