

## **QUALIFIED ARBITERS IN THE HDCA AREA**

The following is an abstract from the ECF web page on arbiter levels and what's required to achieve these levels.

### **ECF Arbiter Regulations (from 1st September 2016)**

#### **Levels in the new Arbiter system**

- 1 Attend an ECF Seminar and pass the ECF Test
- 2 Become an ECF Arbiter
- 3 Become a FIDE Arbiter
- 4 Become an International Arbiter

#### **Details of Each Level**

Level 1) The ECF will aim to organise a minimum of three ECF Arbiter seminars per year, and advertise them on the ECF website. These seminars will have a reasonable geographic spread around England. The title will be awarded upon achieving a pass mark in the examination. Titleholders will be eligible to apply for a FIDE Arbiters Licence. To pass the assessment, and acquire a norm, the pass mark is 16 out of 20.

Level 2) Attaining this level will require three tournament norm passes from a minimum of two different Assessors. At least one of these three tournaments must be from a tournament that is either Rapidplay or Blitz. At least one of these three tournament norm passes must be from a tournament that is Standardplay. Each norm must have been obtained at a tournament that had a minimum of 30 players and five rounds. Level 2 norms can only be acquired by arbiters who are not considered inactive, and after the candidate has attended the ECF Arbiter seminar and passed the examination. The title can then be awarded by a majority vote from a panel consisting of the Director of Home Chess, the Manager of Arbiters (Home) and the Chief Arbiter.

Level 3) The FIDE Arbiter title will be awarded by FIDE under the regulations in force at the time. The ECF will organise a minimum of one FIDE Arbiters seminar per year, and advertise it on the ECF website. This FIDE Arbiters seminar can be attended, and the test taken, before Level 2 has been reached, but must be done after Level 1 has been achieved. No application for this level will be made for a candidate who is not already a Level 2 Arbiter. The Manager of Arbiters (International) will be responsible for submitting applications for FIDE Arbiter.

Level 4) The International Arbiter title will be awarded by FIDE under the regulations in force at the time. The Manager of Arbiters (International) will be responsible for submitting applications for International Arbiter.

### **The following are local, qualified, arbiters (as at 09/05/23)**

#### **Level One**

David Atkin, Richard Atkinson, Stephen Greep, Tom Hackett, Bryan Hesler, Jo Hutchinson and John Sugden

#### **Level Two**

Colin Hailstone

#### **Level Three**

Douglas Vleeshouwer