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## Northern Working Newfoundland



### **STATEMENT REGARDING RELEASE OF NEW DRAUGHT REGULATIONS**

The long awaited Draught Regulations are now published and due to come into practice on 1 January 2010.

The Working Sub-committee came away from a meeting with representatives from the Newfoundland Club and Southern Newfoundland Club on 22 November 2008 having had the draft version of these Regulations agreed by all at the meeting.

We were not contacted following this meeting to say that there was any problem with the Draught Regulations and so continued with the plan to publish the Regulations in March ready to come into practice in June 2009.

At our next meeting in February 2009 we did the usual tweaking of such documents and sent our final version off to the other Clubs for approval. Following this we received notification from the Newfoundland Club that they had yet to discuss the Regulations but would do so and get back to us. No contact was made with us and the deadline date for publishing in March passed by. We extended it to April then received a version which was completely different to that already agreed at the meeting on 22 November 2008 and to which we had major issues with. We returned the document and asked them to make their amendments on the original draft from the November meeting during which time another deadline date for publishing passed.

We looked at their amendments and agreed to some but completely disagreed with others. The document was returned to them via e-mail with our explanations on 15 July saying that whilst we recognized that it was now impossible to put the Regulations into practice during 2009 we could see no reason why they could not be published in September this year to go live on 1 January 2010.

On 29 September we received contact from the Newfoundland Club saying that they now will not agree to the Regulations previously agreed on 22 November 2008 and have reverted to their version sent to us earlier. We have therefore made the decision, with the backing of the Main Committee and following pressure from our working members, to go ahead and publish the New Regulations as agreed on 22 November 2008 with the minor adjustments made at our meeting in February 2009.

With the Newfoundland Club deciding not to join the Northern Newfoundland Club and the Southern Newfoundland Club in adopting the new Regulations the only consequence for our members would be that we would no longer be able to accept future Draught passes from any Newfoundland Club tests towards the Multi-pass certificate. Passes gained before 1<sup>st</sup> January 2010 will still be accepted towards this award.

We hope you understand our reasons for doing this and should you have any queries or questions please do not hesitate to contact anyone of your Working Sub-Committee members.

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