

Finance Council 2021 - 2021 Counties Competition and proposed Rating band Changes

Context

A short consultation exercise was held in March 2021 to assess the level of interest in an Over the Board Counties Finals Competition during Summer 2021. The consultation also covered the preferred rating limits for County team selection going forwards recognising the ECF rating lists have changed from 3 to 4 digits and some Counties have experienced difficulties providing teams, particularly at lower rating levels.

Competitions for 2021 - The feedback received to date (late March) indicates a 50/50 split between Counties wishing to complete the 2019/2020 season with Finals in Summer 2021, and Counties preferring a clean break with the 2019/2020 season abandoned.

Rating Limits - The table below provides some analysis of the impact of adopting the 100 point elo boundaries on the competition including the percentage of players within different ratings bands based on data from the ECF rating / grading lists.

| Obsolete Clarke 3D | Current ECF 4DElo | 2019/20 limited b/w 150 (status quo) | | | Limited b/w 200 starting at 2000 | | | Limited b/w 200 starting at 2100 | | |
|---|----------------------|---|-------|-------|-------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------------------------------------|-------|---------|
| Grade | Rating | 2008 | 2020 | % b/w | 2008 | 2020 | % b/w | 2008 | 2020 | % b/w |
| Open | Open | 1.000 | 1.000 | 13 | 1.000 | 1.000 | | 1.000 | 1.000 | 10 |
| 187 | 2100 | | | | | | 16 | 0.950 | 0.900 | U2100 |
| 180 | 2050 | 0.936 | 0.872 | U2050 | | | | | | 14 |
| 175 | 2013 | | | 11 | 0.919 | 0.844 | U2000 | | | |
| 173 | 2000 | | | | | | 18 | 0.862 | 0.760 | U1700 |
| 160 | 1900 | 0.862 | 0.760 | U1900 | | | | | | 20 |
| 150 | 1825 | | | 15 | 0.793 | 0.667 | U1800 | | | |
| 147 | 1800 | | | | | | 23 | 0.748 | 0.610 | U1750 |
| 140 | 1750 | 0.748 | 0.610 | U1750 | | | | | | 24 |
| 133 | 1700 | | | 17 | 0.588 | 0.438 | U1600 | 0.703 | 0.560 | U1500 |
| 125 | 1638 | | | | | | 21 | 0.588 | 0.438 | U1600 |
| 120 | 1600 | 0.588 | 0.438 | U1600 | | | | | | 21 |
| 107 | 1500 | | | 17 | 0.468 | 0.324 | U1300 | 0.468 | 0.324 | U1300 |
| 100 | 1450 | 0.407 | 0.270 | U1450 | | | 23 | | | 18/33 |
| 93 | 1400 | | | | 0.353 | 0.229 | U1400 | | | |
| 80 | 1300 | | | 27 | | | | 0.238 | 0.148 | (U1100) |
| (75) | (1263) | | | | | | | | | (15) |
| Conversions | | 6 sections | | | 5 sections | | | 5 / (6) sections | | |
| | | + Minor Counties Av 2050 | | | + Minor Counties Av 2000 ? | | | + Minor Counties Av 2100 ? | | |
| Obsolete Clarke 3D | Current ECF 4DElo | 2019/20 limited b/w 150 (status quo) | | | Limited b/w 200 starting at 2000 | | | Limited b/w 200 starting at 2100 | | |
| Percentiles are quoted within each banding section of players in rating list falling within. (b/w = band width) | | | | | | | | | | |

Feedback has been generally supportive for 100 point Elo boundaries and with a clear preference for reducing the number of rating bands to make it easier to provide county teams going forward. One county advocated raising the bar by 100 across the board as it suited their demographic; this was not supported more widely and would potentially reduce the number of players available for the Open to an unacceptable level as shown in the supporting analysis.