

Kapiti Chess Club – Tournament House Rules

1. Laws of Chess

- All games are played under the **FIDE Laws of Chess**, as adopted by the **New Zealand Chess Federation (NZCF)**, unless otherwise stated in these rules.

2. Registration

- All paid up members will automatically be registered for each Club event. However, please notify the Tournament Director if you plan to be absent for a period of time.

3. Time Control

- Games are played at the advertised time control (e.g., **90+30, 55+5, 25+5, 10+5**).

4. Start Times & Defaults

- The start time for all events, unless specifically advised otherwise, is **8:00 pm**.
- **Default time:** If a player running late does **not** notify the Tournament Director prior to the start of play, the default is **30 minutes** for standard events.
- Pairings **will not** be changed for late arrivals.

5. Byes & Absences

- Half-point byes are awarded **only if absences are notified in advance**.
- Each participant is entitled to **one night of absentee byes** per event.
- For events with multiple rounds in an evening, byes apply only for the first two rounds.
- **No absentee byes** are permitted in the **last round** of any event. PAB's (Point/Pairing Allocated Bye) still apply in the last round for events with an odd number of participants.
- Absentee byes are **not available** for Blitz Cup nights.

6. Grand Prix (GP) Points

- GP points are awarded for **rated events** and the Blitz Cup:
Kingston, Freebird, Leo Eichholtz, Winter Cup, Spring Rapid, Club Championships, Blitz Cup.
- Note: Blitz events are **not NZCF-rated**, but GP points still apply for the Blitz Cup.
- Casual events **do not** count toward GP points.

7. Ratings

- Games are submitted for NZCF rating where the event is designated as rated.
- Blitz events are **not NZCF-rated**, but GP points still apply for the Blitz Cup.

8. Results & Standings

- **Win = 1 point, Draw = ½ point, Loss = 0 points.**
- Tournament standings are determined by points **only**; no tie-breaks are applied.

9. Behaviour & Fair Play

- Players must behave respectfully and demonstrate good sportsmanship.
- Mobile phones and electronic devices must be switched off or kept away from the playing area.

10. Organiser / Tournament Director

- The Tournament Directors are **Stanley Fitton & Gordon Lyall**, unless otherwise advised.
- The Tournament Director's decisions are **final**.
- Any situation not covered above is resolved using the **FIDE Laws of Chess**.