**ENGLISH CHESS FEDERATION**

**English Chess Federation is a company limited by guarantee
and registered in England**

**Registered Number 5293039**

Chess organisations are encouraged to apply for membership of the English Chess Federation. Admissions to membership are approved by the ECF Board in the case of Leagues, Congresses, Clubs and other like organisations (not being Unions or Counties) that submit games for rating, and by Council in the case of organisations that do not submit games for rating, Unions and Counties. Leagues, Congresses, Clubs and other like organisations must organise at least 50 ECF-rated over the board standardplay games (or the equivalent) per year to be eligible to be considered for membership by the Board.

 By becoming a member of the ECF you will be entitled to:

- attend and vote at general meetings (normally in April and October)

- receive the annual accounts of the ECF

- elect directors by voting at the AGM

- vote on any fundamental changes to the ECF’s rules

- have your rated events listed in the ECF calendar free of charge.

The ECF’s constitution is made up of the Articles of Association and associated Bye Laws and Regulations. The Articles deal with the holding of meetings, the admission of members, the election of directors, and other rules relating to the running of the ECF. The Articles are registered on the public records for the ECF held at Companies House. The up-to-date text of all the constitutional documents is available on the website.

You will not be liable for any debts of the ECF or if someone brings a legal case against ECF, by becoming a member. This is because it is a company limited by guarantee. If the ECF is wound up  you will have to pay no more than £1.00 to the ECF. This is the amount that you ‘guarantee’ or promise to pay to ECF by becoming a member.

**APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP**

Please complete the form below with supporting notes as relevant to cover the objectives of the organisation, how long your organisation has been established, and brief details of any chess events you run or other chess-related activities.

To the Board of English Chess Federation (ECF), The Watch Oak, Chain Lane, Battle, East Sussex TN33 0YD

Membership Application on behalf of [*name of the organisation*] ……………………………..

Select the type of organisation: (1) Union; (2) County; (3) League, Congress, Club or other like organisation (not in (1) or (2)) that submits games for rating; (4) Other organisation that does not submit games for rating.

I [*full surname and forenames*] …………………………………………………………………………………..

of [*address and postcode*] …………………………………………………………………………………………..

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being the [*office held*] ………………..……………………………………………………………………………….

of the [*name of organisation*] ………..…………………………………………………………………………..

wish to become a Representative Member of the English Chess Federation to represent this organisation subject to the provisions of the Articles of Association of the ECF and to the associated Bye-laws and Regulations. I agree to pay to the ECF an amount of £1 if the ECF is wound up while the above-named organisation is a member or for up to 12 months after it has left the ECF but so that the total liability of the organisation shall not be in total more than £1.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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