

EMAIL from ECF - Interested Cumbrian players please respond to Dave Cole/Jonathan Rashleigh.

From: Independent Review - English Chess Federation [mailto:Mail@paysubsonline.com]  
Sent: 02 June 2015 15:56  
To: Cole, Dave (UK Barrow)  
Subject: ECF Constitution and Governance

Dear Member of the English Chess Federation,

The Independent Constitutional and Governance Review Commission has been tasked by the ECF Board with carrying out a review of the ECF's Articles of Association and other aspects of ECF governance. The Commission's full terms of reference are published on the ECF website at this [link](#).

In September 2014, the ECF Board subscribed to the Voluntary Code of Good Governance for the Sport and Recreation Sector. The ECF and other Signatories are expected to adopt the seven governance principles of the Code :

- First principle. Integrity : Acting as guardians of the sport, recreation, activity or area.
- Second principle. Defining and evaluating the role of your board.
- Third principle. Setting vision, mission and purpose.
- Fourth principle. Objectivity : Balanced, inclusive and skilled board.
- Fifth principle. Standards, systems and controls.
- Sixth principle. Accountability and transparency.
- Seventh principle. Understanding and engaging with the sporting landscape.

The full text of the Code is available at this [link](#).

The Commission expects that any recommendations it makes will be consistent with the Code. The Commission would welcome the views of constituent units, counties, leagues and other associations as well as direct members on any aspect of ECF governance. We would like to hear about what you think is being done well, as well as what you think needs to improve or be updated, with particular reference to the principles of the above Code. All views expressed will remain confidential. Please email us at [Independent.Review@englishchess.org.uk](mailto:Independent.Review@englishchess.org.uk) or write to Independent Review, English Chess Federation, The Watch Oak, Chain Lane, Battle, East Sussex TN33 0YD. Comments received by 30 June 2015 will have the most impact on our work.

Yours sincerely,

Gareth Pearce

Committee Chairman