

INSURANCE CHESS CLUB

Rules of the Frost-Wilmot Competition

1 The objects of the Frost-Wilmot Competition (hereinafter called "the Competition") shall be to encourage and foster membership of the Insurance Chess Club by providing a framework for the playing of speed chess (lightning, blitz or rapidplay) in a team competition.

2 These Rules shall govern the conduct of the Competition, but shall be subordinate to the Rules of the Club and in the event of any conflict the latter shall apply.

3 Teams shall be of four boards or such other number of boards as may from time to time be determined by the Executive Committee. A maximum of two travelling reserves is permitted, and such reserves may play for the team concerned in part or all of the Competition in place of the nominated team members, provided that the appropriate board order is always observed.

4 Four categories of team are entitled to enter the Competition:

i) "insurance office teams", representing insurance offices participating, or eligible to participate, in the Inter-Office Competitions, including combined teams approved for the purposes of those Competitions, and

ii) "other insurance teams", consisting entirely of Club members, subject to the approval of the Executive Committee and to Rule 7 below, and

iii) "other office teams", consisting of any office teams participating, or eligible to participate, in any team competition organized by the Club, who are, with the approval of the Executive Committee, invited to enter the Competition, and

iv) "other teams", consisting of any teams participating in the league competition of any other chess organisation, who are, with the approval of the Executive Committee, invited to enter the Competition.

5 The Competition shall be under the control of the Executive Committee, which shall be empowered to accept or reject any entry. All entries to the Competition shall be notified, to the Secretary or such other person as may be nominated by the Executive Committee, a minimum of seven days before the date advertised for the Competition.

6 All teams shall submit the names of their intended team members (including travelling reserves) in board order to the Secretary (or other nominated person) by the time of the deadline for entry or by such later time as the nominated person may specify.

7 (a) Insurance office teams shall comprise players eligible to represent that office in the Inter-Office Competitions, including registered guest players, but in place of a guest player a team may include one player not so eligible.

(b) Other insurance teams shall comprise players belonging to an identifiable affinity group as accepted by the Executive Committee, but a team may include one player not so belonging.

8 Unless the Executive Committee decides otherwise, the Competition shall be in the form of an annual blitz or rapidplay event, staged on a single weekday evening.

9 Except as otherwise decided by the Executive Committee or its delegated Competition organiser (see Rule 11 below), when in blitz form the FIDE Laws of Chess applicable to blitz games shall have effect with a time limit of ten minutes per player per round.

10 The entry fee for the Competition shall be £4 per team, or such other amount as may from time to time be determined by the Executive Committee. Entry fees shall be paid to the organiser not later than 15 minutes before the time advertised for the start of play.

- 11 The Executive Committee shall delegate the conduct of the Competition on the evening concerned (or other designated time) to a particular individual ("the organiser"). Subject to these Rules, the organiser shall have discretion to arrange the Competition for that year in a manner he considers most appropriate to the number of entries and other circumstances.
- 12 Not later than 15 minutes before the time advertised for the start of play, a representative of each team shall submit to the organiser details of any change in team composition, or in board order, from the information submitted in accordance with Rule 6 above.
- 13 Except as expressly provided in the FIDE Laws of Chess, disputes shall be determined in the first instance by the organiser, subject to a right of appeal to the Executive Committee.
- 14 The outcome of the Competition shall be decided in the first instance by the total of game points accumulated by each team. In the event of two or more teams tying on game points, match points shall decide. If two or more teams still remain tied for first place, they shall be declared joint winners.
- 15 The winning team shall be entitled to receive the Frost-Wilmot Trophy at the Annual General Meeting following, and to hold it until required, for engraving or otherwise, prior to the next year's Annual General Meeting; joint winners of the Trophy shall each be entitled to hold it for a proportionate part of a year. However, the Trophy shall at all times remain the property of the Club.
- 16 Amendments to these Rules may be made by the Executive Committee.

Committee 5th October 1995

Executive, by authority of the Committee, 6th October 1997

Committee 2nd June 1999

Executive, by authority of the Committee, 2nd July 2000

Executive, by authority of the Committee, 26th April 2008

Executive, by authority of the Committee, 24th May 2009