



Notice of meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Hull and East Riding Chess Association will be held on Tuesday 24th June, 2025, at 6.30pm.

Kennilworth Suite, Goodfellowship Inn, Cottingham Road, Hull; HU5 4AT

The AGM will be followed, at 8.00pm, by the presentation of trophies for the 2024-25 season.

Light refreshments will be available from 7.30pm

Agenda

1. **President's opening remarks**
2. **Apologies for absence**
3. **Minutes of the last meeting, for approval - attached**
4. **Matters arising**
5. **Governance matters**

The Executive Committee has undertaken a revision of the HERCA constitution, its bye-laws and playing rules; the proposed revisions were circulated to all affiliated clubs for comment, and no responses were received. *Please refer to the attached "Summary of proposed changes to governance documents". For a full version of the proposed changes, please visit [HERCA Documents](#)*

The AGM is asked to approve all changes.

6. **Changes to playing rules**

The Rules sub-committee recommends the adoption of a small number of rule changes. *Please refer to the attached document "Summary of rule changes". For a full record of the deliberations of the Rules sub-committee, please visit [HERCA Documents](#).*

The AGM is asked to approve all rule changes recommended by the Rules Sub-committee.

7. **Revision of the Reserves Strategy**

The Executive Committee recommends the adoption of a revised strategy, to accommodate the potential need to draw funds, temporarily, from the HERCA expendable endowment capital fund, if needed to meet operational and strategic costs over a defined period. *Please refer to the attached document "Reserves Strategy 2024 for AGM".*

8. **Annual Report** – This will be circulated prior to the meeting

- (a) Chess in the Community
- (b) Junior Academy

- (c) Competitions
- (d) Investment performance
- (e) Financial performance
- (f) Chess Strategy performance

The AGM is asked to approve the Annual Report

9. How to support the formation of more chess groups and clubs, especially in the East Riding.

This item addresses a major part of the Association’s purpose, and it is intended to have an open discussion and sharing of ideas from everyone with an interest in promoting the game throughout our area.

10. Proposal for Subscriptions for 2025/26

The Executive Committee propose that the subscription rates for clubs and individuals remain unchanged for 2025-26.

Six-board winter league, if paid before 31 st October 2025	£18 per team
Six-board winter league, if paid after 31 st October 2025	£24 per team
Four-board winter league, if paid before 31 st October 2025	£15 per team
Four-board winter league, if paid after 31 st October 2025	£20 per team
Four-board summer league	£9 per team
Cup competitions	Nil
Individual membership	£5

11. Election of Officers and Trustees

- (a) Tom Tallentire stepped down as trustee and Treasurer during the last year, and Douglas Vleeshouwer volunteered to take over the latter role. He is nominated by the Executive Committee to continue as Treasurer.
- (b) David Atkin took over some of Douglas’s responsibilities as Lead for Competitions, including the management of the League Management System (LMS) for HERCA. He is nominated by the Executive Committee to take over fully as Lead for Competitions.
- (c) Dan Malbon expressed an interest in helping with HERCA work during the year, and after some discussion with existing trustees accepted the offer of an appointment. He is interested and skilled in IT matters, and website management in particular, and has already done valuable work with the HERCA website. He is nominated by the Executive Committee for a formal appointment as trustee, for a three-year period.
- (d) Graham Chesters and Andrew Bettley reach the end of their three-year appointment period. They have both served a considerable length of time as trustees, and according to recommended practice an enhanced process of evaluation has been carried out by the Executive Committee to assess the value of their continuing in the role. This returned a positive assessment and both individuals have indicated their willingness to continue as trustees, and in Graham’s case as President, and are therefore nominated by the Executive Committee. Chris Matthews also reaches the end of his three-year appointment period, and has indicated that he will not continue (for personal reasons): this leaves an additional vacancy on the Executive Committee, and the office of Lead for the Junior Academy falls vacant.
- (e) No other nominations for trustee have been received.

12. Any Other Notified business