

## Warwickshire Primary Schools Team Championship Rules – Non-Technical

### **Eligibility**

All schools which are situated in Warwickshire are eligible to compete in the Warwickshire Primary Schools Team Championship (hereinafter referred to as “WPSTC”).

For the purpose of this rule, “Warwickshire” is defined as:-

(i) The five districts of the non-metropolitan county of Warwickshire: North Warwickshire, Nuneaton & Bedworth, Rugby, Stratford-on-Avon and Warwick.

(ii) The following three districts of the metropolitan county of West Midlands: City of Birmingham, City of Coventry, Solihull.

Players must be born on 1st September, 2013, or later. This means they are usually in Year 6 or below.

### **Structure and Entry to WSPC**

WPSTC is divided into two stages:-

Stage 1 – Zonals (see below)

Stage 2 – Final

Schools enter the Zonal Stage of WPSTC via the Warwickshire Chess Association website by 16<sup>th</sup> October. At this stage, schools will only need to provide their name, address, whether or not they wish to host a Zonal, and preferred afternoon on which they wish to play.

The entry fee is £20, which entitles a school to one entry for a team of 4 players into one Zonal, which will be allocated by the Organiser, according to geographical proximity and any preferences the school has. A school may enter a maximum of 1 team. There are no additional fees for teams that qualify for the Final.

The team of 4 players must include at least 1 boy and at least 1 girl, and have 1 adult in charge of them at the tournament. Single-sex schools may write to the Organiser to request participation in conjunction with another single-sex school, in order to ensure they can enter a team with both sexes represented.

### **Stage 1 – Zonals**

The Zonal tournament is a 5-round tournament, with a start time of 2pm and a finish time of 5pm. The Organiser will allocate each team into a Zonal tournament, which will have 5 or 6 teams. This will be done based on a geographical basis to minimise the amount of travel for schools. Zonals will be held in November. The tournament is played as a Round Robin, where each team plays all of the other teams in the Zonal. The Organiser will appoint a tournament referee to supervise each Zonal.

All games will be played using chess clocks. The tournament referee will demonstrate how to use these if your children are not familiar with them.

The results of all games will be submitted to the English Chess Federation for rating.

Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 teams in each Zonal (Gold, Silver and Bronze medals for each child in the team). The team that wins the Zonal will qualify for the Final. All children who participate in the Zonals will receive a certificate.

### **Stage 2 – Final**

This will be a 1-day tournament held on a Saturday in the Spring Term, at a venue and date to be arranged later. The details for the Final will be communicated to teams that qualify for it.

Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 teams in the Final (Gold, Silver and Bronze medals for each child). All children who participate will receive a certificate. Board prizes will be awarded to the players with the best results on each board.