

# Welsh Correspondence Chess Federation, 2022 Annual General Meeting

Saturday 27th November 2022

Online via Zoom 10:00

## Chair's Welcome

## Apologies for Absence

- Josh Robinson

## Approval of the 2021 Minutes

- Matters arising

## Election of Officials

- President
- International Secretary and Delegate to ICCF
- Secretary
- Treasurer

NB: No nominations have been received for elected positions; current holders will be invited to continue.

## Co-option of Executive Committee Members

- Webmaster
- Friendly Match Coordinator
- Player Onboarding Officer
- Other EC members

Nominations: Josh Robinson, Paul Keevil

## Nominations for Honorary/Life Membership

- None received

## Norms and Titles Received 2021-2022

## Financial Matters

- Financial Report
- Updated ICCF fee structure and use of DE for open events, implication for WCCF fees and events

## ICCF Proposals 2022 Implications

- ICCF Withdrawal System

- ICCF Ratings and Titles System

## Member Proposals

### Join World Zone (Austin Lockwood)

Now that Zone One no longer exists and European tournaments are managed directly by ICCF, there is nothing to lose by joining World Zone. Does the AGM believe there are any advantages?

### Propose the removal of references to “Dead Man’s Defence” from the ICCF rules to ICCF (Josh Robinson)

Firstly, that all references to DMD be removed from the ICCF Rules, to be replaced by a brief statement to the effect that the time on a player's clock is theirs to use as they please, and that all matters of etiquette are matters of individual (and, in team events, team) conscience, on which no adjudication will be made by ICCF officers in any official capacity.

Secondly, that if Congress opts not to enact the above proposal, the ICCF Executive convene a discussion (akin to the one that guided the alterations to the ratings scheme) of the desirable features of a mechanism to enforce the DMD rules as they are written, with a view to putting a proposal to the 2024 Congress.

### Propose a new rule allowing players to call for their own games to be adjudicated under certain conditions to ICCF (Paul Keevil)

Players would be allowed to request an adjudication of the game (once only) subject to the following conditions:

1. 39 moves have been completed by both players (so from white 40 move onwards)
2. According to the latest version of Stockfish an assessment of the position reaches a minimum of +10.00, in favour of either black or white, and with a minimum depth of 45 (with tablebase)

Once an adjudication is requested that claim would go, without any accompanying analysis from either player to an ICCF adjudicator (along with timestamps for the players' moves and recorded leave).

The assigned adjudicator would determine if the game was clearly won or lost.

If the adjudicator decides yes that the claim was clearly won then, at that point, he will inform the opposing player of his “likely decision” and give the opposing player a period of 7 days to provide analysis as to why the game was not lost.

If no analysis is provided, within 7 days, the adjudicator could then declare the game as a win for the Claimant.

If analysis is provided, and the adjudicator disagrees with the analysis, the adjudicator could then declare the game as a win – subject to normal appeal rules

If analysis is provided, and the adjudicator agrees with the analysis, the adjudicator would ask the players to “play on” and apply a “Time Penalty” to the Claimant.

All players will be limited to making no more than 1 request for an adjudication in any game

Only adjudicators who volunteer will be assigned to do them. These volunteers would also receive the training considered necessary to make them experts and consistent in making these judgments.

## Tournaments

### Domestic

- Welsh Championship
- Trios
- Welsh Team Club Championship (any further discussion?)
- WCCF Special (Christmas/new year event)

### International Tournaments run by WCCF

- First Welsh Open
- Second Welsh Open
- States and Regions (S&RCCC)
- British Webserver Team Tournament (BWSTT)
- North Atlantic Team Tournament (8)
- Invitational Series

### Currently Suspended Events

- Member Organisations Team Tournament
- Tri Nations

Discussion on the future of these events.

## International Matters

### British Events

- British Committee
  - British Correspondence Chess Championship
  - Counties and Districts CC Championship
- WCCF Approval of other Regional Events
  - Natcor
  - BCCA

### International Team Events and Selection

- European Team Championship 12 Semi Finals
- European Team Championship 11 Final
- Olympiad
- U2300 Team Tournaments
- Euro Team Cup
- World Team Cup
- Friendly matches
- Champions League

### International Individual Events

- National nomination for WCCC cycle

### ICCF Congress 2022, Amsterdam

- Welsh representation and participation
- Proposals for Congress and consultation process

## Development

- Recruitment/player demographics
- Player development and progress towards international titles
- Progress and qualification in international team events
- Tournament director/tournament organiser development

## Marketing

- Website
- Discussion Forum