

Part 4: The Individual Championship

21. The rules in Part 2 shall apply to the Individual Championship unless they are inconsistent with the rules in Part 4 and, in which event, the latter shall prevail.
22. The annual championship for Members shall be divided into the following sections:
 - 22.1 The Open, without a grading restriction on players;
 - 22.2 The Major, for players graded under 150 ECF; and
 - 22.3 The Minor, for players graded under 120 ECF.
- 23.1 Subject to clause 25, the winner of each section shall be determined after a seven round Swiss system of play.
- 23.2 In the event of a tie at the conclusion of the competition, the Championship shall be shared.
24. Entry forms from Members to the Individual Organiser shall:
 - 24.1 identify their name, current grade and section being entered;
 - 24.2 be accompanied by the prescribed entry fee; and
 - 24.3 be submitted by 24 September in each year.
- 25.1 Within 7 days of the closing date for entries, the Individual Organiser shall consider whether the number of entrants in any one or more sections is appropriate for a fair competition under clause 22.
- 25.2 If the Individual Organiser considers that a fairer competition would result from:
 - 25.2.1 a section or sections being combined;
 - 25.2.2 the grading limit of a section being revised;
 - 25.2.3 the seven round Swiss system being reduced; or
 - 25.2.4 an all-play-all system being adoptedTHEN he shall be at liberty, in his absolute discretion, to adopt one or more of such options for the competition.
- 25.3 Prior to the commencement date in clause 26.1, the Individual Controller shall notify the Webmaster of the format of the Championship for publication on the Website.
- 25.4 Any entrant may withdraw from the Championship before playing a game and shall have his entry fee refunded.

- 26.1 The Individual Organiser shall make the draw for the first round of the Championship on the 1st October in each year and on the first day of each subsequent calendar month required to conclude the competition.
- 26.2 The Individual Organiser shall notify the Webmaster of each draw for publication on the Website and may, in his absolute discretion, notify players individually in writing of any draw.
- 26.3 A game shall be played in the calendar month after its draw.
- 26.4 Any player defaulting two games in succession or three games in total shall be eliminated from the Championship.
- 26.5 Both players are responsible for notifying the Individual Organiser of the result of any game played by them and if he, before the end of the calendar month in which the game was played, has received no result, then it shall be void for the competition.
- 27.1 Provided a game can be played to the time limit per player of one hour and thirty minutes for 36 moves with a further fifteen minutes' Quickplay to finish, it shall be played at the Club venue of the player drawn with the black pieces BUT if not, then it shall be played at the Club venue of the player of the white pieces.
- 27.2 If the Club venue of neither player allows the time limit to be applied to the game THEN both players shall inform the Individual Organiser and he shall prescribe a suitable venue.
- 27.3 Nothing in clauses 27.1 or 27.2 shall prevent the players agreeing a venue for their game.
- 28.1 Within 7 days of publication of the draw on the Website, the player of the black pieces shall contact his opponent to agree a date for their game.
- 28.2 If the players cannot agree a date, or contact with the opponent has failed within 14 days of such publication, then the Individual Organiser shall be informed and he shall set a date for the game.
- 28.3 If no date is set for a game in accordance with clause 28.2, or if neither player has defaulted the game to the other, then it shall be void in the competition.
- 29.1 If a player in the Championship disputes a decision of the Individual Organiser, excepting one made in his absolute discretion as prescribed by these rules, THEN written notice of appeal setting out the grounds of objection shall be given by him to the Chairman and the Individual

Organiser within 2 days of receipt of the Individual Organiser's decision and reasons.

29.2 The Individual Organiser shall forthwith notify the Chairman in writing of his decision and reasons being appealed by that player.

29.3 The Chairman shall within 7 days of receipt thereof:

29.3.1 consider the Individual Organiser's decision and reasons;

29.3.2 consider the player's grounds of appeal;

29.3.3 make any further enquiry into the facts, as he may consider necessary;

29.3.4 apply the Rules; and

29.3.5 deliver his decision with reasons in writing to the Individual Organiser and the player.

29.4 The Chairman's decision shall be final and pending its delivery any draw required pursuant to clause 26.1 for any affected section of the Championship shall be stayed.

29.5 If the Chairman is unable to determine an appeal within the time stipulated in this clause, then:

29.5.1 the President, if he is able and willing; or

29.5.2 any other Officer, if he is not
shall act in his place.