

The Constitution

1. Aims and Objectives

These shall be to: =

- (a) provide suitable facilities for play
- (b) encourage participation for all members
- (c) develop expertise through instruction, competition and matches
- (d) promote friendship, goodwill and cross-community relations among chess players

2. Annual General Meetings

An Annual General Meeting (AGM) shall be held every year not later than the end of October. The first item may be to welcome prospective new members. The minutes of the last AGM and any subsequent Extra-ordinary General meetings shall then be read out and the meeting may discuss any matters directly arising. This should be followed by the reports of the other office bearers, with brief discussions.

A new committee shall now be elected which may consist of: =

- (a) Chairman/President
- (b) Vice-Chairman/President
- (c) Secretary
- (d) Treasurer
- (e) The new chairman shall proceed with the election of Team Captains, the fixing of membership fees and Any Other Business.

3. Extraordinary General Meeting

The Chairman, or any 3 adult members may instruct the Secretary to call an Extra-ordinary General Meeting (EGM) in order to discuss any major item of business at a convenient time and place.

4. Procedures

Should the Chairman not be available for any AGM or EGM, the Vice-President may act as chairman for the meeting.

Those entitled to vote shall be adult members who have paid their fees either in the previous year or the current year. Decisions shall be taken by a simple majority vote, the chairman having only a casting

vote. No resolutions shall be valid unless at least 4 members entitled to vote are present at the time. All

motions passed at an AGM or EGM shall remain in force until rescinded at a later General Meeting.

5. Committee Meetings

All matters which do not warrant a General Meeting shall be determined by the elected Committee, which shall be summoned by the Secretary or Chairman as often as necessary.

6. Disciplinary Procedure

Where the Committee decides that disciplinary action should be taken against a member, this may include suspension or even dismissal, providing that the member has first had the right to make representation on his behalf.