

# Motions for the AGM of the Leinster Chess Union

## Curragh Chess Club

### **Motion 1:**

In Rule 3.3, reference is made to illegal players. It seems that the penalty in this rule is intended to apply only to breaches of the rule and not to have general effect. This could be clarified by inserting the word "such" before "illegal" in the last sentence.

Motion: Insert the word "such" before "illegal" in the last sentence of Rule 3.3 for the purposes of clarification.

### **Motion 2:**

In rule 3.7 (a) reference is made to the rating list published by the ICU before the start of the current: for the sake of clarity this should be to the rating list last published before the start of the current season.

Motion: Insert the word "latest" before "rating" in the second sentence of Rule 3.7(a) for the purposes of clarification.

(For players who are registered with the ICU, the latest rating published by the ICU prior to the commencement of the current season.)

### **Motion 3:**

The question of a penalty for a breach of Rule 3.9 (declarations) should be considered. This could be catered for by defining a declaration to mean the name rating and registered number of a player, applying this also to Rule 3.10 and providing for recourse to the penalties in 3.10. (There have certainly been cases where registration numbers and ratings have not been included in declarations by other teams to Curragh in previous years).

Motion: Amend the final line of Rule 3.9 to read: Once a team has been declared no substitutions or changes in board order can be allowed. Motion: Add the following line to the end of Rule 3.9: Teams offending against this rule will automatically forfeit any points gained from the games concerned.

## Naomh Barrog Chess Club

### **Motion 1:**

"That any player who is registered for a club and has paid his ICU fee can play for that club in the Branagan Cup, Killane Shield and William Brennan Cup (as long as that player meets the various other requirements for each competition). The player does not have to have played a game in the Leinster Leagues for that club, but must not have played for another club in the Leinster Leagues." At present the rule is that the player has to have played for the club during the Leinster Leagues. This prevents a team from giving a player a game in one of the cups when that player has not been able to get his place in a team during the year in the leagues.

### **Motion 2:**

"That teams be deducted points at the start of the following season for each time that they put out more than two short of a full team for one of their matches in the Leinster Leagues.

The number of points that shall be deducted shall be 2 points for each board less than two short of a full team (that is less than 6 for Armstrong Cup & Heidenfeld Trophy, less than 4 for Ennis Shield & O'Hanlon Cup, less than 3 for BEA Cup and Bodley Cup) that that team has fielded during the year. The awarding of points for the season in which the match takes place shall be unaffected by this motion and shall be as per existing LCU rules."

This rule change should provide sufficient incentive to prevent the farcical situations that occur every year when teams turn out with very few players (or the entire team fail to turn up) on the final day of the season because they are sure that they will not be relegated. The motion has been applied across the season to help minimise this from occurring earlier in the season. There are a myriad of mechanisms for ensuring that teams can postpone or bring matches forward to minimise any hard luck stories. It is very unfair at present that every year teams promotion & relegation are impacted by the failure of other teams to field full (or any teams).

## Dublin Chess Club

### **Motion 1:**

That the incoming committee investigate how the LCU can help in the formation of junior chess clubs, with a view to increasing the membership of the LCU and senior clubs.

## Bray Chess Club

### **Motion 1:**

That fide ratings take precedence in the Armstrong cup

### **reasons:**

In order to comply with international standards for a fide-rated event.

To identify foreign players competing and so have the event rated correctly.

In support of the case made by Michael (Rathmines CC) on the lcu blog (see below)

## Elm Mount Chess Club

### **Motion 1:**

That the rules for the Branagan Cup, Killane Shield and William Brennan Memorial Tournament be amended as follows :

- Each team should comprise of 5 players with eligibility determined in accordance with the current rules;
- Player panels to be abolished;
- Substitutes to be permitted provided they meet the rating and/or league team requirements for eligibility to play on the team in question;

- Entries for the competitions to be sought at the start of the season when league entries are being sought;
- At least two preliminary rounds to be played during the season with the remaining rounds scheduled as soon as practicable after the end of the league season;
- Advance notice of the draw and schedule of matches to be issued not later than 30<sup>th</sup> October annually;

## **Motion 2:**

That the results of the Heidenfeld Trophy (Division 2) be submitted for FIDE rating commencing in the 2010/2011 league season.

## **Phibsboro Chess Club**

1.3. Divisions 1 and 2 shall consist of teams of eight players. Divisions 3 and 4 shall consist of teams of six players. All other divisions shall consist of teams of five players.

So change it to say:

1.3. All divisions shall consist of teams of six players

This year the Branagan Cup, Killane Shield and the William Brennan trophies were changed to teams of six players so now they are consistent with the National Club Championship and the European Club Cup. And presumably changing all teams to six players will filter down through the teams and lead to more players in the lower/lowest divisions.

## **Blanchardstown Junior Chess Club**

The LCU shall create a plan for recording and distributing all rated games played under LCU auspices.

## **LCU Committee**

Combined Changes as per the Draft rule changes.