



NSWCA Chess Association Inc. Annual General Meeting

Sunday 26th November 2023 at 4.30pm

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of the New South Wales Chess Association Inc will be held on Sunday 26th November 2023 at 4.30pm at Ryde-Eastwood Leagues Club, 117 Ryedale Road, West Ryde.

Agenda

1. Welcome and apologies.
2. Confirmation of the minutes of AGM held 27th November 2022.
3. Presidents' report.
4. Treasurers' report and consideration of the statement of income and expenditure.
5. Other office bearer reports.
6. Notices of motion.
7. Determination of annual membership and club affiliation fees for 2024.
8. Election of office bearers for the forthcoming year:

President *	Vice President *
Treasurer *	Secretary *
Ratings Officer	Registrar
Webmaster	Tournament Officer
Communications Officer	Club Liaison Officer
Country Representative	Member without Portfolio
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* Executive Positions

9. Appointment of Auditor
10. Appointment of Appeals Committee
11. Other Business

Item 6 of the NSWCA AGM 26 November 2023 – Notices of motion.

Notices of Motions (1a, 1b and 1c) moved by the NSWCA Council

Motion 1a. Changes to Clause 5(III) of the NSWCA Constitution

That the first sentence of Clause 5(iii) be replaced by the following sentence “Every notice convening a General Meeting shall be in writing or by electronic means and shall specify the place, the day, and the hour of the meeting, and information concerning the business to be dealt with.”

Motion 1b. Changes to Clause 5(VI) of the NSWCA Constitution

That Clause 5(vi) be deleted and replaced with “**Voting:** Upon any question arising at a General meeting of the Association a member has one vote only unless determined in the By-laws as having no vote. All votes shall be given personally or by proxy. The right to vote at a General Meeting is limited to members of at least one month standing prior to the date of the meeting.”

Motion 1c. Addition of Clause 5(VIII) of the NSWCA Constitution

That Clause 5(viii) be added as follows:

VIII Election of the Council: Members of the Association may nominate themselves for election or they may be nominated by another member with that person’s consent. Nominations must be in the possession of the Secretary not less than 5 days prior to the date of such meeting.

Where there is only one nomination for an office, that person nominated shall be elected. Where there is more than one nomination for an office, voting shall be by ballot.

In the case where no nominations are received for a particular office the Annual General Meeting shall elect an officer from the floor with that person’s consent, or if there are no such nominations from the floor, the Executive shall have the power to elect any member to that office with that person’s consent.

Notices of Motions (2a, 2b and 2c) moved by Brendan Anderson, Winston Zhao Chen, Celina Wu, Aidan Odenthal, Sterling Bayaca, Cameron McGowan and Max Illingworth

Motion 2a. Addition of Clause 3(VIII) of the NSWCA Constitution – Junior membership

Add to Section 3 Membership:

VIII. **Junior Members:** Any person under 18 may become a member of the Association and receive the full rights of membership with the exception that they may not run for a Council position at a General Meeting. Any person under 18 who is a member of the NSW Junior Chess League shall be treated as a member of the Association for all purposes without the right to vote or run for a Council position at a General Meeting.

Motion 2b. Addition of Clauses 11(V) and 11(VI) of the NSWCA Constitution – Anti-Discrimination Clause

Add to Section 11 General:

V. The Association shall comply with anti-discrimination legislation in all of its activities and procedures.

VI. The Association is prohibited from organising, funding, or providing support to events that prohibit, hinder or place barriers against the entry of players below a certain age, with the exception of the NSW Senior Championships and other senior only events. This shall include but is not limited to:

- a. An event which prohibits the entry of minors, and/or held in a venue which completely prohibits the entry of minors,
- b. An event having a rating requirement for entry for people below a certain age whilst players above that age are not subject to the same restrictions.

Motion 2c. Changes to Clauses 5(IV) of the NSWCA Constitution – Increase to Quorum

Replace Section 5, Clause IV:

IV. **Quorum:** At an Annual General Meeting or an Extraordinary General Meeting, 15 members or five (5) per cent of the membership shall form a quorum, whichever is the less.