



To All NCCU Counties, Clubs, Players and Congresses

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The ECF Membership Scheme - NCCU MO

To all Chess Players;

Following agreement with the English Chess Federation, the NCCU intend to set up a Membership Organisation (MO) which will administer membership of the ECF, for NCCU players who wish to become members. The ECF are supporting membership of the NCCU MO.

It is recognized that some NCCU Counties have made membership either compulsory or voluntary and some Counties may initially wish to run their own MO rather than come under the NCCU umbrella MO. However, we encourage all NCCU players to back the scheme and hope that you will take advantage of this cheap and simple way to join our national body – and also enjoy the benefits listed below.

Membership is annual and will take effect from 1st September 2007 until August 31st 2008.

Benefits include:

- Cheaper Congress and Rapidplay entries
- Cheaper entrance for your Club into leagues
- Cheaper entry to the British Championships
- Play graded games against fellow club members without game fee
- Become an ECF direct member with Chessmoves free
- Be game fee exempt wherever you play chess

The benefits of being within an MO Organisation, means that any excess money over and above agreed game fee payments will result in a 'gainshare' of money from the ECF which will be used by the NCCU to benefit chess players in the North. It is expected that these benefits will materialize following the first full year of membership. Players, Clubs and Counties will be involved in deciding where the benefits will go.

Provided you are with a club affiliated to the NCCU (Cheshire & North Wales, Cleveland, Cumbria, Durham, Lancashire, Merseyside, Northumberland or Yorkshire) or play in a league in one of these counties, you can join. Entry forms are appended to this letter. It would be helpful if Counties, Clubs and Leagues could inform the NCCU if they have a single point of contact on membership.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D. J. Farley', is written over a light blue rectangular background.

Dave Farley
NCCU President