

ECF Finance Council Meeting April 2019: Card Votes

This document shows how representatives voted in the three card votes held at the Finance Council on April 27 2019 in line with the decision made at the 2017 Annual General Meeting to publish votes.

Abstentions are only recorded where representatives handed in a voting card showing intent to abstain rather than by simply not handing in a card. Submitted cards that were blank were taken as formal abstentions by both the tellers at the meeting and in this analysis.

The three card votes were on the following motions:

- 1 a) That increases in ECF membership fees for the 2019/20 season should be limited at maximum to a rise in line with CPI inflation rate, and preferably to no increase.
b) That the ECF investigate with great haste the best and quickest way to release trust fund monies to support their proposed youth development plan, and to publish these facts for membership's awareness as soon as possible
- 2 That the contribution to International Chess from the ECF's own funds is capped at £30,000 per annum for 2019/20 through to 2021/2022 (for three years) after which it should be subject to review
- 3 A team in the County Championships shall receive one extra point if it fields at least one female player in the National Stage, starting from the 2019/2020 season

In card vote 1 there was exact agreement between this document and the figures announced at the meeting

In card vote 2 this document shows 65 in favour, 220 against with 5 abstentions. At the meeting the number of votes against was announced as 230 other figures matching. I have been unable to reconcile this difference but believe the 220 figure to be the correct one on the basis that the higher figure would have been difficult, if not impossible, to achieve from the representatives actually present at the meeting.

In card vote 3 this document shows 84 in favour, 91 against with 30 abstentions. At the meeting the figures were 88, 91 and 34 respectively. This mismatch is almost certainly due to the fact that four cards marked "Voting Card 4" were submitted (in addition to correct submission of Card 3 by the same voters). Three of these cards were actually blank (though the equivalent card 3 showed clear votes), but the cards were clearly counted as abstentions and this exactly accounts for the difference. The fourth card showed 4 votes in favour of the motion, as did the equivalent card 3. It is clear that both votes were erroneously included in the original calculations at the meeting. I see no reason to take this discrepancy as any more than simple error and do not believe there was any deliberate malpractice.

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Article 5(1) Constituent Units

Constituent Unit	Votes	Representative	Proxy	Vote 1			Vote 2			Vote 3		
				For	Ag	Ab	For	Ag	Ab	For	Ag	Ab
East Anglian Chess Union	2	John Wickham	Adrian Elwin		2		2			2		
London Chess League	7	Mark Rivlin			7		7					
Manchester Chess Federation	4	Julian Clissold	John Reyes		4		4				4	
Midland Counties Chess Union	3	Andrew Leadbetter			3		3				3	
Northern Counties Chess Union	1	Gareth Ellis		1					1			1
Southern Counties Chess Union	6	Mark Murrell			6		6				6	
West of England Chess Union	1	Roger Hardy		1			1				1	

Article 5(2) County Associations

County	Votes	Representative	Proxy	Vote 1			Vote 2			Vote 3		
				For	Ag	Ab	For	Ag	Ab	For	Ag	Ab
Bedfordshire	1	Brian Valentine			1		1				1	
Berkshire	2	Nigel Dennis	Paul Cooksey	2			2					
Buckinghamshire	2	Jonathan Melsom										
Cambridgeshire	2	Marcus Misson										
Cheshire & North Wales	1	Graham Bromley	Tim Wall	1			1			1		
Cleveland	2	William Metcalf	Tim Wall	2			2			2		
Cornwall	1											
Cumbria	1	Dave Cole	Tim Wall	1			1			1		
Derbyshire	2	Simon Gilmore			2		2				2	
Devon	3		John Reyes		3		3				3	
Dorset	1	Ian Clark	Chairman	1								
Durham	1	Tim Wall		1			1			1		
Essex	3	Mark Murrell			3		3				3	
Gloucestershire	1	Nigel Hosken	Chairman		1		1					
Hampshire	1	John F Wheeler	Chairman	1			1					
Herefordshire	1	Alan Leary		1			1					
Hertfordshire	4	Chris Cook		3	1		4			4		
Kent	3	David Gilbert	Mark Murrell		3		3				3	
Lancashire	1	Gareth Ellis		1			1				1	

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Leicestershire & Rutland	3	Mike Salisbury								
Lincolnshire	1	Francis Bowers	Robert Richmond	1			1			1
Merseyside	4	Mike Barrett								
Middlesex	2	Rob Willmoth			2		2			2
Norfolk	5	John Wickham	Adrian Elwin		5		5			5
Northamptonshire	1	Christopher Gibson	Chairman		1		1			
Northumberland	4	Alex McFarlane		4			4			4
Nottinghamshire	4	Robert Richmond		4			4			4
Oxfordshire	3	Mike Truran			3		3			3
Shropshire	3	Nicholas Rutter								
Somerset	2		Chairman	2						
Staffordshire	1	Andrew Leadbetter			1		1			1
Suffolk	2	Bob L Jones								
Surrey	2	Paul Shepherd			2		2			2
Sussex	3	Julie Denning			3		3		3	
Warwickshire	3	Nigel Towers			3		3		3	
Wiltshire	1	Bev Schofield								
Worcestershire	2	Stephen Woodhouse			1		2		2	
Yorkshire	3	Steve Mann		3			3			3

Article 5(3) Chess Leagues

League	Votes	Representative	Proxy	Vote 1			Vote 2			Vote 3		
				For	Ag	Ab	For	Ag	Ab	For	Ag	Ab
4NCL	14	Mike Truran			14			14				
Birmingham & District League	8	Peter Hughes		2	6		1	7				
Blackpool & Fylde League	2	Philip Raynor	Michael Farthing	2			2					
Bournemouth & District League	2	Ian Clark	Chairman			2	2					
Bradford & District League	1	David Barlow										
Briant Poulter Chess League	2	Neill Cooper	Rob Willmoth		2			2		2		
Bristol & District League	6											
Bronowski Trophy	1	Nick Faulks				1	1				1	
Bury & Rochdale League	1	Bill O'Rourke	Tim Wall	1				1		1		
Cannock & District League	1	Andrew Leadbetter			1			1				
Central Lancashire League	1	Bill O'Rourke	Tim Wall	1				1		1		
Central London League	2	Robert Stern			2			2		2		

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Chess 2020 (under review)	0							
Chester & District League	2	David Robertson	Malcolm Pein		2		2	
Chiltern League	1	Nigel Dennis	Paul Cooksey	1			1	
City Chess Association	1	Terry Skippen	Rob Willmoth		1		1	1
Coventry & District League	2	Hok Chiu						
Croydon & District League	1	Angus French		1		1		1
Darlington & District League	1	Peter McKay						
Dudley & District League	1	Paul Sharratt						
Exeter & District League	1	Tim Paulden						
Hertford & District League	1	Charles Willbe	Chris Majer					
Hillingdon & District League	1	Nigel Colter						
Hull & District Chess Association	3	Stephen Greep	Mike Truran		3		3	3
Lancaster & Morecambe League	1	Michael Farthing		1		1		
Leamington & District League	3	Gordon Christie						
Leeds League	3	Ihor Lewyk	Steve Mann	3		3		3
London Public Service Chess League	2	David Gilbert	Robert Stern		2		2	2
Mid-Sussex League	2	Julie Denning			2		2	2
North Circular Chess League	2	Gary Cook	John Reyes		2		2	2
North Essex League	2	Chris Fegan			2		2	2
North Gloucestershire Chess League	2	Nigel Hosken	Chairman		2			
North Staffordshire League	3	Andrew Leadbetter			3		3	
Portsmouth & District League	1	John F Wheeler	Chairman	1		1		
South East Lancashire League	1	John Reyes			1		1	1
Southend & District League	2	Howard Grist						
Southampton League	2	Malcolm Clarke						
South Tynedale League	1	Dave Cole	Tim Wall	1		1		1
Stockport Chess League	4	John Reyes			4		4	4
Stockport Rapidplay League	1	John Reyes			1		1	1
Surrey Border League	2	Michael Gunn			2		2	2
Thanet & East Kent Chess League	2	Ian Hames						
Torbay League	2	John Reyes			2	2		2
Thames Valley League	2	Nigel Dennis	Paul Shepherd		2	2		2
Warrington & District Chess League	2	Gareth Ellis		2		2		2
Wirral Chess League	2	David Farley						
Wolverhampton & District Chess League	3	Andrew Leadbetter			3		3	
Worcester & District League	1	Paul Sharratt						

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Article 5(4) Chess Congresses

Congress	Votes	Representative	Proxy	Vote 1			Vote 2			Vote 3		
				For	Ag	Ab	For	Ag	Ab	For	Ag	Ab
Barnet Knights	2	Rob Willmoth			2		2		2			
Berks & Bucks Congress	1	Nigel Dennis	Paul Cooksey	1			1					
Blackpool Chess Conference	2	Bill O'Rourke	Tim Wall	2			2		2			
Bolton Easter Congress	1	Rod Middleton	John Reyes		1		1			1		
British Rapidplay	1	Brent Kitson										
Bury St Edmunds Congress	1	John Wickham	Adrian Elwin		1		1			1		
Castle Chess	1	Tony Corfe										
Central London Chess Congress	1	John Sargent										
Chess Coaching Services	2	Rob Willmoth			2		2		2			
Chess Masters (under review)	0											
Coulsdon Chess Fellowship	5	Scott Freeman				5	5			5		
Crowborough Congress	1	Julie Denning			1		1		1			
Chess in Schools and Communities	5	Chris Fegan			5		5		5			
Delancey UK Schools Chess Challenge	9	Sarah Longson	Mike Truran		9		9					
Doncaster Congress	1	Steve Mann		1			1			1		
e2e4 (under review)	0											
East Devon Chess Congress	1	Sean Pope	John Reyes		1		1			1		
Frodsham Congress	1	Gareth Ellis		1			1			1		
Frome	1	Gerry Jepps	Chairman	1			1					
Golders Green	5	Adam Raof	Rob Willmoth		5		5		5			
Gibraltar Masters	5	Stuart Conquest	Malcolm Pein		5		5		5			
Hampstead Congress	5	Adam Raof	Rob Willmoth		5		5		5			
Hastings International	2	Alan Hustwayte	Alex McFarlane					2			2	
Heywood Congress	1	Bill O'Rourke	Tim Wall	1			1		1			
Kidlington Chess Tournament	1	Mike Truran			1		1					
Kent Junior Chess Association	3	Simon Metcalf										
King's Place Chess Festival	1	Adam Raof	Rob Willmoth		1		1		1			
Leek Congress	1	Roger Edwards										
Leyland Congress	1	David Clayton	Alex McFarlane	1				1			1	
London Junior Chess Championships	5	Ezra Lutton										
Maidenhead Juniors	3	Nigel Dennis	Paul Cooksey	3			3					
National Chess Junior Squad	1	Marc Shaw										
Northumbria Junior Chess Association	1	Tim Wall		1			1		1			

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Pimlico Summer Tournament	1	Robert Stern		1			1					
Preston Chess Congress	1	Malcolm Peacock	Michael Farthing	1			1					
Royal Beacon Seniors	1	Bob Jones										
Scarborough Congress	2	Alex McFarlane		2			2					2
South Lakes Congress	1	Dave Cole	Tim Wall	1				1			1	
Southend Easter Congress	1	Gavin Hughes										
St Albans Congress	1	Ray Claret										
Stockport Rapidplay	1	Peter Taylor	John Reyes		1			1				1
Surrey Congress	1	Michael Gunn			1			1			1	
Teignmouth Rapidplay	1	Mark Cockerton										
Witney Rapidplay	1	Mike Truran			1			1				
Witney Weekend Congress	1	Mike Truran			1			1				
Wiltshire Junior Chess	2	Bev Schofield										

Article (5) Other Organisations

Organisation	Votes	Representative	Proxy	Vote 1			Vote 2			Vote 3		
				For	Ag	Ab	For	Ag	Ab	For	Ag	Ab
Barnstaple Chess Club	1	Jack Rudd										
British Chess Problem Society	1	Nigel Dennis	Paul Cooksey	1				1				
Braille Chess Association	1	Owen Phillips										
British Universities' Chess Association	1	Alex Holowczak	Mike Truran		1			1				
Chess Arbiters' Association	1	Michael Forster	Alex McFarlane						1			1
English Deaf Chess Association	1	Alasdair MacLeod										
English Federation for Correspondence Chess	1	Phillip Beckett										
English Primary Schools Chess Association	4	Nigel Dennis	Paul Cooksey	4				4				
Friends of Chess	1	Chris Majer										
National Youth Chess Association	1	Nigel Dennis	Paul Cooksey	1				1				

Article 5(6) to 5(15) Votes conferred to Office Holders

Office	Votes	Representative	Proxy	Vote 1			Vote 2			Vote 3		
				For	Ag	Ab	For	Ag	Ab	For	Ag	Ab
President	1	Dominic Lawson	Chris Fegan		1			1			1	
Non-Executive Chairman	1	Julian Clissold	Mike Truran		1			1				
Chief Executive	1	Mike Truran			1			1				

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Director of Finance	1	David Eustace		1	1			
Director of Home Chess	1	Adrian Elwin		1	1			1
Director of International Chess	1	Malcolm Pein		1	1		1	
Director of Junior Chess & Education	1	Alex Holowczak	Mike Truran	1	1			1
Director of Membership	1	Dave Thomas		1	1		1	
Director of Women's Chess	1	Chris Fegan		1	1		1	
Non Executive Director	1	Julie Denning		1	1		1	
Non Executive Director	1	Stephen Woodhouse		1	1		1	
Chairman of the Council	1	Mike Gunn		1	1		1	
The FIDE Delegates	0	Malcolm Pein*						
Chairman of the Finance Committee	1	Timothy Herring		1	1		1	
Chairman of the Governance Committee	1	Robert Stern		1	1		1	
Trustee	1	Ray Edwards						
Trustee	1	Julian Farrand						
Patrons	0	No current patrons						
The Past President	0	Vacant						
The Past Chief Executive	1	Philip Ehr	Chris Fegan	1	1		1	
The Past Non Executive Chairman	0	Vacant						
The Past Chairman of Council	0	Vacant						

*Holders of multiple offices are allowed only 1 vote for all offices held

Article 5(16) Direct Members Representatives

Level	Votes	Representative	Proxy	Vote 1			Vote 2			Vote 3		
				For	Ag	Ab	For	Ag	Ab	For	Ag	Ab
Vice Presidents	1	Stewart Reuben			1			1			1	
Vice Presidents	1	John Wickham	Adrian Elwin		1			1			1	
Platinum	1	Francis Bowers	Robert Richmond	1				1			1	
Platinum	1	Vacant										
Gold	6	Lorin D'Costa	Roger Emerson		6			6			6	
Gold	6	Roger Emerson			6			6				6
Silver	6	Michael Farthing		6			6					
Silver	6	John Reyes		6			6					6
Bronze	6	Gareth Ellis		6			6			6		
Bronze	6	Angus French		6			6					6