

ECF Director of Home Chess Report 2014/15 Election Address C21.10.5.1

I am standing for my third term as Director of Home Chess, and am looking forward to the challenge of building on some of the improvements that have been implemented in my first two years.

Chess CV

- 4NCL Games-Inputter (2010 -), Board member (2011 -), Arbiter (2013 -)
- Arbiter at events such as: British Championships (2012 -), London Chess Classic (2011 -), World Youth Championships (2014)
- Birmingham League Rapidplay Organiser (2012 -)
- Coach at several schools in and around the West Midlands (2011 -)
- Re-founder and President of British Universities CA (2010 -)
- Warwickshire CA Secretary (2012 -) and Junior Secretary (2010 - 2012)

To-do list for 2014/15

- Increase the amount of FIDE-rated chess within official ECF events. There will be more FIDE-rated tournaments at the British Championships, and the viability of FIDE-rating other ECF events within the Home Chess Directorship will be investigated.
- Improve the ways in which information on the grading database is both accessed (e.g. accessibility from iPads and smartphones) and submitted (e.g. directly via the website).
- Modernise the British Championships, and make better use of technology. Increase the quality of the “show” of the Championships, such that people local to the area with no chess connection know that the Championships are going on.
- Establish minimum-threshold rules for grading of games within the ECF Grading Database.

Specific Targets for 2014/15

- (1) At the time of writing, we have 84 Arbiters listed between levels 1-3. We will set a target of 100 before the 2015 AGM. This will be done by organising Arbiter Training Courses, which are organised at no cost to the ECF.
- (2) The National Club Championships had 18 teams in 2013/4. We will set a target of 25 entries to the 2014/5 event. This can be achieved by publicising the event specifics earlier, and publicising the event more effectively.

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