

The BFCC, representing England, proposes that:-

“The Direct Entry rebate paid by ICCF to Member Federations be increased from 30% to 50% with effect from 1/1/2012”

The rebate level of 30% was set in the early days of the ICCF webserver when the ICCF had high levels of webserver developments costs and the full impact of the Direct Entry scheme was unknown. However, ICCF Direct Entry continues to go from strength to strength and it is now realised that the impact on Member federations is very high. Many players now play ICCF without being members of the Member Federation which results in loss of membership and loss of income. The ICCF has been built on a net flow of funds from Member federations to ICCF. However, even in the early days of Direct Entry, it was anticipated that we would one day see a complete reversal of this position with a net flow of funds from ICCF to Member federations - there are several interviews with ICCF officials in old issues of Chess Mail expressing this probability and the consequential decline of Member Federations. Therefore, this problem has long been anticipated. The ICCF finances are now strong and the BFCC believes it is time to begin to re-address the balance. We propose the Direct Entry rebate be increased as above.