



## ONLINE 2020 COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP

English County Associations and online chess players are invited to participate in the inaugural Online Counties Championship this summer, open to all ECF Members and ECF Supporters.

Group all play all stage will be played in June and July 2020 on a Saturday afternoon or evening with the knockout Finals stage in August. The rate of play will not be less than all moves in 45 minutes with 15 second increments.

If you would like to play in this competition see the information below and contact your county's organiser or secretary. If no contact is listed below, scroll down to the Association's website. You will need to be an [ECF Member or ECF Supporter](#) before registration.

Consultation is presently underway as to the final format for the competition. An outline of which is set out in this [letter](#) to County Association Secretaries (if you are a County Association Secretary & have not received this please contact [controller.counties@englishchess.org.uk](mailto:controller.counties@englishchess.org.uk)).

Players can only be registered (and play) for one county and must be eligible to play for that county. See the wide criteria below.

Matches will be played on [chess.com](http://chess.com). Players must have a chess.com rapid rating from at least three games played. [ECF Online](#) runs a regular Sunday evening 4 round Swiss Rapidplay at 15|10 time control. The ECF will also be running chess.com Standardplay events from the end of May at the 45|15 time control. County players may want to join some of these events to get some practice with online rated events on chess.com.

A look back at the first 100 years of County chess can be viewed [here](#).

### Competing County Associations and organiser contacts:

**Derbyshire:** [villagekiller12@gmail.com](mailto:villagekiller12@gmail.com)

**Essex:** [match-cap@essexchess.org.uk](mailto:match-cap@essexchess.org.uk)

**Hampshire:** [f.n.mcleod@soton.ac.uk](mailto:f.n.mcleod@soton.ac.uk)

**Norfolk:** [davidandjulie21@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:davidandjulie21@yahoo.co.uk)

**Warwickshire:** [edhgoodwin@gmail.com](mailto:edhgoodwin@gmail.com)

### Contacts provided by County Associations considering entries

**Cambridgeshire:** [paulkemp64@gmail.com](mailto:paulkemp64@gmail.com)

**Hertfordshire:** [alanl.brewis@ntlworld.com](mailto:alanl.brewis@ntlworld.com)

**Lincolnshire:** [denisgeorgiou@gmail.com](mailto:denisgeorgiou@gmail.com)

**Middlesex:** [fulton790@aol.com](mailto:fulton790@aol.com)

**Northumberland:** [mickriding@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:mickriding@hotmail.co.uk)

**Oxfordshire:** [stephen.rumsby@maidford.plus.com](mailto:stephen.rumsby@maidford.plus.com)

**Shropshire:** [mdhc@shrewsbury.org.uk](mailto:mdhc@shrewsbury.org.uk)

**Somerset:** [ggreenland@me.com](mailto:ggreenland@me.com)

**Surrey:** [peter\\_mary\\_lawrence@hotmail.com](mailto:peter_mary_lawrence@hotmail.com)

### Other County Associations who may wish to participate

[Bedfordshire](#)

[Berkshire](#)

[Buckinghamshire](#)

[Cheshire](#)

[Cleveland](#)

[Cumbria](#)

[Devon](#)

[Dorset](#)

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[Nottinghamshire](#)

[Staffordshire](#)

[Suffolk](#)

[Sussex](#)

[Wiltshire](#)

[Worcestershire](#)

[Yorkshire](#)

### *Not participating*

[Cornwall](#)

**Eligibility:** A player is eligible to represent one of the above Counties in the Championship if the player meets one of the following criteria:

(i) Birth in that county.

(ii) Five years' domicile in that county at any time.

(iii) Two months' immediate previous and present membership of a club either in or affiliated to that County.

(iv) One month's immediately previous and present domicile in that County.

(v) Present attendance as a student at a school, college or university in that County.