



Swindon Chess Club Membership Costs & Terms

Membership Costs (effective 11-Apr-2026; subject to change):

There are two tiers of membership - named BASIC and PREMIUM.

BASIC membership allows access to casual club nights. For BASIC membership you do not need to be registered with the ECF (English Chess Federation). The cost for BASIC membership is currently free.

PREMIUM membership provides full access for both casual club nights and rated game club nights. In order to play rated games you need to be registered with the ECF.

The cost for TEMPORARY PREMIUM membership is £5 per evening, with a maximum of two such temporary evenings in a season. However, this cost will count towards your FULL PREMIUM seasonal membership fee, should you then decide to become a FULL PREMIUM member in that season.

The cost for PARTIAL PREMIUM membership is £20 for every 10 evenings in that season. PARTIAL PREMIUM payment cannot be combined with TEMPORARY PREMIUM membership.

The cost for FULL PREMIUM membership is £35 per season, but new joiners will receive a £15 discount on their FIRST SEASON.

If joining as a FULL PREMIUM member after the 5th week of a season, a discount on the price may be given at the discretion of the club Treasurer.

Wiltshire League:

Available to FULL PREMIUM members, there is also the Wiltshire League inter-club competition, which is over-seen by the WCCA (Wiltshire County Chess Association) and held over the Winter season. Teams are selected by the Swindon Chess Club committee, based on the WCCA's league rating groups and each individual's ECF rating. Note that this competition may involve some travel to other chess clubs around Wiltshire (e.g. Trowbridge, Chippenham, Devizes). Please let a committee member know your availability to play, including whether available for both HOME and AWAY matches, or just the HOME matches only.

ECF Membership:

For more information on ECF Membership, please see the ECF's website at:
<https://www.englishchess.org.uk/ecf-membership-rates-and-joining-details>

At the time of writing, registration for adults is £21 annually for ECF Bronze or £37 annually for ECF Gold, with discounts available for juniors and students. ECF Platinum is also an option. Note that the ECF removed the Silver membership option in 2024.

Membership Terms:

Payment of membership fees is due at the start of each season, in cash to the club Treasurer. Note that we are no longer able to accept electronic or cheque payments. All payments made are not refundable.

Any costs incurred by the club due to a member's actions, shall be liable to be paid by the member. For example, if a member plays a rated game without ECF membership, then this will incur a charge on the club by the ECF and the member shall be liable to pay this cost.