

Proposal 2

Minor KO

Proposer: LMC

Explanation

The rules for the Minor KO need to change to reflect the new ECF rating system. Last season when there were no team registrations the competition was changed to have a high grade limit rather than exclude division 1 players. However, this coming season should see us return to a more traditional divisional set-up and so the LMC recommend that we return to the traditional format of the Minor KO – a competition for players outside of division 1. One thing that did change for last season's tournament was to do more to encourage new players to be able to play. Ungraded players could apply to the grading officer for an estimated grade and that is something that we wish to encourage. Now that ungraded players are not given a rating of 1700, we feel that it is sensible to have a minimum grade for team average purposes. This minimum rating can then be used for any defaulted boards. Finally, with regards to defaulted boards it seems sensible that in the event of a drawn match that defaults act as the first tie break.

As such there are a number of minor changes that we wish to introduce to the existing rules

- Average rating is now 1700
- Ungraded players can be given a rating by the grading officer rather than use 1700
- There will be a minimum rating of 1300 for any player
- Any defaulted board will be given a rating of 1300
- In the event of a tied match defaults will be used as the first tie-break

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Modify rules 6.1.c and 7

6 TEAM KNOCK-OUT

6.1 Format

c. Each match shall be between two teams of eight players and shall be played on a knockout basis. If the match is tied board count will be used to break the tie. If this fails to resolve the tie, board elimination will apply. If the match is still tied, the match shall be replayed at the away team's premises.

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- a. A Minor Team Knock-Out competition shall be held during the season.
- b. Each match shall be between two teams of six players. The format shall otherwise be as for the Team Knock-Out.

7.2 Entry

- a. A club may enter one or more teams, but no player may play for more than one team during any one season's competition.
- b. The rules for entry are otherwise as for the Team Knock-Out.

7.3 Team Eligibility

- a. No team may be fielded in any match who's mean (average) ECF grade shall exceed 135.
- b. Where a player has no current ECF grade they shall use firstly their last published standard grade. Failing that they shall use their last published quickplay grade. Failing that they shall use a grade of 135.
- c. The July ECF grading shall be used throughout the season for eligibility purposes. However, where a player has no July ECF grade but then subsequently obtains a January ECF grade then that January grade shall be used for the remainder of that season's competition.
- d. No player may play in the competition if they are registered for a team playing in division 1 of the Team Championships.

As follows :-

6.1.c. Each match shall be between two teams of eight players and shall be played on a knockout basis. If the match is tied **then the team with most defaulted boards shall lose the match. If the match is still tied then** board count will be used to break the tie. If this fails to resolve the tie, board elimination will apply. If the match is still tied, the match shall be replayed at the away team's premises.

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- b. Where a player has no current ECF rating **then the club should contact the Grading Officer who will allocate an estimated rating for the player** ~~they shall use firstly their last published standard grade. Failing that they shall use their last published quickplay grade. Failing that they shall use a grade of 135.~~
- c. **Any player with a rating of less than 1300 shall use a rating of 1300.**
- d. **Should a team default a board then that board shall use 1300 when calculating the teams average rating.**
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The ECF rating published on 1 Sep will be used up until 31 Dec for eligibility purposes. The ECF rating published on 1 Jan will be used for the second half of the season.
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