

## **CAA Constitution (original version)**

1 The organisation shall be called the "Chess Arbiters Association" (CAA)

2 The objectives of the organisation shall be:-

- a. to encourage a high standard of arbiting in all chess events.
- b. to maintain a register of recognised and qualified Arbiters.
- c. to review and standardise the rules for various types of competition.
- d. to provide members with an information service concerning changes to the Laws of Chess and to competition rules, and their interpretation.
- e. to provide a forum for discussion on matters concerning Arbiters.
- f. to recruit and train prospective Arbiters and recommend suitable candidates for appointment as National and/or International Arbiters.
- g. to co-operate with players' organisations on matters of common interest. There shall be two classes of membership. Full Member — a person recognised as a qualified Arbiter by any National Association within the British Isles which is affiliated to FIDE. Associate Member - any person or organisation having an interest in arbiting issues and whose application has been approved by the Executive Committee.

The Financial Year of the Association shall be a period of twelve months, starting on 1st May each year.

### **General Meetings**

There shall be an Annual General Meeting not more than five months after the end of the Financial Year. Full and Associate Members shall be entitled to attend and speak, but only Full Members shall be entitled to vote.

The Annual General Meeting shall:-

- I. elect the Officers of the Association.
- II. elect members to the Executive Committee.
- III. receive the audited accounts.
- IV. determine membership Fees.
- V. appoint an Auditor, who shall not be a member of the Executive Committee.

Extraordinary General Meetings may be called by the Executive Committee or must be called after a request in writing to the Chairman signed by Five Full Members. Such meetings must be arranged within one month.

### **Executive Committee**

The affairs of the Association shall be managed by an Executive Committee composed of:—

- a. three Officers : Chairman, Secretary/Treasurer, Information Officer
- b. three committee members.

### **Standing Orders**

Membership fees shall be due by the end of September each year. Members in default of payment of their fees shall cease to be Members.

Notification of a General Meeting shall be sent to each member at least 28 days before the date of the meeting. The notification shall include any proposals for which due notice has been given. The Secretary/Treasurer shall present an audited statement of accounts to the Annual General Meeting.

The quorum shall be ten Full Members at a General Meeting and three members at a meeting of the Executive Committee. At General Meetings and Executive Committee meetings the Chairman shall have only a casting vote. Proposed changes to the Constitution must be received by the Secretary at least 42 days before the meeting. Amendments or additions to the Constitution shall only be made at a General Meeting, and shall require the support of at least two thirds of those present and entitled to vote.