

# New England Chess Club

## Ladder Competition Rules

### Rules

- 1 Common sense and sportsman-like courtesy shall be applied in every situation.
- 2 The competition is open to all New England Chess Club members who will initially be arranged in a random order. Late entrants will be allowed but will be placed at the bottom of the ladder.
- 3 Games will take place under the same tournament conditions and time control as the Club championship. All games will be graded and count towards the Club Grand Prix aggregate score.
- 4 The closing date for the competition shall be the club evening preceding 1st May or the club Annual General Meeting if sooner.
- 5 The ladder will be re-issued periodically at approximately monthly intervals and shall remain valid until further updated.
- 6 Any player may issue a challenge to another who is higher up the ladder. Players are not required to accept the challenge if
  - they defeated the same player in the previous period
  - they already have an unfulfilled challenge.
- 7 The game shall be played on the next nominated evening for the competition (possibly immediately) or as mutually agreed.
- 8 The winner (or White, in the event of a drawn game) shall contact the tournament organiser as soon as possible and certainly within 1 week stating
  - the opponent's name and colour
  - the date of the game
  - the result.
- 9 If the higher-ranked player wins, the rankings remain unchanged.

Winning the game shall lead to the challenger being inserted in the ladder at the position of the higher-ranked player and the loser being relegated two places. Examples :

<b>Initial Ranking</b>	<b>E beats A</b>	<b>D beats A</b>	<b>C beats A</b>	<b>B beats A</b>
A	E	D	C	B
B	B	B	B	C
C	A	A	A	A
D	C	C	D	D
E	D	E	E	E

In the event of a draw, the higher ranked player drops one position and the challenger advances one position. Examples :

<b>Initial Ranking</b>	<b>E draws with A</b>	<b>D draws with A</b>	<b>C draws with A</b>	<b>B draws with A</b>
A	B	B	B	B
B	A	A	C	A
C	C	D	A	C
D	E	C	D	D
E	D	E	E	E

Other players around the two contestants are shuffled up or down as appropriate.

- 10 A player who does not play for three consecutive periods shall drop one place in the ladder for the third and each subsequent inactive period.
- 11 Anyone not completing a minimum of five games by the closing date shall be demoted one position in the final ranking.
- 12 The winner shall be the player who heads the ladder on the closing date.