

Rating Officer's and Webmaster's Report

The following events have been submitted for rating over the last year:

- 2025 Summer Cups
- 2025–26 Leicestershire Chess League
- 2026 Summer Cups (to the end of May)

Last year, an issue was raised that the first match in the new year was on 2 January, meaning the January rating updates were a tight squeeze. To quote the 2025 minutes:

SG is concerned about the short time period between the publishing of ECF ratings on Jan 1st and the league matches that follow that will be affected by the new ratings with DTS list and board order adjustments

It does not appear that any conclusion has been reached about this. I would therefore like to propose that either 4 or 5 January be permanently declared the earliest date in the calendar year on which fixtures will ever be scheduled. There doesn't seem to be anything in the rules at the moment about the Christmas/New Year break, so I expect that my proposal would entail adding a sentence or paragraph about this and having the earliest fixture date in January as part of this.

This leads me from the ratings to the website. There isn't much else to say about this, but I'd like to assure everybody that I'm doing what I can to resolve the issues whereby emails sometimes aren't being sent and error pages are appearing when results are submitted or dates are offered or accepted. Summer Cup captains have been requested by email to notify me when this occurs and notify away captains of date offers as necessary.

It has been my honour to provide these services for the LRCA, and I would be happy to continue providing these services for the 2026–27 season.

Stewart Gordon 1 June 2026