

5. REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS

- a) The players of each club shall be registered, and no player shall be registered with more than one club. A player may change his registration to another club at any time during the season subject to the provisions of 5(c) hereof. The change shall be effected by registration whereupon the earlier registration shall automatically be cancelled. Any player changing clubs shall inform the Records Secretary and his previous club in writing.
- b) All players registered for a club shall be a bona fide paid up member of such club, unless said player is an honorary member of the club, and also be a Direct Member of the ECF, unless there are exceptional circumstances [*Sec's Note: 'exceptional'-was understood to include e.g. players of very few games; v. late registered players etc.*]
- c) The secretary of each club shall supply to the Records Secretary the names and addresses of players it desires to register on a registration form supplied by the league. The Records Secretary may query the registration of any player, and if not satisfied, shall reject the registration of that player. The registrations shall not be accepted until any amendment has been made. Registrations must be done in writing five clear days (from the date of postmark) before the commencement of league or competition play. All juniors (any person under the age of 18 years on the 1st September in that season) marked with a 'J' in the column provided and show their date of birth. Failure to comply with the latter's request could result in a club's registrations not being accepted. Any extra registration shall be on a form provided or on a sheet of paper suitable for filing. No player shall be registered after 1st March. A copy of the registration form should be sent to the treasurer when sending the club's league fees.
- d) Any club failing to pay their league fees by the 31st October, shall lose all points gained so far. They will continue to do so until the fees are paid. There will be no rearranging of matches under any circumstances, until fees are paid.
- e) When a club has more than one team competing in the league not less than six players in Divisions 1 & 2, five players in Division 3, or four players in Division 4, shall be registered for each team. These players should be registered in decreasing order of playing strength and allocated, as far as is practicable, to teams in order from the highest placed team to the lowest. If a club has more than one team in a division, the teams must be labelled A, B, C... in strength order (A-high), and players registered in accordance with the previous requirement.
- f) i) When registering players at least half of a team's minimum registered players (currently 6 in divisions 1 and 2, 5 in division 3 and 4 in division 4) must be either 'new' or "active" players. A 'new' player is someone who was not registered for the club at the start of the previous season. An 'active' player is someone who was registered for the club in the previous season and played at least five league matches.
 ii) The remaining players shall be registered for the lowest division in which the club is playing.
 iii) When a club has more than one team in its lowest division the required players must be registered for each 'higher' team. The remaining players should all be registered in the 'lowest' team.
- g) No player shall play for a 'lower' team than that in which he is registered. A player who has not played more than 3 times for his registered team may be re-registered for a lower team by writing to the Record Secretary. The player cannot play for his new team until the club has received written confirmation from the Record Secretary of the suitability of the re-registration. No further re-registration of this player is permitted. Re-registered players may not play in a higher division.
- h) A player may play a total of three times for each higher team, including those in the same division, than the one in which he was first registered, but on playing a fourth time in any of the higher teams he shall be deemed to be tied to the team in which he has played on the fourth occasion for the rest of the season. A tied player can still play for a higher team than the one he is now tied to.
- i) Any team which includes a player who is not validly registered, or who is disqualified from playing for that team, shall lose the offending board and all boards below, but player scores will be retained for grading purposes.'