

C39.9 (3)

Resolution proposed by the Northern Counties Chess Union to the ECF AGM, 14 October 2023

"That the ECF resolves to abolish the Gold, Silver and Bronze membership categories and replace them with a single membership category, based on a recommended membership fee of £25 a year from September 2024. This membership category will allow ECF Members to take part in all rated club, league, tournament, and congress events with free ECF and FIDE rating.

That Junior and Student Members and Supporters continue to enjoy reduced membership fees, with a recommended level of £10 per year from September 2024 and a continued commitment to free membership in their first year for Junior Members (players under the age of 18) and Students under the age of 21.

That Platinum Members be recategorized as ECF Patrons, with the same membership rights as other ECF Members, but with the addition of a free print copy of the ECF Yearbook each year. The recommended rate for Patrons from September 2024 will be £75 per year.

These proposals are introduced with the aim of reducing administrative and financial barriers to congress and tournament play, and particularly FIDE rated events, while establishing the principle of equality for all ECF members and keeping membership affordable for all.

That a proposal based on this resolution is put forward by the Board for approval by the Finance Council in April 2024."