

Constitution of Meltham and Denby Dale Chess Club

Name

The name of the club shall be Meltham and Denby Dale Chess Club

Area of Benefit

The Club has dual venues Meltham (Mondays) and Denby Dale (Thursdays), but welcomes members from all local areas and the wider surrounding area

Aims

The aims of the Club are:

- To provide a welcoming, calm and friendly space for people of Meltham, Denby Dale and the wider area to play chess
- To provide opportunities for members to participate in organised chess games and tournaments, both within the Club and in liaison with local chess clubs
- To provide opportunities for members to improve their chess skills, through coaching, game analysis, and a focus on tactics, opening repertoire, strategy and endgame technique
- To offer a designated junior/improvers section within the Club, open to members from the age of six upwards

Powers

In order to achieve its aims, the Club may:

- Raise money
- Open bank accounts
- Take out insurance
- Organise courses and events
- Work alongside similar local chess clubs and exchange information and advice with them

Membership

Membership of the Club shall be open to any individual, without regard to disability, political or religious affiliation, race, sex or sexual orientation who is:

- A resident of Meltham and Denby Dale
- A resident of a wider Kirklees area
- Willing to abide by the code of conduct of the Club

Membership of the Club may be terminated by a meeting of the committee, if it can be shown that the member has been acting against the best interests of the Club. The member concerned shall have the right to appeal to the Chair, accompanied by another person, before a final decision is made.

Management

The Club shall be administered by a committee (Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, Treasurer) elected at the Club's annual general meeting, to serve until the following AGM

Key strategic and operational decisions will be made by consensus, or a majority vote, at member meetings

Finance

- All monies received by, or on behalf of, the Club shall be applied to further the aims of the Club and for no other purpose
- Any bank account opened for the Club shall be in the name of the Club
- There will be at least three authorised signatures of the Club; of these, two must authorise payments, financial decisions or other legal documents and one of these must be either the Chair or treasurer. The signatories must not be related or live in the same household
- The Club shall ensure that its accounts are audited or independently examined every year

Annual General Meeting

- The Club shall hold an Annual General Meeting (AGM)
- All members shall be given at least twenty-one days' notice of the AGM, and shall be entitled to attend and vote
- The business of the AGM shall include:
 - Receiving a report from the Chairperson on the Club's activities over the year
 - Receiving a report from the treasurer on the finances of the Club
 - Appointing an independent examiner of accounts
 - Electing officers for a period of one year
 - Considering any other matters as may be decided
- At least eight, or one third, of the membership (whichever is greater) must be present for the Annual General Meeting and any other general meetings

Extraordinary General Meeting

The Chair may call an Extraordinary General Meeting to discuss an urgent matter at any time, provided that reason is given and that members are given at least twenty-one days' notice of the business to be discussed.

The Secretary will also call an Extraordinary General Meeting within twenty-one days of receiving a request to do so, signed by not less than 10% of the membership and giving reasons for the request.

Alterations to the Constitution

Any changes to this Constitution must be agreed by at least two-thirds of those members present and voting at any General Meeting.

Dissolution

The Club may be wound up at any time if agreed by two-thirds of those members present and voting at any General Meeting. In the event of winding up, any assets remaining after all debts have been paid shall be given to one or more not-for-profit organisations working in Kirklees with similar aims to the Club. This will be decided by a majority of those members present at the General Meeting.

Adoption of the Constitution

Until the first Annual General Meeting takes place the persons whose names, addresses and signatures appear at the bottom of this document shall act as the Management Committee referred to in this Constitution

The Constitution was adopted on _____ by:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Signature: _____