

BY-LAWS OF THE BUNBURY CHESS CLUB INC.

Effective Date: May 13, 2026

1. TOURNAMENT GOVERNANCE

- All tournaments shall be conducted under the FIDE Laws of Chess unless otherwise specified for specific fun or variant events.
- The Tournament Managers (Michael Molenaar and Stephen Mazza) have the joint authority to appoint arbiters and settle disputes during active play.
- In the event of a dispute where one Tournament Manager is a participant in the game or tournament section in question, the other shall act as the final arbiter to ensure neutrality.

2. TIE-BREAK SYSTEMS (VEGA CONFIGURATION)

To ensure fair ranking in Swiss System tournaments, the club utilizes specific tie-break sequences depending on the field's rating density.

A. Standard Classical Tournaments

For tournaments where the majority of the field is rated, the following VEGA tie-break sequence shall apply:

- Buchholz Cut 1
- Buchholz Total
- Direct Encounter
- ARO Cut 1 (Average Rating of Opponents Cut 1)

B. Unrated or High-Participation Events

For tournaments where a significant proportion of players are unrated (e.g., $\geq 25\%$), the sequence is adjusted to prioritize performance over rating-heavy metrics:

- Buchholz Cut 1
- Buchholz Total
- Sonneborn-Berger
- Cumulative
- Direct Encounter

3. ONE-NIGHT EVENTS (BULLET, BLITZ, RAPID, & 960)

For unrated, single-session events where a clear winner is required:

- Standard tie-breaks will determine placements from 3rd place downwards.

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- **Championship Playoff:** A direct playoff shall be held between the players ranked 1st and 2nd according to the VEGA standings to decide the overall winner.
- **First Playoff Match:** This match will utilize the same time control as the main event.
- **Color Preference:** The player finishing 1st in the VEGA standings is granted color preference for the first playoff game.
- **Armageddon:** If the playoff match is drawn, an Armageddon game will be played.
- **Armageddon Format:** The game will be 5 minutes + 3 seconds increment (5+3) for White. Players will silently bid for the amount of time they are willing to play with as Black to receive draw odds.
- **Bidding Process:** The player with the lower time bid plays as Black with their bid time and draw odds. The other player plays as White with the full 5+3 time control.

4. MEMBERSHIP DUES

- Annual and tournament-specific fees shall be determined by the Treasurer (Michael Molenaar) and approved by the Committee annually.
- Fees must be paid prior to the commencement of Round 1 of any rated tournament.

5. AMENDMENTS

- These By-Laws may be amended by a simple majority vote of the Management Committee.