

## **Blitz Game Fee Proposal for April 2022 Finance Council.**

**Background** - The ECF is planning to publish an over the board blitz rating list once there have been sufficient games played, with a sufficient percentage in national events to avoid isolated rating pools.

The rating team is already collecting blitz submissions for rating and are expecting that the first list will be produced in Q3 or Q4 of 2022 dependant on activity levels and profile of events.

Given the marginal costs of producing the additional list the ECF is planning to bring blitz games into the same membership dependant charging arrangement as rapidplay games with the proviso that:

- There will be a higher limit on allowed games per blitz league or closed blitz club events without charging on the basis that 3 blitz games may be considered equivalent to 1 rapidplay game
- Charges will not come into force until the first ECF Blitz rating list has been published, and will not be applied retrospectively.

Details of current charging arrangements for standard and rapidplay leagues, club events and congresses may be found here for reference - <https://www.englishchess.org.uk/pay-to-play-and-game-fee-new/>