
NORTHERN COUNTIES CHESS UNION FOUNDED 1899

**NCCU Annual General Meeting 2025
to be held at the West Riding, 38 Wellington Street, Leeds
on 21st June 2025 starting at 1.00 p.m.**

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the NCCU Council Meeting held on 12th January 2025
3. Matters arising and not covered elsewhere in the agenda.
4. Reports from such Officers as wish to give one

President	Tim Wall
General Secretary	Steve Mann
Treasurer	Steve Mann
County Championship Organiser	Bryan Bainbridge
Club Championship Organiser	Tim Wall
Rating Officer	Mick Norris
Trophy Officer	Dave Kilmartin
Webmaster	Steve Mann
ECF Delegate	Tim Wall
any other reports	

5. Presentation of Trophies (if appropriate)
6. Proposed Changes to Constitution all made by Steve Mann,
italics indicating supporting explanation
 - a) In Article 4, add “Financial Controller” after “Secretary” (with consequent re-letting).
[New post as per Special Council Meeting.]
 - b) In Article 4, add “League Management System Assistant” after “NCCU Counties Championship Controller” (with consequent re-letting).
[This is the post currently held by Mick Norris.]
 - c) In Article 4, remove “Correspondence Chess Organiser” (with consequent re-letting).
[The existing provision “k) Any other officers as are from time to time agreed by the NCCU Council” means removal of an office from the list does not preclude such an officer being appointed as and when thought appropriate.]
 - d) In Article 4, remove “Grading Officer” (with consequent re-letting).
 - e) In Article 4, replace “ECF Delegates (2)” with “ECF Delegate”
[Reason: The “(2)” conflicts with the way the ECF operates, rendering it meaningless and ambiguous. Specifying a reserve, if wished, is possible under present clause k].
 - f) In Article 6, add after the existing wording the sentence, “In these cases where a person is nominated for the Presidency by a CCA, no other person may be proposed as the new President unless Council votes to reject that nominee.”
[Reason: It provides protection against Council seemingly being obliged to accept a wholly unsuitable candidate.]

g) In Article 7, replace “Each representative present” with “Each Council member present”

[Reason: The present wording can preclude some Officers from voting, as an Officer is not necessarily a CCA representative.]

h) In Article 7, replace “Ten persons present represents a quorum” with “Eight persons present and eligible to vote represents a quorum”.

i) In Article 12, replace “must be registered with the ECF for Game Fee and/or any ECF Membership arrangement” with “shall have its game results submitted for ECF rating and each CCA in inter-county events and team in inter-club events must refund to the NCCU any resultant game fees incurred”

[Reason: Rating is not currently mentioned, an organisation does not “register” for Game Fee, and NCCU reclaiming game fee from counties/clubs is not currently addressed.]

7. Proposed Change to NCCU Rules for Counties Championships made by Steve Mann to facilitate present practice:

Replace existing article 13 with

“13. Amendments to NCCU Rules for Counties Championships

No alteration can be made to these rules except at either

a) an AGM, and then only provided that notice of the specific proposed alterations has been given to the secretary at least 21 days before the AGM, alterations requiring, to be passed, only a simple majority of votes cast by those both present and eligible to vote;

b) a rules sub-committee meeting authorised by an AGM and conducted as follows before the start of the season following that AGM.

A rules sub-committee meeting is convened by either the President or NCCU Counties Championship Controller, either of whom may chair the meeting.

a) At least 7 days’ notice of the meeting must be given.

b) Participation is open to all eligible to attend an AGM and any others admitted by the chair.

c) The sub-committee may consider any proposed alterations circulated before the meeting and also, subject to the chair’s sole discretion, ones raised at the meeting.

d) Alterations requiring only a simple majority of votes cast to be passed by those present and eligible to attend.”

8. Election of Officers

Office	Present Incumbent
President	Tim Wall
General Secretary	Steve Mann
Treasurer	Steve Mann
Financial Controller *	
County Championship Organiser	Bryan Bainbridge
Club Championship Organiser	Tim Wall
LMS Assistant *	Mick Norris
Trophy Officer	Dave Kilmartin
Webmaster	Steve Mann
ECF Delegate(s)	Tim Wall
Any New Vice-Presidents	
2 Vice-Presidents on Council	Dave Cole, Bill O’Rourke
Auditor	Neil Foxcroft

* according to outcome of 6b above

9. Appointment of Organisers (if events are to go ahead) of
 - a) U18 Pennine Cup 2025-26 (as presently run)
 - b) Club Championships 2025-26 (if event resurrected in some form)
10. Setting of Fees (CCA membership currently £75)
11. Congress to host NCCU 2026 Individual Champs. and British Champ. nomination
12. Invitation to bring nomination, to 2025 December meeting, of a school for
 - a) 2026 NCCU Award: Nomination (or not) required from Durham
 - b) 2026 BCET Award: Nomination (or not) required - Cleveland(If a county declines, then the option passes by alphabetic rota to next county.)
13. Forewarning of Nomination for NCCU Presidency 2026-2028
Cheshire & NW (next on the alphabetic rota, Yorkshire having nominated Tim Wall, now entering 2nd year of 2-year stint, when their turn came) will need to be thinking about a nominee to assume office at the 2026 AGM. This requires a nomination at the 2025 NCCU December meeting, so allowing time if Cheshire declines, when the option passes by alphabetic rota to Cleveland, Cumbria, Durham and so on.
14. Date and place of December Meeting
15. Any other business (at the sole discretion of the Chairman of the Meeting)