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2013-2014 King's Cup League Play

December 14 through April 26, 2014 AMENDED FORMAT AND SCHEDULE

Due to a host of issues with the original League Play format, I am making the following changes to League to be effective during the first year of this competition:

All League rounds will be played at either Plainville Library (pending final library approval), Barney Library, Farmington (pending final library approval) or at allClubs Offices at 270 Farmington Avenue, Suite 365, Farmington, CT 06032.

All League play will be on Saturdays with specific schedule to follow. Given that winter sports will also be played on Saturdays, the chess rounds schedule will likely be in the afternoon or by agreement at the beginning of the week of each round. I will do my best to avoid sports conflicts, allowing all team members to participate in every round. If a Saturday is not possible, make up may be organized during the week, likely on Wednesday or Friday evenings at my office.

Depending on total registration, **the competition will consist of eight (minimum) to twelve (maximum) rounds**. Depending on the number of participating teams, we **may have a playoff** format for the top teams to determine the final Cup Winner. Such a playoff would be on a Saturday following the completion of the regular season schedule.

Teams will consist of <u>two</u> players each. There will be no alternates, unless there are unusual circumstances and League approval is received from me.

All teams will play their first round on December 14 from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM, unless a team or teammate is not available.

Team assignments will be made by the League. Teammate requests may be submitted for consideration. The goal is to have balanced teams to make the competition enjoyable for all players.

League play rounds will consist of both teammates facing both of the opposing teammates in two back to back matches with Game 30 (30 minutes per player per game) rules. Clock use will be required if clocks are available by or after the start of League Play. Notation will not be mandatory. Rounds should generally be completed within two hours, usually well before that.

Teammates will be ranked as first or second based on their club performance or USCF rating. The rank will only determine the order of play, and if teammates are from different clubs or school or libraries, then the top ranked player will determine the representation of the team for purposes of trophy presentation.

The League **schedule** is anticipated as follows:

December 14, 21 (20) January 4, 11, 25 February 1, 15, 22 March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29* April 5*, 12*, 19*, 26*

Weekly standing will be distributed and posted following the reporting of round results to the League.

The competition is unrated. Registration is by individual player only and the registration fee is \$75 per player. **New Registration deadline is December 6, 2013 (postmark date).**

Any questions about league play can be directed to Alexander Lumelsky, alexander.lumelsky@gmail.com.

Please make checks to "Alexander Lumelsky" and send with form to Attn: allClubs League Play Registration, A. Lumelsky, 270 Farmington Avenue, Suite 365, Farmington, CT 06032

^{*} make up or alternate dates for weather or conflict re-schedulings. Wednesday and Friday evening may also be used as make up times.