



## Hull and East Riding Chess Association (Registered Charity 1155858)

### Draft Proposals for rule changes (HERCA Season 2025-2026)

#### Document Summary:

The following pages contain the draft proposals to be discussed by the rules sub-committee on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2025. The meeting will be held in the James Reckitt Room at the Central Library with a start time of 19:15.

#### Draft List of Proposals:

##### 1a) Rule addition(s) submitted by Derek Sheppard on the 16<sup>th</sup> October 2024

<b>Proposal Summary</b>	Proposal to remove any handicap benefit from any board which is defaulted		
<b>Proposal Type:</b>	Rule Change <input type="checkbox"/>	Rule Addition <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rule Removal <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Rule(s) to Add</b>	Conduct of Matches - 3.2 Atkinson Cup Rules - 3.8 Ross Four Board Rules - 5.0		
<b>Proposed Rule Wording</b>	<i>If, as a result of a player's failure to arrive in time for a match, a team defaults a board, the handicap calculation for such a board will be cancelled if the calculation would benefit the defaulting team. Any calculation(s) for any lower board(s) which give an advantage to the defaulting team will also be cancelled.</i>		
<b>Rule Rational</b>	The current rules allow a team to benefit from a defaulted board in matches subject to a handicap.		
<b>Proposed by</b>	Derek Sheppard		
<b>Seconded by</b>	David Atkin		

1b) Rule Removal submitted by Derek Sheppard on the 16<sup>th</sup> October 2024

<b>Proposal Summary</b>	If proposal 1a is accepted - Rule 3.4 which forbids the re-calculation of handicaps should be deleted.		
<b>Proposal Type:</b>	Rule Change <input type="checkbox"/>	Rule Addition <input type="checkbox"/>	Rule Removal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Rule(s) to Remove</b>	Atkinson Cup Rules (3.4)		
<b>Rule Rational</b>	The current rules allow a team to benefit from a defaulted board in matches subject to a handicap.		
<b>Proposed by</b>	Derek Sheppard		
<b>Seconded by</b>	David Atkin		

2) Rule Change submitted by David Atkin on the 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025

<b>Proposal Summary</b>	Clarification on rating limits for the U1640 & U1940 Tournaments		
<b>Proposal Type:</b>	Rule Change <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rule Addition <input type="checkbox"/>	Rule Removal <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Rule(s) to Change</b>	U1640 AND U1940 TOURNAMENT RULES (1)		
<b>Current Wording</b>	All players must be rated 1940 and below or 1640 and below. (Amended - AGM 2021). A minimum of eight players will be required for either tournament to go ahead (AGM 2014)		
<b>Proposed Wording</b>	<i>All players must be rated 1940 and below or 1640 and below before the start of the tournament. A minimum of eight players will be required for either tournament to go ahead.</i>		
<b>Rule Rational</b>	Provides clarity on when the players need to be within the rating limit.		
<b>Proposed by</b>	David Atkin		
<b>Seconded by</b>	Douglas Vleeshouwer		

3) Rule Removal(s) submitted by Lester Jones on the 30<sup>th</sup> March 2025

<b>Proposal Summary</b>	In place of a flawed handicap system the matches should be played on equal footing		
<b>Proposal Type:</b>	Rule Change <input type="checkbox"/>	Rule Addition <input type="checkbox"/>	Rule Removal <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Rule(s) to Remove</b>	Atkinson Cup (2.1) Atkinson Cup (3.0 to 3.7) Ross Four Board (2.0) Ross Four Board (4.0)		
<b>Rule Rational</b>	In place of a flawed handicap system the matches should be played on equal footing		
<b>Proposed by</b>	Lester Jones		
<b>Seconded by</b>	David Mills		

4) Rule Change submitted by Douglas Vleeshouwer on the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025

<b>Proposal Summary</b>	Change to U1640 & U1940 rules if the final match is drawn		
<b>Proposal Type:</b>	Rule Change <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Rule Addition <input type="checkbox"/>	Rule Removal <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Rule(s) to Change</b>	U1640 AND U1940 TOURNAMENT RULES (5)		
<b>Current Wording</b>	In the final of both tournaments the choice for the white pieces will be determined by the toss of a coin. (Amended - AGM 2011)		
<b>Proposed Wording</b>	<p><i>If the final match is drawn, then a deciding Armageddon game will be played immediately after. A coin toss will decide who gets the choice of colour in that game with:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>The player with White has 5 minutes on the clock and must win.</i></li> <li>- <i>The player with Black has 4 minutes on the clock and must either win or draw.</i></li> </ul>		
<b>Rule Rational</b>	The finals of the tournaments have been played on a finals night the last few years. There is no time for a second game with reversed colours; instead an Armageddon has been used to determine the winner. This is to formalise this process.		
<b>Proposed by</b>	Douglas Vleeshouwer		
<b>Seconded by</b>	David Atkin		

**Change History**

Issue	Date	Summary of Changes	Author
1	Mar 2025	Initial Issue	David Atkin