

Record of Card Votes at the ECF Finance Council Meeting 24 April 2021

This document shows how representatives voted in the four card votes conducted at the 2021 Finance Council Meeting.

Once again some latitude has been allowed in relation to errors in voting. However, there were only irregularities in the first card vote. These were that in three cases the number of votes cast exceeded the member's allocation. The votes were reduced to the allowed number. (No split vote was involved).

In card votes 1, 3 and 4 there were also cases of duplicate voting which was specifically made acceptable in the meeting where corrected submissions needed to be made. However, these were not always detected by the tellers, whose job was to produce a provisional result to guide the meeting. These duplicate submissions are therefore not regarded as irregularities and in line with the policy stated in the meeting the later or latest submission was taken as the authoritative one.

In one case of two submissions both submissions had undercast votes but the sum of these was correct. Therefore both submissions were included.

All card votes were Special Resolutions and therefore, to be passed, required a 75% vote in favour.

The motions involved were as follows:

Card Vote 1 was on the motion:

Special Resolution C34.11 A

THAT, subject to the condition below, the existing wording of Article 60 be deleted and replaced with: "Any Director who retires at an Annual General Meeting pursuant to Article 59 shall not be eligible for re-election at such Annual General Meeting to the same (or substantially similar) Board Position if the Director has then just completed a continuous period of office in such same (or substantially similar) Board Position of longer than one three year term. Any such Director shall be eligible for appointment to the same (or substantially similar) Board Position pursuant to Article 57, but shall not be eligible to stand for election to the same (or substantially similar) Board Position until the Annual General Meeting in the third year after the year in which the relevant Director was ineligible for re-election. For the purposes of Article 60, a "three year term" shall mean the time period between an Annual General Meeting and the Annual General Meeting held in the third next succeeding calendar year". Even if passed by the requisite majority, this resolution shall only take effect if the ratio between votes in favour and votes against is greater than the equivalent ratio for each of Resolution (B) below and Resolution (C) below and in the event of ratios being identical a casting vote of the Chairman shall decide which resolution shall take effect.

The votes announced in the meeting were 31 in favour and 137 against. In the published record 26 votes were in favour and 131 against. The motion was defeated.

Card Vote 2 was on the motion:

Special Resolution C34.11 B

THAT, subject to the condition below, the existing wording of Article 60 be deleted and replaced with: “Without prejudice to the provisions of Article 57, any Director who retires at an Annual General Meeting pursuant to Article 59 shall not be eligible for re-election at such Annual General Meeting to the same (or substantially similar) Board Position if the Director has then just completed a continuous period of office in such same (or substantially similar) Board Position of two consecutive three year terms or longer. Any such Director shall be eligible for appointment to the same (or substantially similar) Board Position pursuant to Article 57, but shall not be eligible to stand for election to the same (or substantially similar) Board Position until the Annual General Meeting in the third year after the year in which the relevant Director was ineligible for re-election. For the purposes of Article 60, a “three year term” shall mean the time period between an Annual General Meeting and the Annual General Meeting held in the third next succeeding calendar year”. Even if passed by the requisite majority, this resolution shall only take effect if the ratio between votes in favour and votes against is greater than the equivalent ratio for each of Resolution (A) above and Resolution (C) below and in the event of ratios being identical a casting vote of the Chairman shall decide which resolution shall take effect.

The votes announced in the meeting and published here were 44 in favour and 111 against. The motion was defeated.

Card Vote 3 was on the motion:

Special Resolution C34.11 C

THAT, subject to the condition below, the existing wording of Article 60 be deleted and replaced with: “Without prejudice to the provisions of Article 57, any Director who retires at an Annual General Meeting pursuant to Article 59 shall not be eligible for re-election at such Annual General Meeting to the same (or substantially similar) Board Position if the Director has then just completed a continuous period of office in such same (or substantially similar) Board Position of three consecutive three year terms or longer. Any such Director shall be eligible for appointment to the same (or substantially similar) Board Position pursuant to Article 57, but shall not be eligible to stand for election to the same (or substantially similar) Board Position until the Annual General Meeting in the third year after the year in which the relevant Director was ineligible for re-election. For the purposes of Article 60, a “three year term” shall mean the time period between an Annual General Meeting and the Annual General Meeting held in the third next succeeding calendar year”. Even if passed by the requisite majority, this resolution shall only take effect if the ratio between votes in favour and votes against is greater than the equivalent ratio for Resolution (A) above and Resolution (B) above and in the event of ratios being identical a casting vote of the Chairman shall decide which resolution shall take effect.

The votes announced in the meeting 66 in favour and 98 against and the published results here are 65 in favour and 96 against. The motion was defeated.

Card Vote 4 was on the motion:

Special Resolution C34.12

THAT the articles of association of the Company be amended by:

(a) inserting (in the appropriate place alphabetically) in article 1.1 the following definitions:

“Blitz Game” means a game where all the moves must be completed in a fixed time of not fewer than three minutes but not more than 10 minutes for each player or the allotted time plus 60 times any increment is not fewer than three minutes but not more than 10 minutes for each player;”

“Rapidplay Game” means a game where all the moves must be completed in a fixed time of more than 10 minutes but less than 60 minutes for each player or the allotted time plus 60 times any increment is more than 10 minutes but less than 60 minutes for each player;

“Standardplay Game” means a game where each player is allotted more time than the maximum time for a Rapidplay Game;

(b) deleting the final sentence of article 31 and replacing it with the following wording; “For these purposes, each rated game played shall give rise to two entries (one for each player) and an over the board Standardplay Game entry shall constitute one game unit, an over the board Rapidplay Game entry half a game unit, an over the board Blitz Game entry one sixth of a game unit, an online Standardplay Game entry half a game unit, an online Rapidplay Game entry one quarter of a game unit and an online Blitz Game entry one twelfth of a game unit. If in any period (as referred to in this article 31) the aggregate amount of game units of full Members attributable to online games (including pursuant to assignment under article 32) exceeds half of the aggregate number of game units of Full Members attributable to over the board games (including pursuant to assignment under Article 32) then, for the purposes of calculating voting entitlements under Article 30(1), the value of the game units deriving from online games attributable to Full Members shall be proportionately reduced to the extent necessary to ensure that the limit is not exceeded. By way of exception to the foregoing, for the period ending 30th June 2021 the preceding sentence shall be applied as if there were inserted after the words “game units of Full Members attributable to over the board games (including pursuant to assignment under Article 32)” the words “in the period ended 30th June 2019”;

(c) replacing all references in the articles of association to “grading” and “graded” with “rating” and “rated” respectively;

The votes announced in the meeting was 125 in favour and 35 against. The result published here is 124 in favour and 35 against. At 78% in favour this motion was passed.

Article 5(1) Constituent Units

Constituent Unit	Votes	Card Vote 1		Card Vote 2		Card Vote 3		Card Vote 4	
		For	Against	For	Against	For	Against	For	Against
East Anglian Chess Union	2	0	2	0	2	2	0	2	0
London Chess League	5	4	1	5	0	5	0	3	2
Manchester Chess Federation									
Midland Counties Chess Union	3	0	3	0	3	0	3	3	0
Northern Counties Chess Union	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1
Southern Counties Chess Union	2	0	2	2	0	2	0	2	0
West of England Chess Union	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0

Article 5(2) County Associations

County	Votes	Card Vote 1		Card Vote 2		Card Vote 3		Card Vote 4	
		For	Against	For	Against	For	Against	For	Against
Bedfordshire	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0
Berkshire	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0
Buckinghamshire	1								
Cambridgeshire	2	2	0	2	0	2	0	0	2
Cheshire & North Wales	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0
Cleveland	2								
Cornwall	1								
Cumbria	1								
Derbyshire	2	0	2	2	0	2	0	0	2
Devon	2								
Dorset	2	0	2	0	2	0	2	2	0
Durham	2	2	0	0	2	0	2	0	2
Essex	2	0	2	0	2	2	0	2	0
Gloucestershire	1								
Hampshire	1								
Herefordshire	1								
Hertfordshire	3								
Kent	3	0	3	0	3	3	0	3	0
Lancashire	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
Leicestershire & Rutland	3								
Lincolnshire	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0
Merseyside	3	0	3	0	3	0	3	0	3
Middlesex	2	0	2	2	0	0	2	2	0
Norfolk	4	0	4	0	4	4	0	4	0
Northamptonshire	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0
Northumberland	3							2	1
Nottinghamshire	3								
Oxfordshire	2	0	2	0	2			2	0
Shropshire	2								
Somerset	1								
Staffordshire	1								
Suffolk	2								
Surrey	2	0	2	0	2	0	2	2	0
Sussex	2	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	2
Warwickshire	2	0	2	0	2	0	2	2	0
Wiltshire	1								
Worcestershire	1								
Yorkshire	2	0	2	2	0	2	0	2	0

Article 5(3) Chess Leagues

ECF Finance Council April 2021: Record of Card Votes

League	Votes	Card Vote 1		Card Vote 2		Card Vote 3		Card Vote 4	
		For	Against	For	Against	For	Against	For	Against
4NCL	9	0	9	0	0	9	0		
Birmingham & District League	6								
Blackpool & Fylde League	1	0	1	0	1	1	0		
Bolton & District Chess League	1								
Bournemouth & District League	2	0	2	0	2	0	2	2	0
Bradford & District League	2								
Briant Poulter Chess League	2	0	2	0	2	0	2	2	0
Bristol & District League	4	0	4	0	4	0	4	4	0
Bronowski Trophy	1	0	1	0	1				
Bury & Rochdale League	1								
Cannock & District League	1								
Central Lancashire League	1								
Central London League	2	0	2	0	2	2	0	2	0
Chess 2020	1								
Chester & District League	1								
Chiltern League	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0
City Chess Association	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0
Coventry & District League	2							2	0
Croydon & District League	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1
Darlington & District League	1								
Dudley & District League	1								
Exeter & District League	1								
Hertford & District League	1								
Hillingdon & District League	1								
Hull & District Chess Association	2	0	2	0	2	2	0	2	0
Lancaster & Morecambe League	1								
Leamington & District League	2								
Leeds League	2								
London Public Service Chess League	2	0	2	0	2	2	0	2	0
Mid-Sussex League	2	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	2
North Circular Chess League	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0
North Essex League	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1
North Gloucestershire Chess League	2								
North Staffordshire League	2								
Portsmouth & District League	1								
South East Lancashire League	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0
South Tynedale League	1								
Southampton League	2								
Southend & District League	1								
Stockport Chess League	2	0	2	0	2	0	2	2	0
Stockport Rapidplay League	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0
Surrey Border League	2	0	2	0	2	0	2	2	0
Thames Valley League	2	0	2	0	2	0	2	2	0
Thanet & East Kent Chess League	2								
Torbay League	2	0	2	0	2	0	2	2	0
Warrington & District Chess League	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
Wirral Chess League	1								
Wolverhampton & District Chess League	2								
Worcester & District League	1								

Article 5(4) Chess Congresses

Congress	Votes	Card Vote 1		Card Vote 2		Card Vote 3		Card Vote 4	
		For	Against	For	Against	For	Against	For	Against
Barnet Knights	2	0	2	2	0	0	2	2	0
Berks & Bucks Congress	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0
Blackpool Chess Conference	2								
Bolton Easter Congress	1								
British Rapidplay	1								
Bury St Edmunds Congress	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0
Caplin Hastings International Congress	3							3	0
Castle Chess	1								
Central London Chess Congress	1								
Chess Coaching Services	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0
Chess in Schools and Communities	4								
Coulsdon Chess Fellowship	6								
Crowborough Congress	1								
Delancey UK Schools Chess Challenge	8								
Doncaster Congress	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	1
East Devon Chess Congress	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0
Frodsham Congress	1								
Frome	1								
Gibraltar Masters	5								
Golders Green	4								
Hampstead Congress	3								
Heywood Congress	1								
Kent Junior Chess Association	2								
Kidlington Chess Tournament	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0
King's Place Chess Festival	1								
Leek Congress	1								
Leyland Congress	1	0	1	1	0	1	0		
London Junior Chess Championships	6								
Maidenhead Juniors	2	0	2	0	2	0	2	2	0
National Chess Junior Squad	1								
Northumbria Junior Chess Association	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1
Pimlico Summer Tournament	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0
Preston Chess Congress	1								
Ribble Congresses	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	0
Richmond Junior CC	3								
Scarborough Congress	2							2	0
South Lakes Congress	1								
Southend Easter Congress	1								
St Albans Congress	1								
Stockport Rapidplay	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0
Surrey Congress	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0
Teignmouth Rapidplay	1								
Wiltshire Junior Chess	1								
Witney Rapidplay	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0
Witney Weekend Congress	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0

Article (5) Other Organisations

Organisation	Votes	Card Vote 1		Card Vote 2		Card Vote 3		Card Vote 4	
		For	Against	For	Against	For	Against	For	Against
Barnstaple Chess Club	1								
Braille Chess Association	1	0	1	0	1	0	1		
British Chess Problem Society	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	0
British Universities' Chess Association	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
Chess Arbiters' Association	1								
English Deaf Chess Association	1								
English Primary Schools Chess Assoc	3	0	3	0	3	0	3	3	0
Friends of Chess	1								
National Youth Chess Association	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0

Article 5(6) to 5(15) Votes conferred to Office Holders

Office	Votes	Card Vote 1		Card Vote 2		Card Vote 3		Card Vote 4	
		For	Against	For	Against	For	Against	For	Against
President	1								
Chief Executive	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0
Non-Executive Chairman	1								
Director of Finance	1								
Director of Home Chess	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0
Director of International Chess	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1
Director of Junior Chess & Education	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
Director of Membership	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0
Director of Women's Chess	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1
Non-Exec Director: Natasha Regan	1							1	0
Non-Exec Director: Stephen Woodhouse	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0
Chairman of the Council	1								
The FIDE Delegate*	0								
Chairman of the Finance Committee	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
Chairman of the Governance Committee	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0
Trustee: Ray Edwards	1								
Trustee: Isabel Keen	1								
The Past Chief Executive	1								
The Past Chairman of Council	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0

*Holders of multiple offices are allowed only 1 vote for all offices held

Article 5(16) Direct Members Representatives

Direct Member	Votes	Card Vote 1		Card Vote 2		Card Vote 3		Card Vote 4	
		For	Against	For	Against	For	Against	For	Against
Vice Presidents: Stewart Reuben	1			0	1	1	0		
Vice Presidents: Gerry Walsh	1	0	1	0	1	0	1		
Platinum: David Eustace	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1
Platinum: John Wickham	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0
Gold: Lorin D'Costa	6								
Gold: Robert Willmoth	6	0	6	6	0	0	6	6	0
Silver: John Reyes	6	0	6	0	6	0	6	6	0
Silver: Tim Wall	6	6	0	0	6	0	6	0	6
Bronze: Aga Milewska	6	6	0	6	0	6	0	6	0
Bronze: Chris Skulte	6			6	0	6	0	6	0