



Annual Awards Scheme 2020

Nominations are invited for this years ECF awards. They will cover the period 1st June 2019 to 31st May 2020. Details on how to apply and guidance on particular awards may be found below. Individuals making nominations should read this guidance before submitting an entry.

There are some changes to previous years. The number of Presidents Awards for Services to Chess have been fixed at a maximum of three and the Web site of the year award has been changed to reflect the development of online chess. Could you also note that the awards are subject to review and this announcement also contains details of a consultation process to run over the next six months (see over).

The Awards

1. Club of the Year
2. Small Club of the Year (clubs with fewer than 16 members)
3. Online Chess contribution of the year
4. Congress of the Year
5. The President's Award for services to Chess
6. Magazine of the Year

How to apply

There is no set format for nominations, although submissions should be made electronically, ideally as word documents. For nominations using other methods, including hard copy, please contact the Chairman. This section should be read in the guidance notes over. All nominations will be treated in the strictest confidence

Applications must be with the Committee Chairman Dr Stephen Greep (sjgreep@gmail.com) no later than the end of June

The decision of the committee will be final and no correspondence will be entered into concerning decisions made. In the event of the committee being equally divided over a winner, the Chairman shall have the casting vote. It is expected that the committee will reach their decisions within four weeks of the closing date. The decisions of the committee will, however, require ratification by the ECF Board.

Winners

Each winner will receive a trophy which shall be presented at an appropriate event, such as a meeting of full Council or at a local event where possible. Award winners will receive a trophy and be entitled to display the appropriate winners logo. Details of winners will be placed on the ECF web site and announced in Chess Magazine, together with the ECF social media: facebook, twitter and the ECF Newsletter. Copies of winning citations will be placed on the ECF web site awards section.



Notes

nominations which can be shown to have delivered progress on three key ECF priorities (Women's Chess, Junior Chess and Community Chess) will be especially welcome.

Clubs and Congress of the Year: should be clear about what is different and what has actually been achieved, both qualitative and quantitative analysis should be applied. These achievements may span more than a single year, but should have culminated in the year the award is applied for.

Presidents Award for service for Chess : There will be a maximum of three awards per year. The individuals achievement may span more than a single year, but should have culminated in the year the award is applied for. Individuals submitted for this award do not have to be a member of the ECF, as such awards recognise a wider contribution to Chess.

Online Chess contribution of the year: this award has been changed from *web site of the year* to reflect the upsurge in other forms of chess at national, local and regional level now taking place. Citations concentrating on web site developments are still very much welcome.

The Awards Committee

Chairman

Stephen Greep (sjgreep@gmail.com).

Committee members

Julie Denning, Roger Edwards, Stan Goodall, Mark Hogarth, William Metcalfe, Jack Rudd and Dave Thomas

Members of the Committee are not excluded from having been a part of a citation but will obviously not be a part of the assessment process for that award.

The Future of ECF Awards : Awards Consultation

The awards committee would like to hear your views on the future of the ECF awards. In particular

- Have we got the right categories
- The number of nominations for specific awards varies—how might we make them more attractive
- What specific criteria for assessment should we adopt for specific awards, so that we can give clearer guidance to applicants
- The award of Player of the Year has been in abeyance since 2016. If this is reintroduced what specific criteria should be introduced for assessment, how should that assessment take place and how do we ensure (if that's what we want to do) that the whole chess playing community have an opportunity to win this.
- We are keen to attract sponsorship for the awards, so that we can make them more attractive
- Anything else you'd like to comment on

This process will run for six months and may be repeated as a part of the exercise during this period.