

Online Overview

Nigel Towers writes:

Club Events

 <p>English Chess Federation - Members</p> <p>Location: Battle, East Sussex Founded: Jul 22, 2019 Members: 937</p>	Chess.com https://www.chess.com/club/english-chess-federation-members
	Lichess.org https://lichess.org/team/english-chess-players

We continue to run 6 ECF club competitions per week – 3 on chess.com and 3 on lichess. These are a mix of Swiss and Arena format tournaments at rapid and blitz time controls and are all ECF online rated. The Friday Evening Diamond' Events are proving very popular with a month's free upgrade to chess.com diamond status to the tournament winner. All of our tournaments are well subscribed though with club membership is open to all ECF members or Supporters at the links above.

National Events

English Counties - The English Counties finals took place at 18-30 on **Saturday 22nd August** on chess.com, with commentary from GM Matthew Sadler and WIM Natasha Regan on their game changer channel here:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/GameChangerChess>

There were more than 1,000 players across the various stages of the event leading to the finals. The results of the finals are all in LMS with Northumbria becoming the first Online Open Counties Champions with Lincolnshire as the runners up.

Open - <https://ecflms.org.uk/lms/node/60384/efixtures>

Major Open - <https://ecflms.org.uk/lms/node/60385/efixtures>

Open Challengers - <https://ecflms.org.uk/lms/node/60386/efixtures>

Minor Open - <https://ecflms.org.uk/lms/node/60387/efixtures>

North v South - The historic ECF Online North v South match took place on Saturday 5th September on chess.com. This was an online rematch of the historic fixtures of 1893 and 1894 in Birmingham and London, where the famous Joseph Henry Blackburne adjudicated. The South won both of the events in the 1890s; the Challenge Match has not been replayed since and the North were looking to overturn the result. The event was organised by ECF

Counties Controller Mark Murrell and the North and South Captains were Mick Riding and Anthony Fulton respectively. The match was played over 108 boards as with the 1894 event. You can find further details on the club home pages here and the LMS fixture pages which include links to all the games

<https://www.chess.com/club/ecf-north/>

<https://www.chess.com/club/ecf-south/>

GM Matthew Sadler & WIM Natasha Regan provided the live commentary on their game changer channel here: [Game Changer North v South](#)

Honour was restored to the North of England after a 126 wait in the oldest counties challenge of them all with a victory over the South of England in the North v South challenge, particularly across the top 20 boards where the North held a significant and decisive grading advantage.

You can find full details and the results for all boards in LMS at the link below:

<https://ecflms.org.uk/lms/node/61351/efixtures>

This put the overall score in the longest running competition at 2-1 to the South based on their wins in 1893 and 1894, followed after a short interval by the North win in 2020.

Internationals

On the International front the ECF chess.com and lichess Club teams are competing in weekly events in the **Nations League** on chess.com and the **Nations Cup** and **World team battles** on lichess.

chess.com Nations League

We won our final match of the Nations league season 1 against Brazil and finished sixth in the top division based on our wins against Greece and Brazil with final standings as below.

Division A Standings after Round 7

Place	Name	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Total
1	Romania	W2	W4	W7	W5	W6	W8	W3	7
2	Kazakhstan	L1	W8	D3	W6	W4	W7	W5	5.5
3	Poland	W8	W6	D2	D4	W7	W5	L1	5
4	Argentina	W5	L1	W8	D3	L2	W6	W7	4.5
5	United States	L4	W7	W6	L1	W8	L3	L2	3
6	England	W7	L3	L5	L2	L1	L4	W8	2
7	Greece	L6	L5	L1	D8	L3	L2	L4	0.5
8	Brazil	L3	L2	L4	D7	L5	L1	L6	0.5

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>

England Juniors

As noted by Alex Holowczak in the newsletter, an England Juniors team has been set up on Lichess, and runs weekly events on Thursday at 6.00pm with occasional matches against other countries. The club link and joining instructions are here -

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

ECF Online Ratings

All club events and other ECF-registered events are ECF online rated at the relevant time control (Standard, Rapid or Blitz).

The July online rating list is out now with results to end of June and will be followed shortly by the August list. The July list includes ratings for almost 3,500 ECF members or supporters based on results from club events and affiliated leagues or events including the 4NCL, Five Counties, West Midlands and Other leagues and events.

<https://englishchessonline.org.uk/monthly-ratings/>

You can register an online league or event for online rating on the web site here:

<https://britchess.wufoo.com/forms/register-your-event-for-ecf-online-rating/>

Membership

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

chess.com ECF Open club	3,574
chess.com ECF Members	992
lichess English Players	736

If you would like to receive weekly updates on upcoming ECF online events and results from the previous week please subscribe to our weekly online email at the link here:

<https://britchess.wufoo.com/forms/ecf-online-mailing-list/>