

CORONAVIRUS

Advice from the Lincolnshire Chess Association Management Team

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Background.

The Lincolnshire Chess Association Management team (“the management team”) issued advice to clubs on 17th March. At that time the Government had not issued any “lock down” instructions. The management team advised clubs that all matches be postponed for 3 weeks, when it would review the situation. We don’t need to tell you that since then the situation with regards to the coronavirus pandemic has become much more rapidly serious than anticipated, with full lock down now in force.

Government advice.

The advice from the government is clear. All contact between people should be reduced to the absolute minimum. Follow the link below to the government web site to see their advice. There is no point in repeating that here.

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

The current advice from the management team

League matches should be postponed indefinitely.

Outstanding fixtures. As indicated in issue 1, all outstanding fixtures have had their dates removed and recorded as “postponed” on the web site and in LMS. The view of the management team is that the 2019/20 season should be completed. There is little point in deciding now how that will be done and what impact that will have on the following 2020/21 season. When there is more surety about how the lock down will be lifted, we will issue new advice.

Club chess.

The only responsible and legal instruction that the management team can give is to stop all club chess activity and close the clubs indefinitely.

Finally.

The management team will welcome any suggestions and views. Also, please let us know how you are faring; are you all keeping well? Views and news can be communicated to the Secretary, Denis Georgiou (email: denisgeorgiou@gmail.com). If you feel it’s appropriate he will circulate these to all clubs so that we can all keep in touch.

Please keep safe.

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