

ECF Members and English Players Clubs on chess.com and lichess.org

Our clubs are now very well subscribed with 1,400 – 1,500 members in the ECF members clubs across chess.com and lichess, and over 3,400 club members in the ECF open club on chess.com.

We continue to run a total of 6 members club events per week across chess.com and lichess with 3 tournaments on each platform.

All members club events are ECF online rated with online elo ratings published monthly covering ECF club events, ECF organised competitions, and affiliated leagues and competitions (Eg 4NCL and various other registered leagues and competitions).

You can find the clubs and joining instructions at the links below:

<https://www.chess.com/club/english-chess-federation-members>

<https://lichess.org/team/english-chess-players>

<https://englishchessonline.org.uk/joinus/>

England Women's Team

The England Women's club is captained by Jovanka Houska and can be found at the link below including full details of upcoming events. The club continues to be very well subscribed and runs a regular schedule of events every week, with some major events being planned.

<https://lichess.org/team/england-women>

Internationals

We now have a regular schedule of weekly online Internationals with the lichess Nations Cup and / or World Series events on Saturdays and a chess.com Nations League fixture on Sunday afternoon/ evening and I thought it would be worth summarising events over the last month and upcoming fixtures.

chess.com Nations League

Chess.com's much awaited Nations League 2020 regular season kicked off on Sunday June 28 with the initial season running through August 16th (final match). The top two teams in each division will qualify for the playoffs in August. The matches will be 1v1 team matches against other nations with boards of 20 players or more in div A (which is our division) and two segments per match (rapid and blitz). Matches will start at 18-00 UK (19-00 CEST). The ECF members clubs have entered an England team for the competition.

We won the first fixture between England and Greece on Sunday 28th with details here:

Rapid Segment (3-00 pm) England 24.5 - Greece 13.5

<https://www.chess.com/club/matches/live/english-chess-federation-members/34525>

and here:

Blitz Segment (4.15 pm) England 13.5 - Greece 12.5

<https://www.chess.com/club/matches/live/english-chess-federation-members/34524>).

Many thanks to all of the England players who took part in the inaugural event for the league including GM Keith Arkell, GM Simon Williams, IM Thomas Rendle, and WIM Natasha Regan as part of the 20 player team. There were some fine games played by all of the team members and we will be publishing selected games on this page during the week.

We lost the next fixture between England and Poland on Sunday 5th July with details here:

Rapid Segment with 2 games at 15|2 per board (6-00 pm) - England 16 - Poland 30

<https://www.chess.com/club/matches/live/english-chess-federation/44997>

Blitz Segment with 2 games at 3|2 per board (7-15 pm) - England 14.5 - Poland 37.5

<https://www.chess.com/club/matches/live/english-chess-federation/44998>

14.5-37.5

Again many thanks to all those who took part including IM Thomas Rendle and WIM Natasha Regan.

You can find further details and the full schedule of matches in our Division here:

<https://englishchessonline.org.uk/international-events/>

Our next fixture is England v USA on 12th July which should be a major fixture against one of the favourites in the division

You can find details of the league here if you are interested in playing for England in future events. Details of the rules and league formats are here together with the full set of fixtures - <https://www.chess.com/club/chess-com-nations-league>

As an ECF members club player you will just need to join either or both

tournaments at the links provided with joining open an hour before the start times of 6-00 pm (Rapid segment of 2 x 15|2 games) and 7-15 pm (Blitz segment of 2 x 3|2 games).

lichess Internationals

lichess Nations Cup

The lichess Nations Cup is now well established and going very well. The Cup is now divided into East and West divisions with Open and Women's Sections in both. You can find further details on the Cup Home page here on lichess:

lichess.org/forum/team-league-of-nations/history

We played our second open match in the East Division 1 on Saturday 27th June finishing 5th.

<https://lichess.org/tournament/n6oX5nw6>

The England Women's team played in the Women's section with a first match here on Saturday 27th June finishing 7th.

<https://lichess.org/tournament/03dcD1Yn>

Our next open match will be on **July 18th** at the link here.

<https://lichess.org/tournament/qH6etrpt>

lichess World Series

The English Players team also takes part in regular World Series events on Saturday afternoons.

We managed a big win in the **World 10 Countries** team battle on lichess **Saturday 4th July**. This was a 90 minute Arena Team Battle at 3|0. We played against national teams from Pakistan, India, the Phillipines, Spain, Morocco, Syria, and Brazil. We finished first some way clear of the Moroccan and Brazilian teams in second and third. <https://lichess.org/tournament/BzQH8v66>

Again many thanks to all those who took part

<https://lichess.org/tournament/BzQH8v66>

May Online Rating List

As above, the regular ECF club events are all ECF online rated together with ECF competitions and results from affiliated leagues and competitions . The May rating list has now been issued and will be followed shortly by the June list with

results to end of May.

Online Membership

Our online clubs memberships continue to increase - current figures as below:

chess.com ECF Open club	3,415	(3,400)
chess.com ECF Members	894	(889)
lichess English Players	611	(602)

Full Event details and joining instructions for the clubs can be found here as ever:

<https://englishchessonline.org.uk/>

I hope ECF members are enjoying the club events, National Competitions and Internationals, and do please join one of the clubs if you are not already a member.