



## **Charitable Status survey**

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## Introduction

At Financial Council in April 2013, the following consultation was issued:

<http://www.englishchess.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/C18.4.1-Charitable-status.pdf>

One theme that came to our attention from the consultation was an encouragement for the ECF Board to seek views of the membership on certain issues in a survey .

## Background

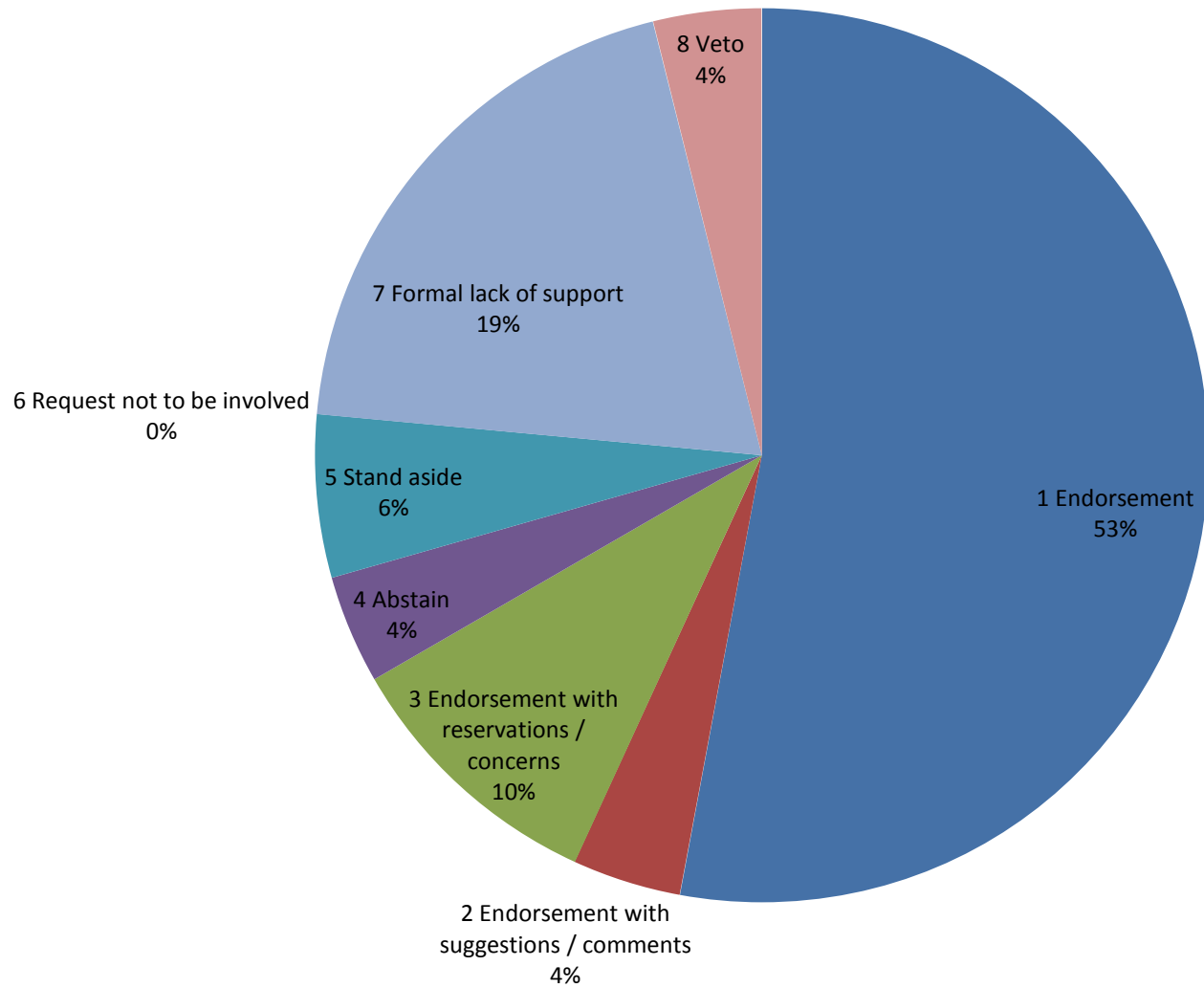
Moving to charitable status would be a major change for the ECF and would require a certain amount of reorganisation (as the papers have previously explained).

One of the major reorganisational aspects of a move to charitable status would be the required split between charitable and non-charitable activities. The specific implications for the ECF are that the non-amateur chess activities included within International Chess and the British Championships would need to be excluded from the charity.

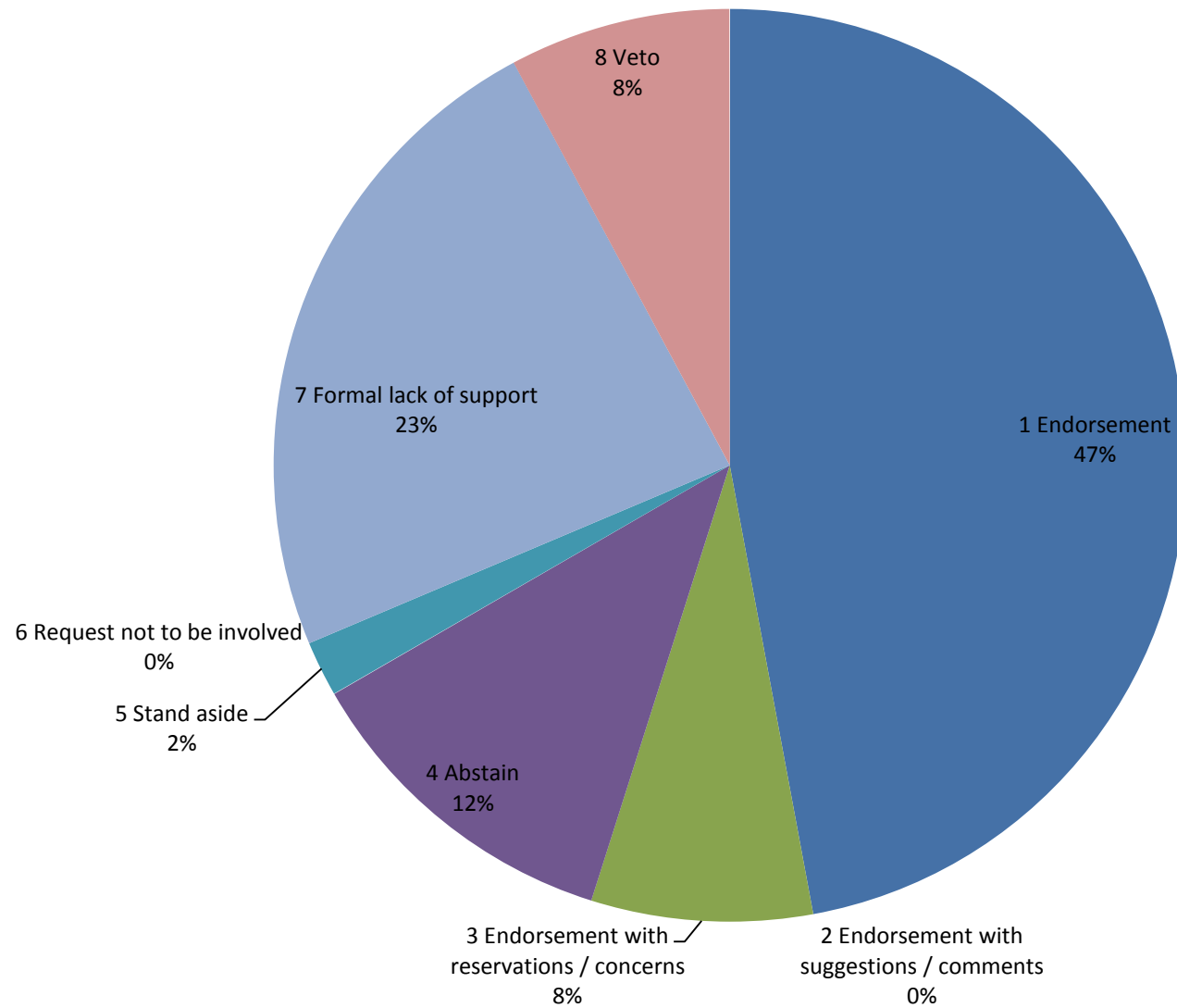
## Responses

The survey was hosted on the ECF's website featuring as the top item throughout the month of July. 51 responses were received and are summarised in the following pie charts.

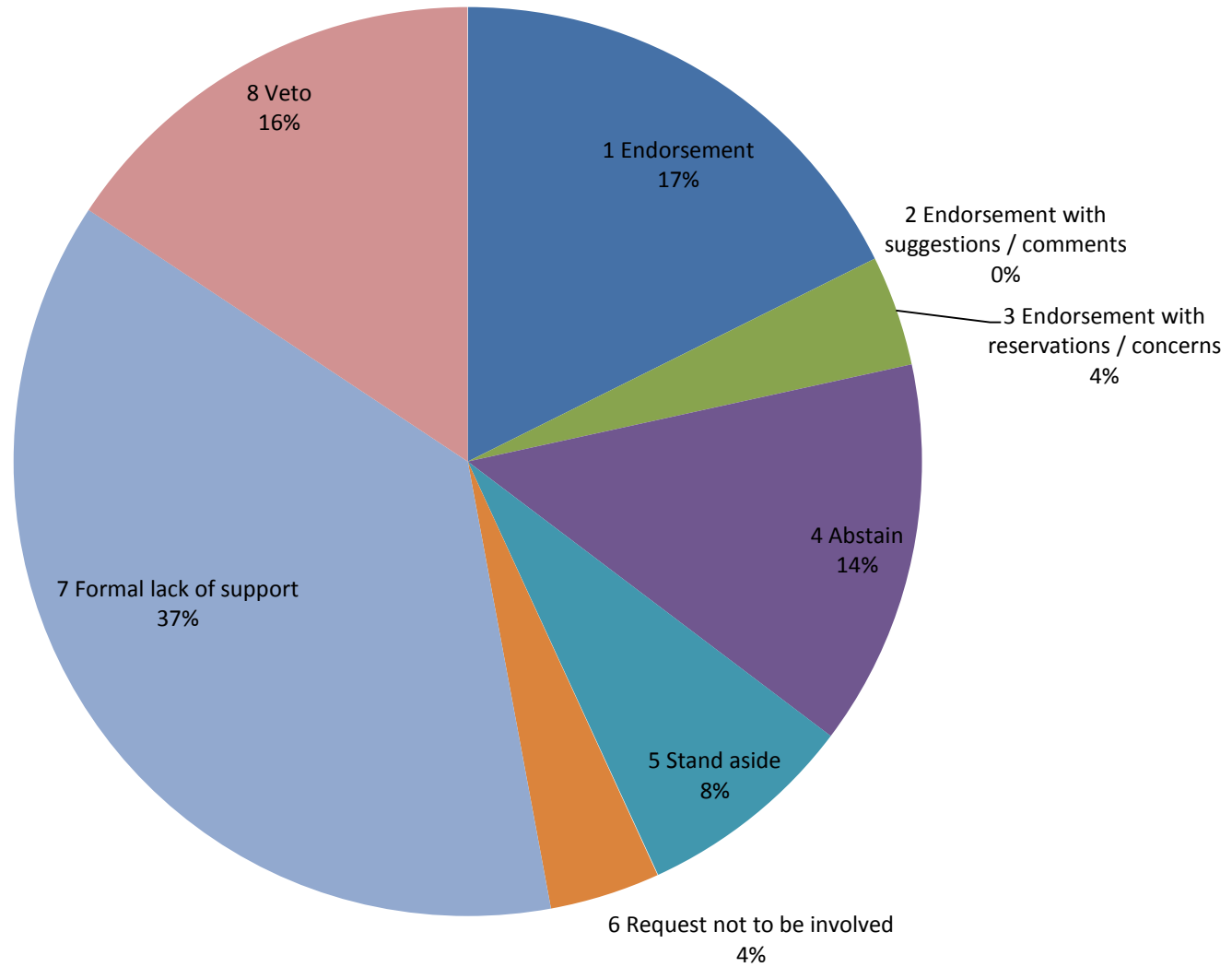
# 1 The ECF should continue to financially support International Chess at the current level



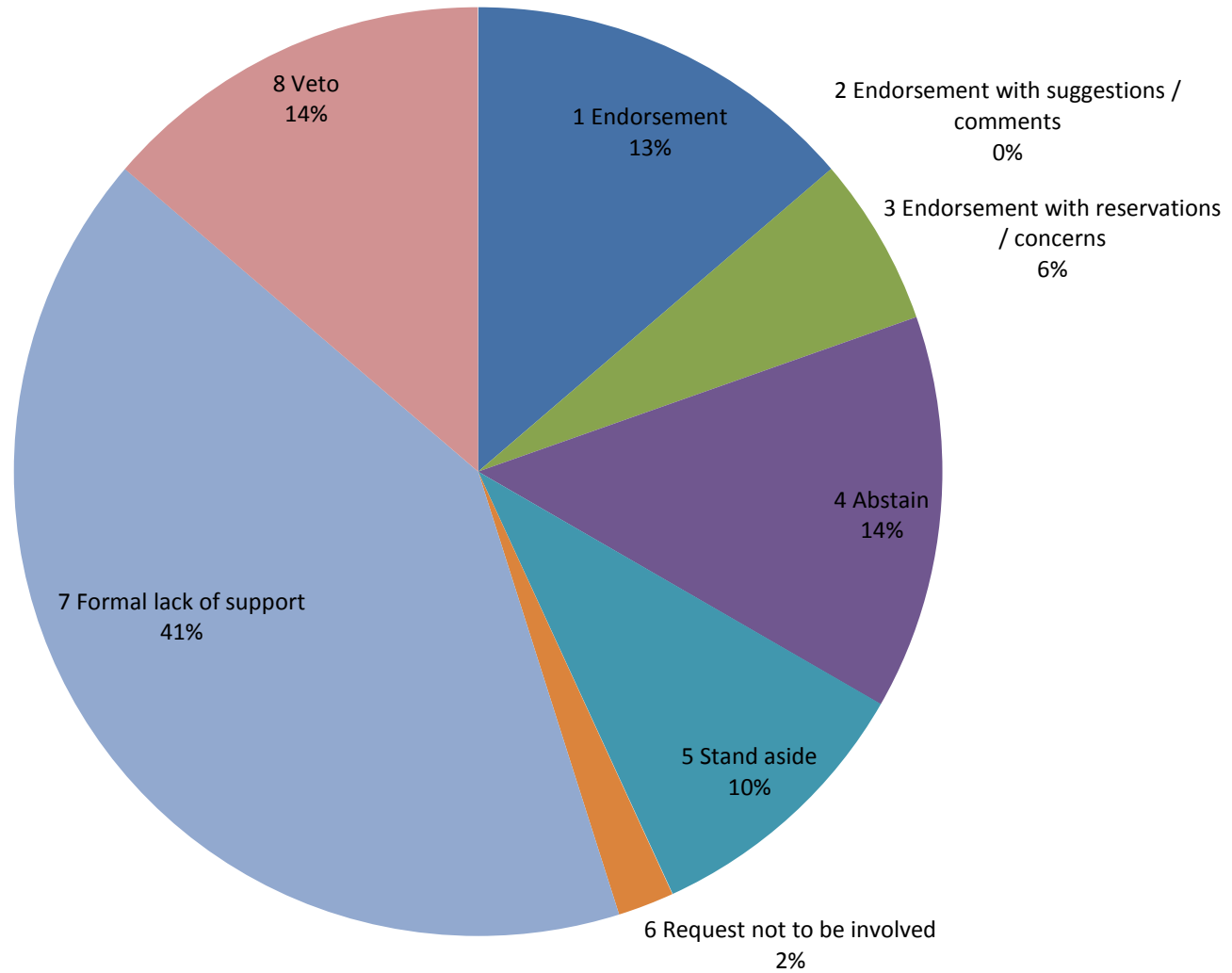
## 2 All sections of membership should financially support International Chess



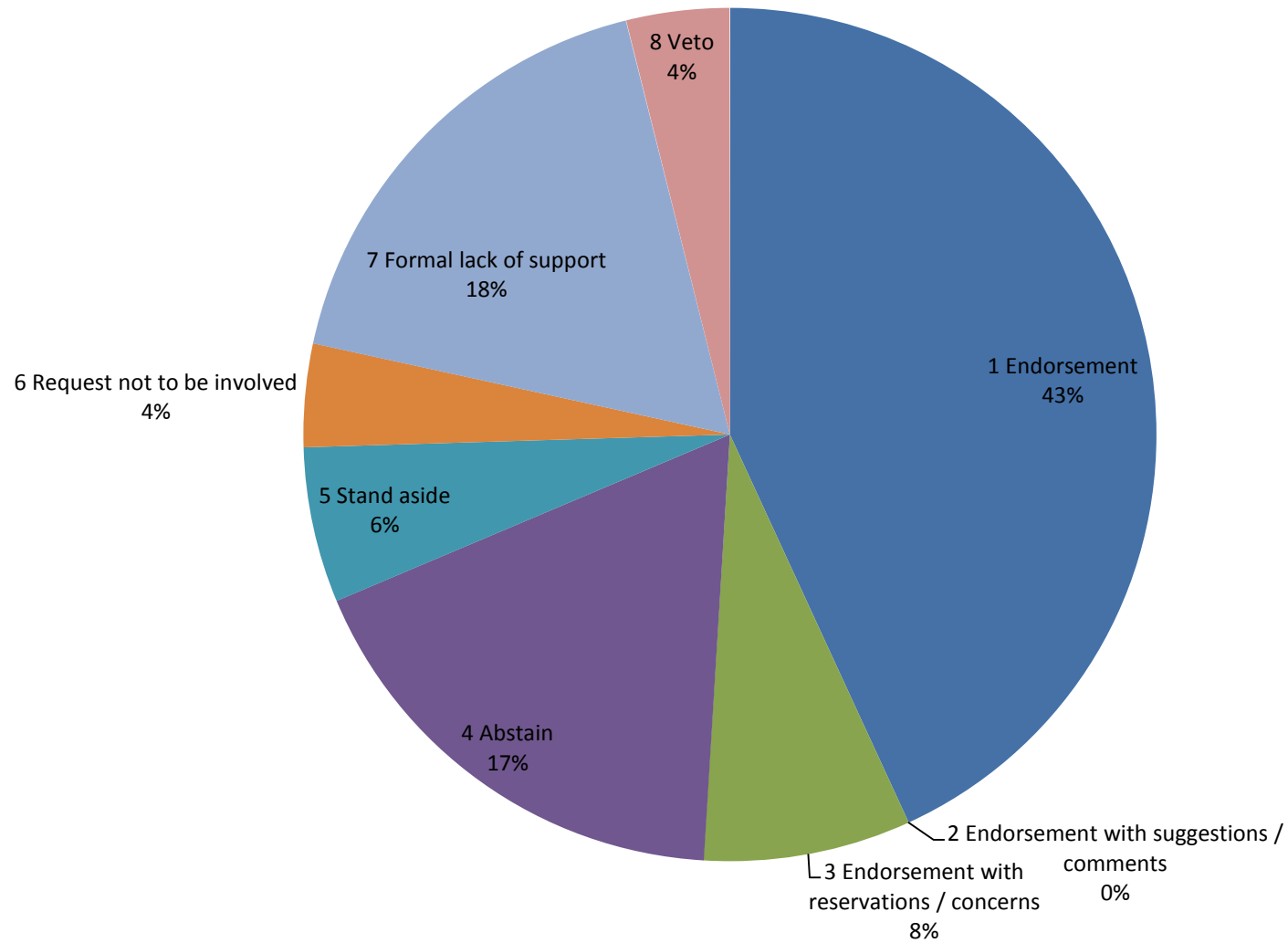
### 3 Only Gold and Platinum members should support International Chess



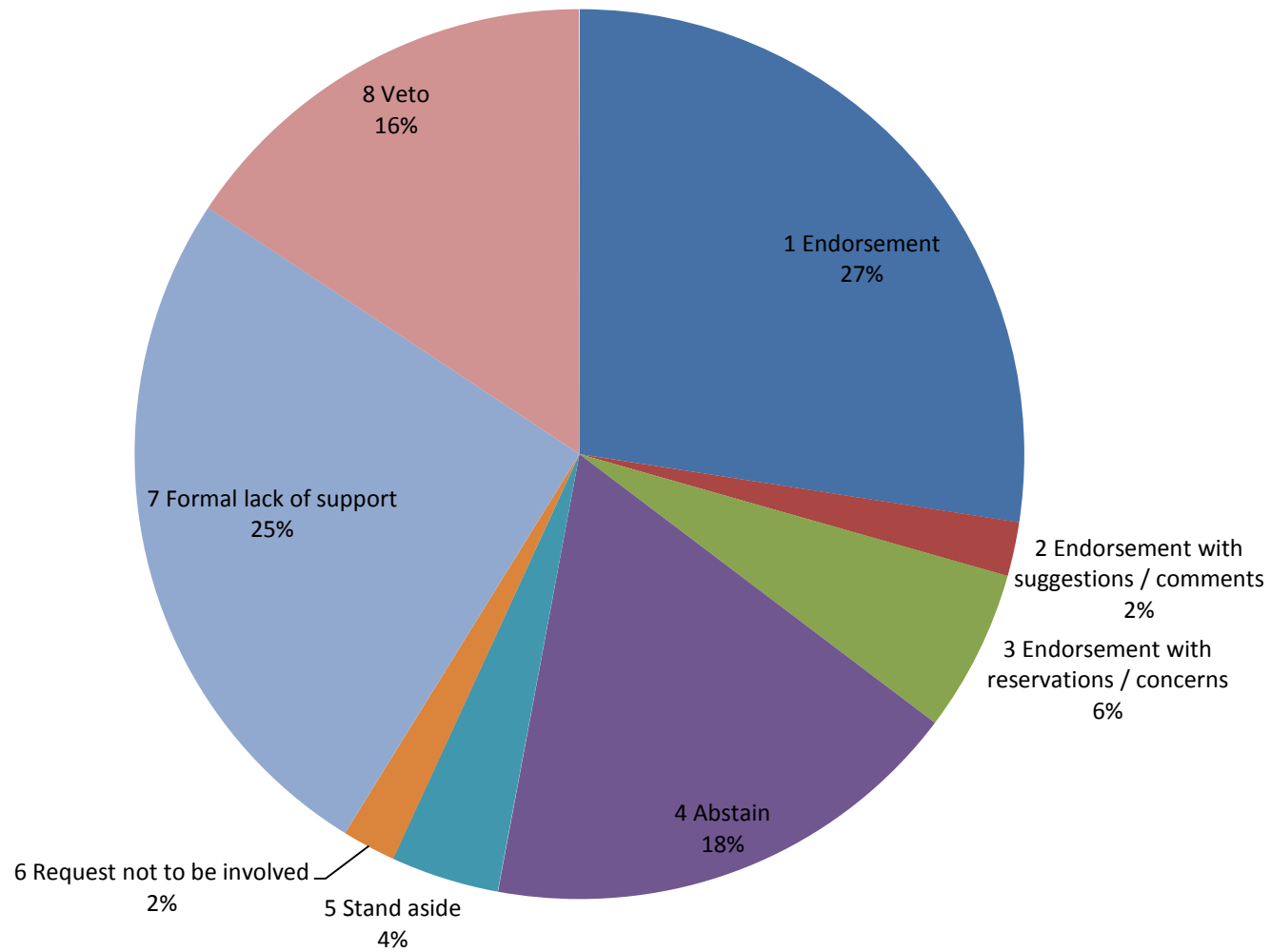
## 4 Only Silver, Gold and Platinum members should support International Chess



## 5 A dual membership scheme makes the existing membership scheme too complicated

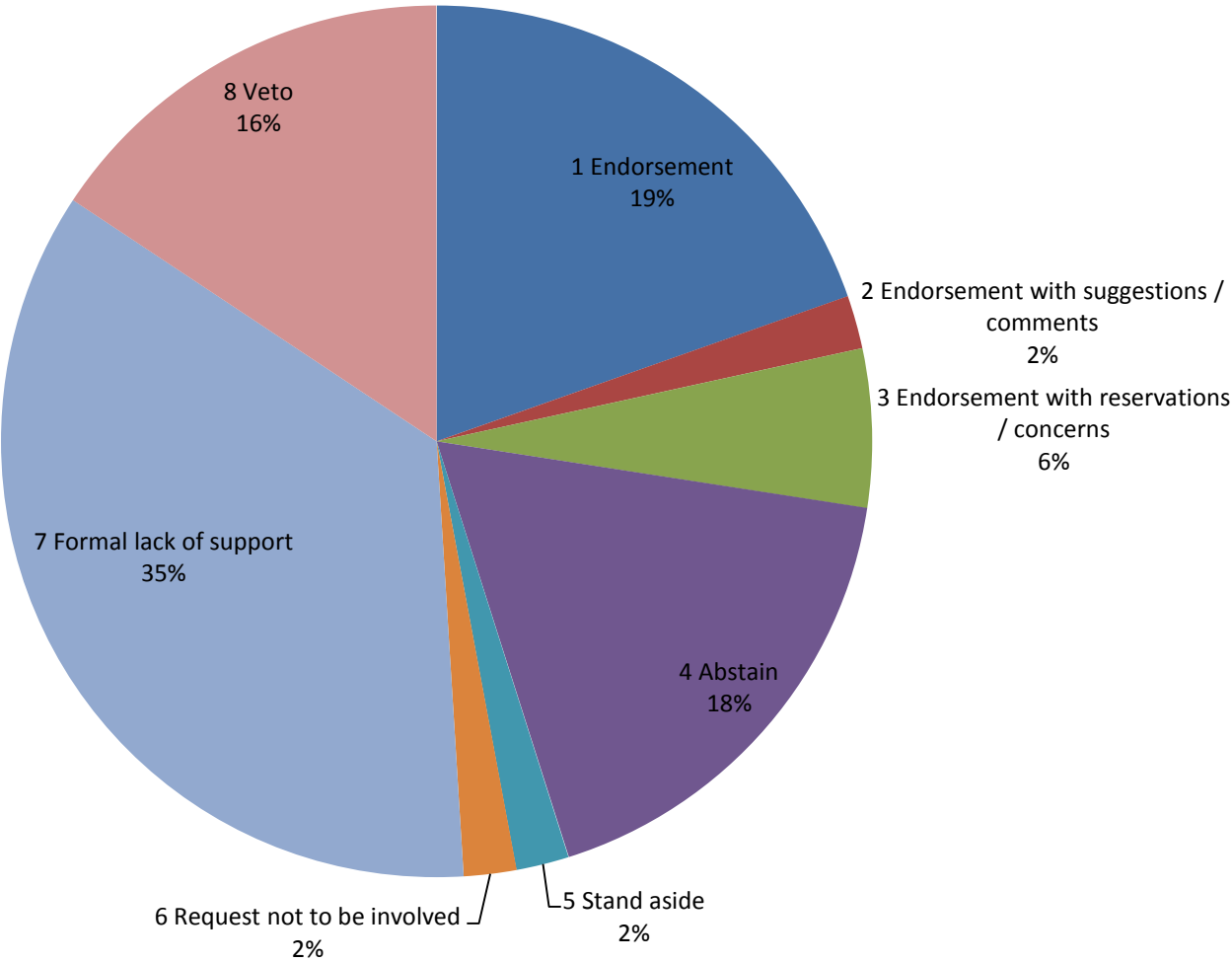


## 6 A dual membership scheme should require separate payments for each organisation

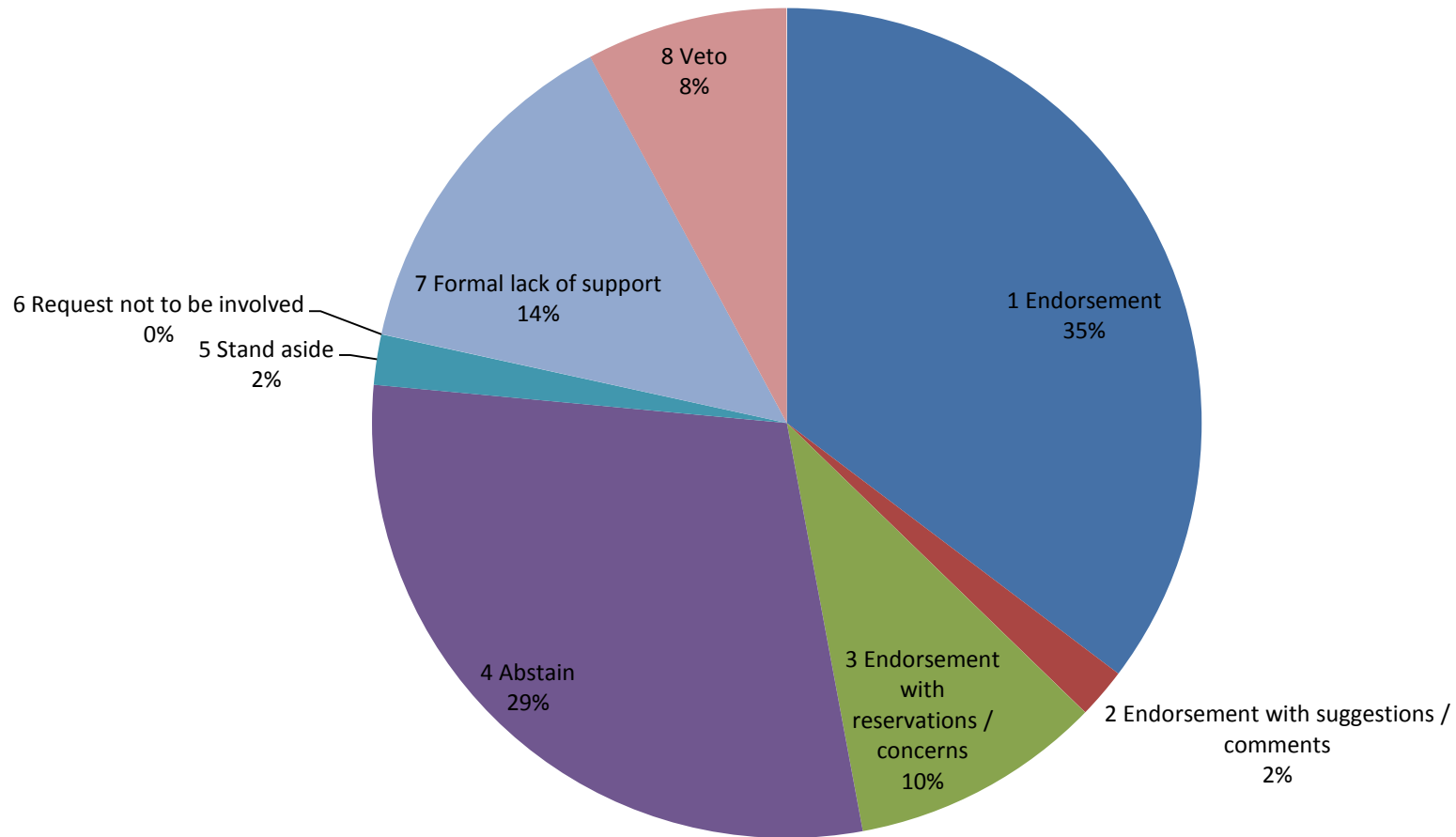




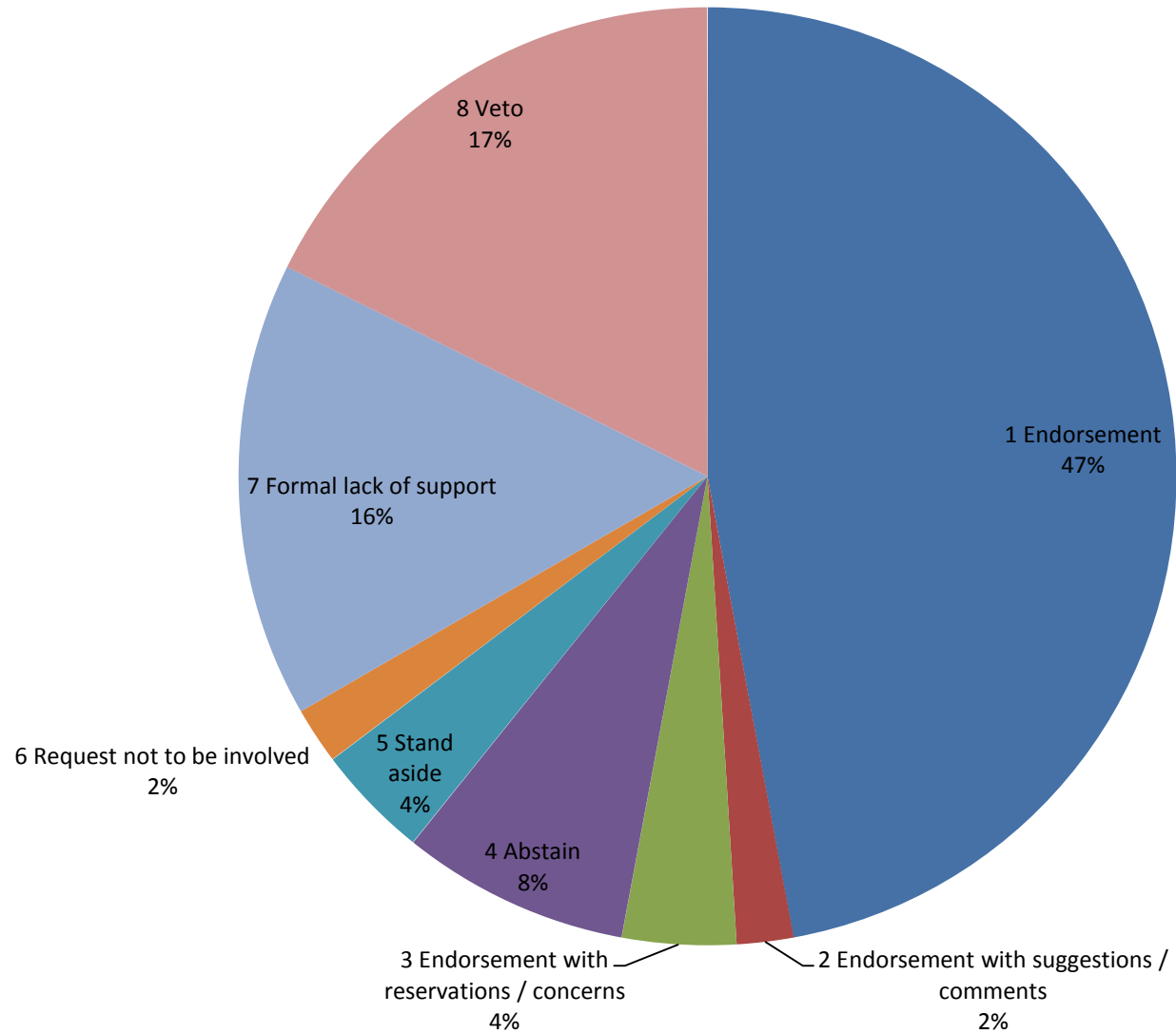
**7 Members of the ECF should pay membership fees and receive no benefits –  
the level of the membership fee should be at a level of approximately 80% of  
the current fees**



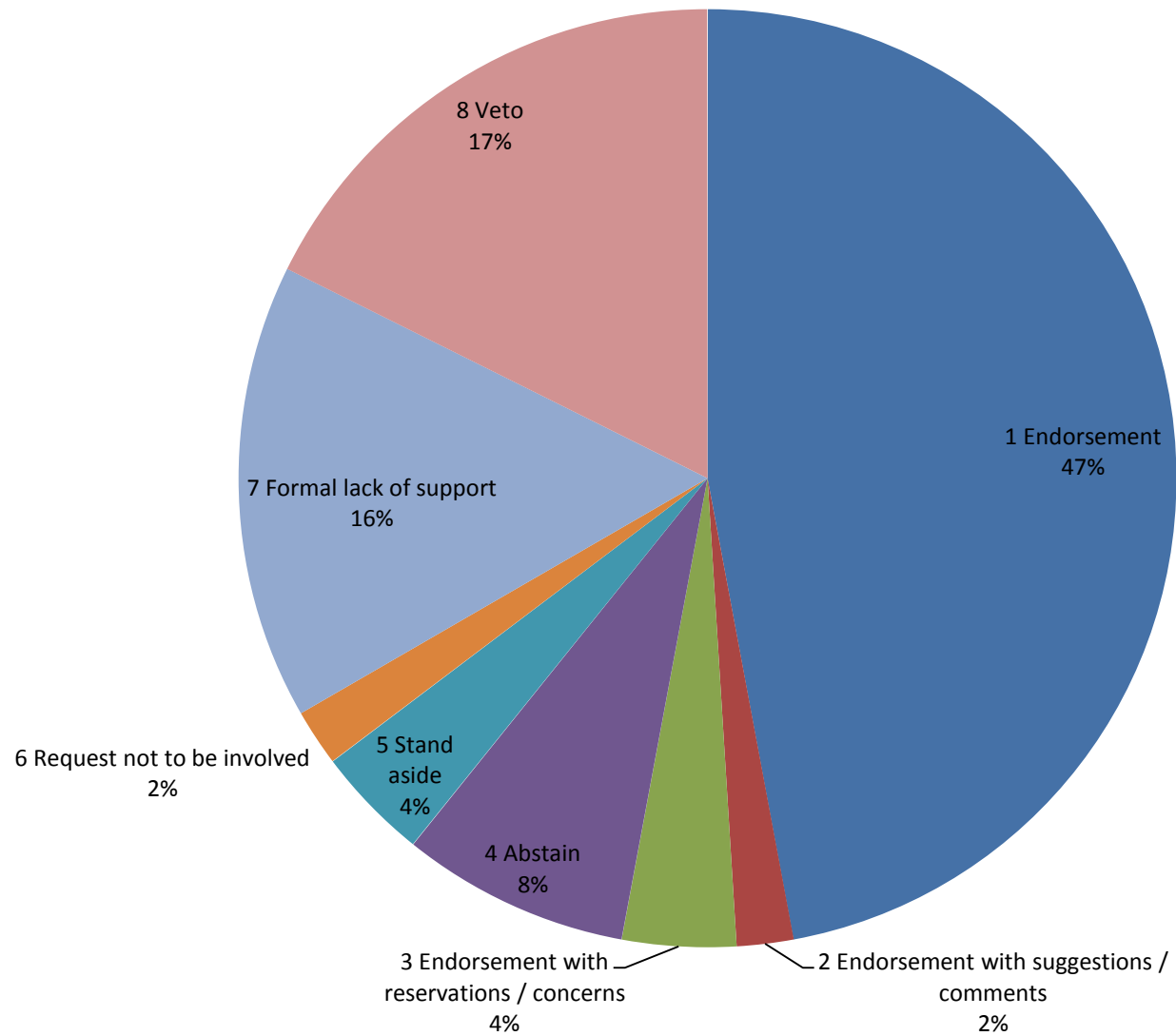
**8 Members of a non-charitable chess organisation would receive benefits for their membership fee – the level of which should be at a level of approximately 20% of the current fees**



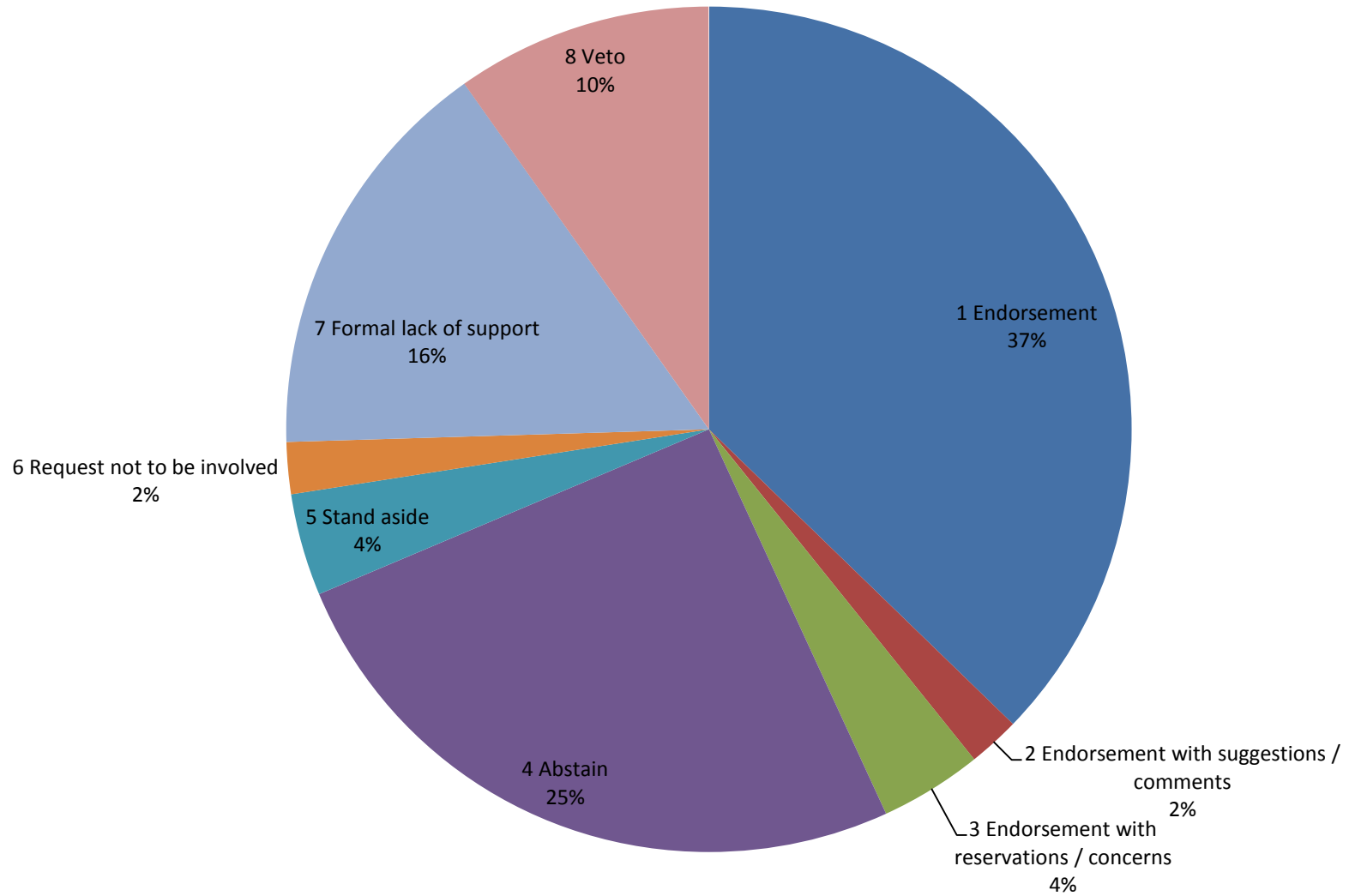
## 9 A separate charity should be set up for junior chess



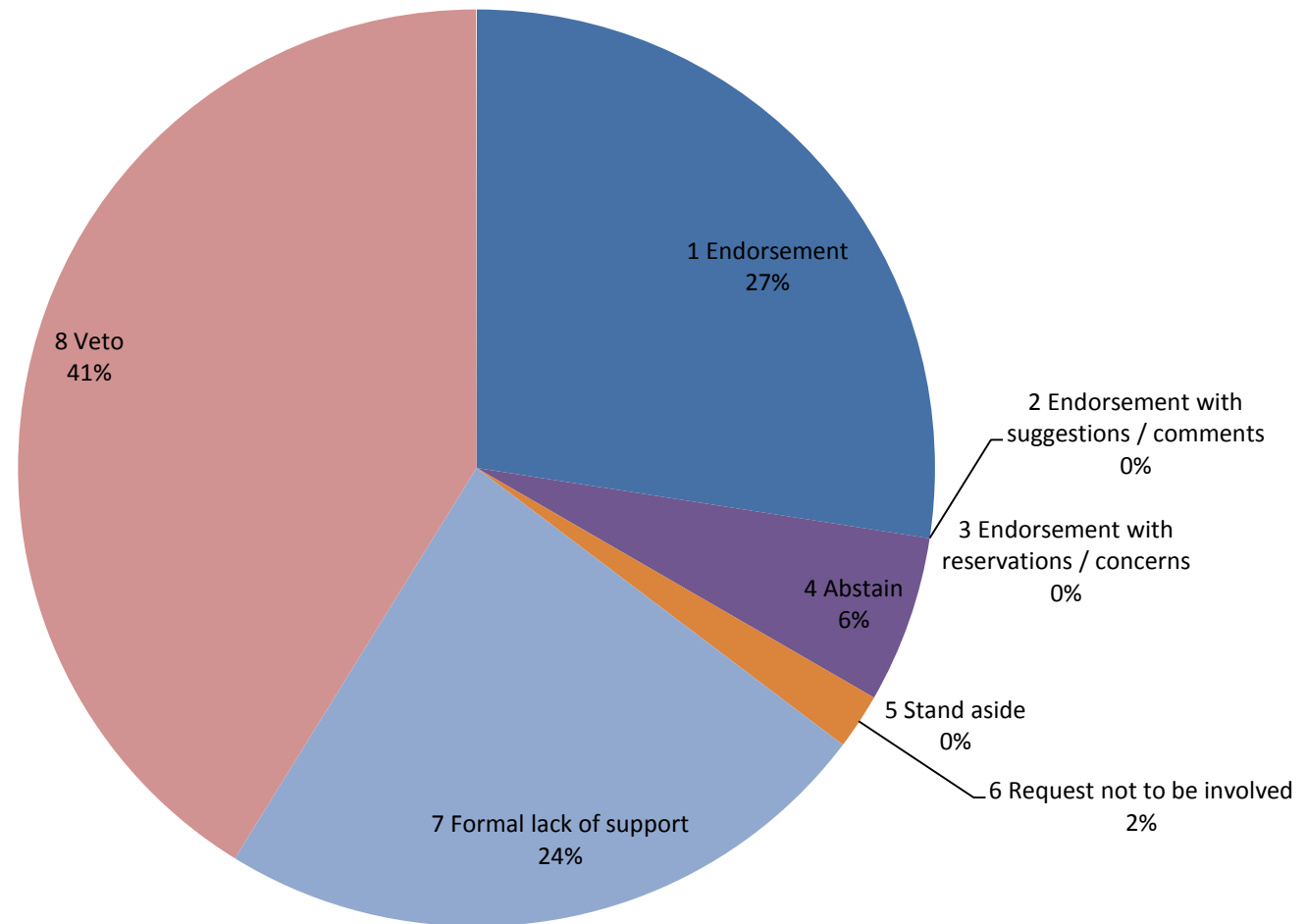
# 10 Junior membership income should only financially support junior chess



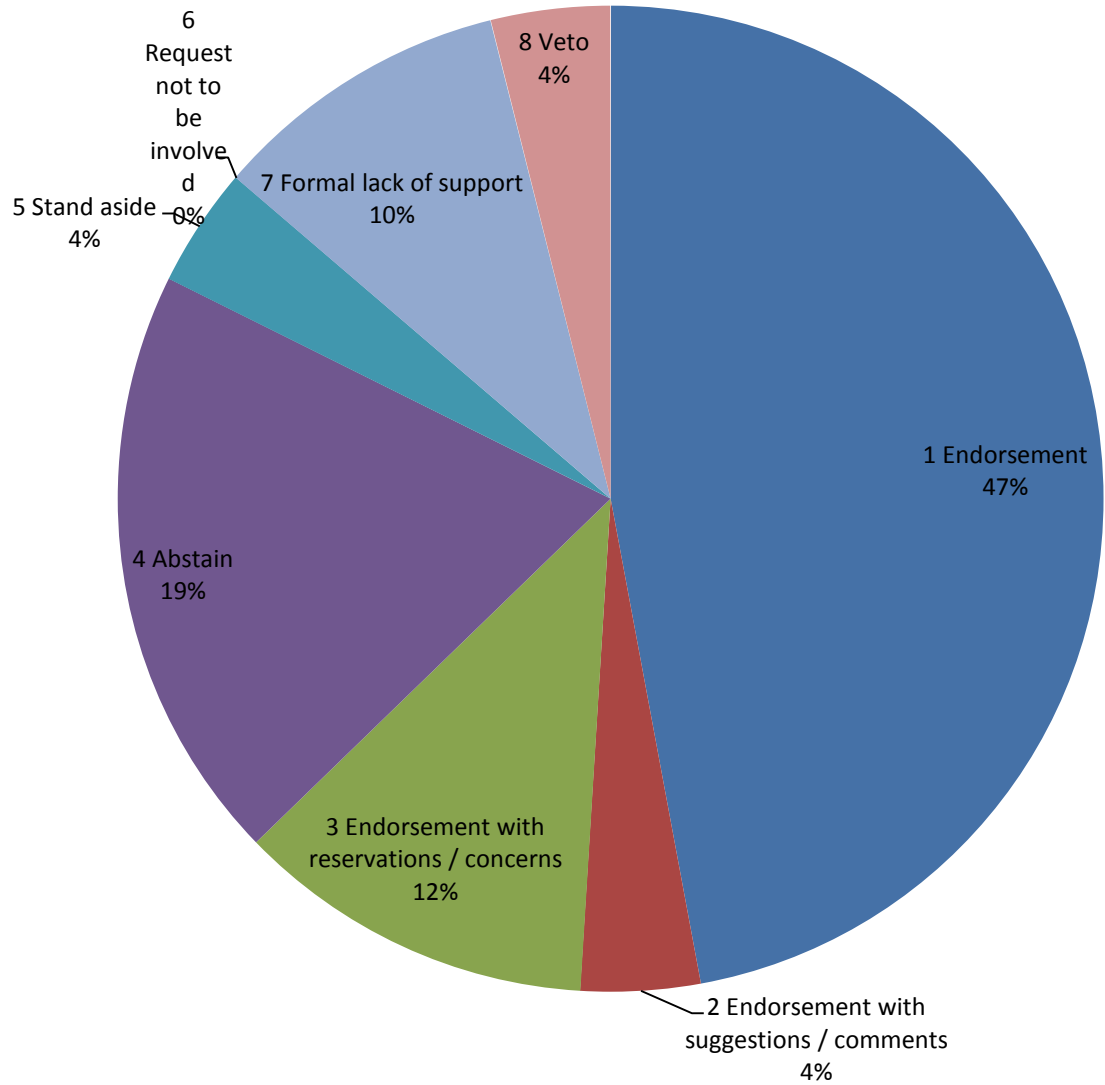
# 11 The Non-charity entity should take over the activity of grading



## 12 Only members of both organisations should be allowed to have their games graded



### 13 The British Championships should continue to break even



## 14 The British Championships should seek to make profits and use these for other ECF activities

