

## **ENGLISH CHESS FEDERATION**

### **REGULATION NO. 3 THE ARBITERS AND COACHES REGULATIONS**

Made by the Board of English Chess Federation and amended on 19 January 2014 pursuant to Article 82 of the Articles of Association of English Chess Federation

#### **1. Arbiters**

- (a) The Board of ECF (“the Board”) shall be responsible on the recommendation of the Director of Home Chess for the appointment of the ECF Chief Arbiter, Level 3 ECF Senior Arbiters and Level 2 ECF Arbiters (collectively or individually referred to as “the Arbiter(s)”).
- (b) No Arbiter shall be appointed to his or her post unless the Board is satisfied that he or she has previously conducted himself or herself in a manner befitting such appointment and also he or she satisfies all of the following pre-conditions:
  - (i) Membership of ECF; and
  - (ii) Fulfilment of the appropriate qualifications current at the time of appointment, or re-appointment.
- (c) The level 3 ECF Senior Arbiter title shall be for life.
- (d) The level 2 ECF Arbiter title will be subject to review during the six month period following the introduction of each new set of Laws. (This will normally be every four years.)
- (e) All such appointments are subject of the right of the Director of Home Chess to suspend an Arbiter from entitlement to such appointment with immediate effect or to revoke such appointment at any time for good cause. Good cause shall include but not be limited to:
  - (i) The Arbiter ceasing to fulfil any of the pre-conditions set out in 1(b) above; or
  - (ii) Breach by the Arbiter of the ECF Child Protection Policy current at the relevant time; or
  - (iii) Failure to perform his or her duties in an impartial and responsible manner; or
  - (iv) Any conduct likely to injure or discredit the reputation of ECF, its events, organisers, participants or sponsors.
- (f) The Director of Home Chess shall give written notice with grounds to any Arbiter suspended from entitlement to such appointment and shall give not less than thirty five days written notice with grounds to any Arbiter whose appointment it is intended to revoke and shall consider any written submissions received from the Arbiter within thirty five days of such written notice. If the appointment of the Arbiter is suspended or revoked he or she has a right of appeal to the Board (excluding the Director of Home Chess). The appeal shall at the option of the Arbiter be either a written appeal or a personal hearing. The decision of the Board shall be final.

- (g) The ECF Chief Arbiter shall be appointed or reappointed annually by the Board.

## **2. Coaches**

- (a) The Board shall be responsible on the recommendation of the Director of Junior Chess & Education for the appointment of the ECF Accredited Coaches (collectively or individually referred to as “the Coach(es)”).
- (b) No Coach shall be appointed to his or her post unless the Board is satisfied that he or she has previously conducted himself or herself in a manner befitting such appointment and also he or she satisfies all of the following pre-conditions:
- (i) Membership of ECF; and
  - (ii) Possession of Enhanced CRB Disclosure\* at the time of appointment; and
  - (iii) The provision of the name of two referees and the receipt of satisfactory references from those referees – a direct appointment by the Board to an official ECF post shall satisfy this requirement ; and
  - (iv) Fulfilment of the qualifications to become a Coach current at the time of appointment.
- (c) All such appointments of the Coaches shall be for a period of three years and may be renewed for successive periods of three years provided that the pre-conditions set out in 2(b) above are satisfied at the time of each such re-appointment.
- (d) All such appointments are subject of the right of the Director of Junior Chess & Education to suspend a Coach from entitlement to such appointment or to revoke such appointment at any time for good cause. Good cause shall include but not be limited to:
- (i) The Coach ceasing to fulfil any of pre-conditions set out in 2(b) above; or
  - (ii) Breach by the Coach of the ECF Child Protection Policy current at the relevant time; or
  - (iii) Failure to perform his or her duties in an impartial and responsible manner; or
  - (iv) Any conduct likely to injure or discredit the reputation of ECF, its events, organisers, participants or sponsors.
- (e) The Director of Junior Chess & Education shall give written notice with grounds to any Coach suspended from entitlement to such appointment and shall give not less than thirty five days written notice with grounds to any Coach whose appointment it is intended to revoke and shall consider any written submissions received from the Coach within that period. If the appointment of the Coach is revoked he or she has a right of appeal to the Board (excluding the Director of Junior Chess & Education). The appeal shall at the option of the Coach be either a written appeal or a personal hearing. The decision of the Board shall be final.

*\* For the purposes of this Regulation, the ECF will not accept CRB Enhanced Disclosure Clearances that are more than three months old*