



MCC BRIDGE, CHESS & BACKGAMMON SUB-COMMITTEE **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

1. Purpose

The Bridge, Chess & Backgammon sub-committee (BCB) is responsible for overseeing and managing the activities of three individual societies for those games. The sub-committee and its members also act as a channel of communication between the Club and Members who take part in its activities. The BCB derives its authority from the Membership committee and, ultimately, from the MCC Committee.

2. Remit of the sub-committee

- (a) To oversee the activities of the Bridge, Chess and Backgammon Societies;
- (b) To help advise the Executive on arrangements for bridge, chess and backgammon society events which will ensure that the Member and guest experience is as good as possible;
- (c) To make recommendations to the Membership committee and the Executive on all BCB society matters;
- (d) To ensure that they provide guidance on the way the games of bridge, chess and backgammon develop/change and ensure that the Club and Membership committee are notified;
- (e) To work with the Executive on establishing an annual budget and defining how the sub-committee contributes to or draws from the Club's finances; and
- (f) To work with the Executive in order to drive effective two-way communication with the membership about bridge, chess and backgammon and expand participation.

3. Specific Responsibilities of the sub-committee

- (a) To organise and manage regular and one-off bridge, chess and backgammon events, in collaboration with the Club Services Department;
- (b) To ensure that information relating to bridge, chess and backgammon matters/activities is communicated to Members whether by the Club Services/Communications Department or directly;
- (c) To draw up rules and policies relating to representing MCC in bridge, chess and backgammon events for approval by the Membership committee;
- (d) To reinforce broader Club policies and initiatives to Members and Candidates who play Bridge, Chess and Backgammon;
- (e) To monitor views of Members and Candidates about bridge, chess and backgammon activities and Club matters in general and ensure these are fed back to the Executive/Membership committee as appropriate; and
- (f) To report to the Membership committee any matter that requires further discussion either by that committee or the MCC Committee.

4. Membership of the sub-committee

The sub-committee shall consist of:

- (a) The Chair of BCB (who must be a Full Member and who must play Bridge, Chess or Backgammon);
- (b) At least two Members to represent, organise and report on Bridge matters;
- (c) At least one Member to represent, organise and report on Chess matters; and



- (d) At least one Member to represent, organise and report on Backgammon matters.

The processes for appointments to the sub-committee, including the Chair, will be consistent with the arrangements for appointments to sub-committees as determined by the MCC Committee.

The sub-committee shall consist of no more than nine members. A minimum of four members will be required to constitute a quorum. The Chair of the Membership committee and the Membership Director will be invited to each meeting, however, neither would be a member of the committee

5. Administration of the committee

The sub-committee will generally meet on three occasions during each twelve-month period (1 October to 30 September).

The agenda and papers for all meetings will usually be sent by email seven days before the date of each meeting.

At each meeting, the sub-committee will consider and, if thought fit, approve the minutes of its previous meeting. The Head of Societies & Sports will act as secretary to the Bridge, Chess and Backgammon sub-committee.

*Approved by Membership and General Purposes committee
13 November 2025*