



Meltham and Denby Dale Chess Club - Membership Policy v1.0

Background.

This policy is aligned with the club constitution in that Meltham and Denby Dale Chess club (MaDD) believes chess is for all and extends a warm welcome to everyone. We are a community-based club which can be used for social or competitive purposes. However, as our club has now grown to around 100 members, some clear and transparent policies are necessary. Contained below are the policies that MaDD believe will maintain the club as a friendly and welcoming institution.

- 1) Membership can be obtained by applying to the membership committee and paying the relevant fees (usually required around September). Note that MaDD have a flat membership fee with no special discounts available.
- 2) Membership can be obtained at any point within the Calendar year.
- 3) Membership can be denied if the applicant is known to have a character which has led to disruptive behaviour within other clubs or within the community. The applicant has the right to appeal against this decision by writing to the membership committee. An investigation committee will be put together and a final decision will be made within 4 weeks.
- 4) Membership can be revoked if the member has broken any one or more of the clubs code of conduct (Please refer the CoC document). Again this can be appealed against as in point 3.
- 5) Being a member of the chess club automatically entitles the member to :-
 - a. Attend any of the club nights.
 - b. Access learning materials used on club nights or released on the clubs whatsapp.
 - c. Attend any of the clubs social events such as BBQs; quiz night etc.
 - d. Apply to take part in any of the clubs competitive leagues. Due to number restrictions the club captains have the final decision on the team. However, they do their very best to give everyone who is willing sufficient game time.
 - e. Apply to take part in any of our flagship competitions. MaDD run a number of in-house competitions such as the Olympiad, Rapid play or blitz tournaments. In rare circumstances it may be necessary to refuse entry due to number balancing purposes. This decision will be made by the events committee.
 - f. Apply to take part in advanced coaching session. MaDD have recently launched an ambitious coaching plan designed to keep the club competitive at the national level. Entry into these session may be restricted by venue size; the requirements of the coach; or for alternative reasons set out by the events committee. Additionally, a token fee may be required in addition to the membership fee.