



Hull and East Riding Chess Association (Registered Charity 1155858)

Organisational Affiliation Criteria

The HERCA Constitution identifies three levels of association: affiliated organisations, full and junior membership for individuals who are members of affiliated organisations and individuals who are not members of affiliated organisation. This document addresses the criteria for affiliation for organisations that may be traditional evening chess clubs, other daytime chess groups, schools with chess teams in HERCA competitions, or any other organisation capable of meeting the criteria.

Affiliation will allow such organisations to:

- access events organised by HERCA such as leagues, cups and other events
- be included in HERCA promotional material (website, posters, leaflets, etc) and promotional events.
- access HERCA funds for the promotion and development of chess, including:
 - DBS Checks for chess coaches working with juniors or vulnerable adults
 - Safeguarding training for Chess Club Safeguarding Officer
 - Training Courses for chess coaches on the ECF Registered Coaching Scheme
 - Chess Arbiter training
 - Junior Chess Club Development Fund (not yet finalised)
 - Junior Scholarship Scheme (not yet finalised)
 - Club development fund (about to be finalised)
- advise current or would-be members on how to access the HERCA Hardship Fund

Affiliation will automatically allow members of organisations to become HERCA members, giving them rights to:

- to be nominated as a Trustee of the charity and to hold office (adult members)
- propose changes to the constitution, playing rules of the Charity
- vote (adult members) at all general meetings and to exercise other rights as determined by the Constitution
- play representational chess for the Association
- play in HERCA leagues and closed tournaments
- be covered by HERCA Insurance if undertaking work on behalf of the HERCA as either a HERCA Trustee, Officer, Chess Coach, Chess Arbiter or chess helper.

To be recognised as an affiliated organisation, the applicant organisation must be based in Hull or the East Riding. It will be expected to help HERCA achieve its charitable aims as approved by the Charity Commission: firstly, the advancement of amateur sport by promoting the game of chess for the benefit of the residents of Hull and the East Riding; secondly, the provision of facilities for the learning, teaching and playing of chess for the benefit of the beneficiaries with the objects of improving conditions of life.

The organisation will do this primarily through its own activities but also through supporting and promoting local chess events organised by the HERCA and its partners.

More specifically, an applicant organisation must be able to demonstrate (by written confirmation) that it has adopted the following policies (or has its own equivalent):

- HERCA Safeguarding Children Policy
- HERCA Privacy Policy
- HERCA policies for diversity and inclusion (to be agreed)
- HERCA Regulations and Guidelines for Anti-Cheating and Online Fair Play

It should also be able to provide a valid insurance certificate for its venue to give protection to those taking part in HERCA events (for example, league matches).

It should also agree that:

- its paid-up members are given the opportunity to become members of HERCA (including paid-up junior members) and that it will keep the General Secretary informed of current membership and individuals contact details (as a charity we are legally obligated to retain contact details of our members)
- agree to pay fees, as agreed at the HERCA AGM for team participation in HERCA leagues, as recommended by the Treasurer and agreed at an AGM.
- abide by any rulings of the HERCA Executive Committee made within its powers as outlined in the HERCA Constitution
- abide by the rules of competition as determined from time to time by the HERCA and published in the HERCA rules
- promote the Code of Conduct for players of the HERCA

Change History

| Issue | Date | Summary of Changes | Author |
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