

## 9. ADJUDICATIONS

- a) The position to be adjudicated should be noted on a diagram or scoresheet by each player separately and annotated with i) "claim" for win or draw, ii) side to move, iii) move number, iv) if either can castle, v) if e.p. is allowed, vi) identity of players and teams, vii) board no, viii) date of match, ix) match no, x) sent by.
- b) Each club separately must forward the position to the Records Secretary to arrive within SEVEN days of the match, otherwise the other side receives their "claim". Should both sides positions not arrive within SEVEN days, BOTH shall lose. *[NOTE: Clubs are reminded to check the requirements of these Rules and to retain a copy of any adjudication claim and position submitted-Rules & Disputes Sub-Committee 2007]*
- c) No position shall be sent for adjudication unless 36 or 42 moves, depending on the rate of play, have been made by each player.
- d) In all cases of positions sent for adjudication no money shall be sent with the positions. A claim will be made at the end of the season by the treasurer for all outstanding monies. Adjudication fee £4
- e) The Records Secretary shall inform each concerned club's secretary of the adjudication results in writing.
- f) Either club may appeal the adjudication decision in writing within SEVEN days of the decision, enclosing a deposit of £10.00 to be returned if the appeal succeeds. If based on the chess position, grounds for appeal should include chess analysis. The Records Secretary must inform the opposing club an appeal has been made. Appeals shall be decided by a county adjudicator whose decision shall be final.

## 10. CHAMPIONS, PROMOTION, RELEGATION and WITHDRAWAL

- a) For each division the title of Champion and the positions of i) runners-up and ii) lowest two teams, shall be decided by the total match points for the season. The winner of Division 1 shall be known as League Champions.
- b) If any team retires during the season from any division, its results shall be ignored in calculating the final positions for that division if less than half of its fixtures have been played. If half or more of its fixtures have been played, its unplayed fixtures shall be scored as won by default by its opponent(s).
- c) In the event of a tie on match points for any of these positions, the team which has defaulted no matches, or the least, shall be declared the higher.
- d) If there is still a tie, the Records Secretary will inform teams that a Play-off match is necessary to break the tie.
- e) The Champions shall be, and the runners-up of each division shall have the right to be, promoted to the next higher division for the following season. The two lowest teams in each division at the end of the season will be relegated to the next lower division for the following season.
- f) Any other promotions or relegations for the purpose of adjusting the numbers in each division, can only be made with the consent of the clubs concerned.
- g) Should any club withdraw a team from the league, that team shall be the one in the lowest division. When taking into account promotion and relegation the team dropped out shall count as one of the relegated teams.

## 11. PLAY-OFF MATCHES

- a) The Record Secretary will arrange the time, date, and venue for the match; and notify teams not less than two weeks in advance
- b) These matches shall be regarded as part of the playing season [..] and only bona fide players for their respective teams will be allowed to play in them. Any player of the club who has been tied to another team during the playing season will NOT be eligible to take part in the play-off.
- c) Clocks shall be started at the time fixed for the commencement of play. The time limits shall be 30 moves in 75 minutes, followed by a 15-minute quick play finish. **If both teams agree before the start of the match, and sufficient digital clocks are available, the time limits shall be all moves in 75 minutes with an increment of ten seconds for each move made**
- d) A match referee, appointed by the Records Secretary, will be present and act as arbiter. His/her decision will be final.