

# Proposal 1

## Time limits for juniors

Proposer: LMC

### Explanation

One of the barriers to juniors playing in the league at present is that we expect them to play the normal time limits unless it is agreed beforehand to use shorter time limits. This means that we expect our juniors to be playing chess up to 10:30 and then to go to school the next day. The LMC believe that we should try to encourage juniors to be part of our league and are proposing that juniors should have an automatic right to play the shorter time limits. The LMC recognize that older juniors do not need the shorter time limits and are proposing that the rule should only apply to those juniors aged 14 and below on Sep 1<sup>st</sup> (for most children that is those in year 10 and below). Also, the LMC recognize that some players do not like the shorter time limits and that it is reasonable that teams are given notice that a junior will be using the reduced limit.

One thing to note is that this will apply throughout the league and not just the lower divisions. Just because a 13 year old is particularly good at chess doesn't mean that we should still be expecting them to play until 10:30 when they have to go to school the next morning.

The view of the LMC is that whilst this will not make a huge difference in the number of juniors playing it may go some way to demonstrating that Bristol welcomes juniors playing in its chess league.

### Proposal

Change rules 3.3c and 3.3d

c. Where suitable digital clocks are available and the playing venue allows sufficient time, the standard rate of play shall be 80 minutes on the clock for each player, with additional time of 10 seconds after each move. An alternative of 55 minutes with additional time of 10 seconds per move may be used by agreement between the players for any game in which a junior is playing.

d. In other circumstances, or where captains agree, an alternative time of 90 minutes for all the moves may be used. The time for juniors, by agreement between players, may be set at 65 minutes. In these cases, Rule 4 shall apply.

And replace with :-

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e. Any junior who is aged 14 or under on 1st Sep of the current chess season may use the alternative time rates stated in sections 3.3.c and 3.3.d. In order to use these reduced time rates the club should give the opposing club 72 hours notice of intent.

## **Proposal 2**

### **Minor KO – Grades for Eligibility Purposes**

Proposer: LMC

#### **Explanation**

Whilst it is clear that July grades are used for eligibility purposes in the league it is not clear that they should also be used for the Minor KO. Also where an ungraded player obtains a January grade then this grade should subsequently be used.

#### **Proposal**

Change Rule 7.3 from :-

- a. No team may be fielded in any match whose mean (average) ECF grade shall exceed 135.
- b. Where a player has no current ECF grade they shall use firstly their last published standard grade. Failing that they shall use their last published quickplay grade. Failing that they shall use a grade of 135.
- c. No player may play in the competition if he is registered for a team playing in division 1 of the Team Championships.

To :-

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- b. Where a player has no current ECF grade they shall use firstly their last published standard grade. Failing that they shall use their last published quickplay grade. Failing that they shall use a grade of 135.
- c. The July ECF grading shall be used throughout the season for eligibility purposes. A player who has no July ECF grade but then subsequently obtains a January ECF grade shall use that grade for the remainder of that seasons competition.

e. d. No player may play in the competition if ~~he is~~ they are registered for a team playing in division 1 of the Team Championships.