

- d) If a dispute arises either out of a league match, a team competition match or an individual competition match, any party feeling aggrieved (hereinafter called 'The Appellant') may appeal to the sub-committee to resolve the dispute.
- e) The appellant shall within seven days of the dispute arising (which period may be extended in appropriate cases by the sub-committee at the hearing of the dispute) give notice of the full particulars of the dispute to the league secretary and shall send copies of such notice to the following parties:
- i) In the case of a dispute arising out of a league match to the records secretary and the secretary of the opposing club.
  - ii) In the case of a dispute arising out of an individual competition match to the tournament secretary and his opponent.
  - iii) In the case of a dispute arising out of a team competition match, to the tournament secretary and the secretary of the opposing club.
- f) The league secretary shall, as soon as is reasonably convenient after receipt of the appellant's notice, convene a meeting of the sub-committee to hear the dispute and shall give not less than seven days' notice of the meeting to the appellant and the parties to whom the appellant should have sent copies of his notice in accordance with paragraph 7(e) hereof. The failure of the parties to attend the meeting shall not affect the power of the sub-committee to decide the dispute.
- g) Subject to the right of the parties to the dispute to object to the composition of the sub-committee, the composition thereof shall be settled by the league secretary in the following manner :-
- i) The sub-committee shall comprise an odd number of which a quorum shall be three.
  - ii) The members of the sub-committee shall not have an interest in the dispute, without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing an interest shall be deemed to include membership of the club involved or being records secretary if the dispute arises out of a league match or being tournament secretary if the dispute arises out of an individual competition match.
- h) The procedure at the meeting of the sub-committee shall be as follows:
- i) The records secretary, if the dispute arises out of a league match, or the tournament secretary, if the dispute arises out of an individual competition match, shall report on all matters within his knowledge affecting the dispute.
  - ii) The appellant shall present his case.
  - iii) The other party to the dispute shall present his case.
  - iv) The appellant shall have a right of reply.
  - v) The sub-committee shall consider the appeal in private and shall deliver its decision either verbally or in writing at a time to be appointed by it.
- i) The dispute shall be decided in accordance with the rules laid down in the authorised edition of the laws of chess published by the International Chess Federation and the tournament rules of the English Chess Federation, unless otherwise provided for in this constitution and the competition rules.
- j) There shall be no appeal from the decision of the sub-committee on issues of fact, but with the consent of the sub-committee an appeal may be made to the English Chess Federation (and thence to the International Chess Federation) upon a question involving the laws of chess, provided that the appellant to the English Chess Federation shall furnish the English Chess Federation with a statement of the facts prepared by the sub-committee.

#### 8. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

- a) The A.G.M. of the league shall be held during the month of May unless it is not possible to present all the facts, in such case the A.G.M. will be held as soon as these are available.
- b) The league secretary shall give not less than twenty eight days notice thereof to the officers of the league, the members of the sub-committees of the league and the secretaries of the associated clubs.
- c) At the A.G.M. the secretaries of the league and the sub-committees of the league shall present their reports and the treasurer shall present a statement of accounts.
- d) All players registered in accordance with the competition rules shall be entitled to attend the A.G.M. or a special meeting and to speak and vote upon all issues save as hereinafter expressly provided.
- e) No proxy votes shall be allowed at either the A.G.M. or a special meeting.