

## Proposal for Solving Committee

### Issue

World (European) Chess Solving Championship rules definition of senior is given in paragraph 2.3 as follows: “from 60 years in the year of the event”.

This definition is no longer aligned with FIDE current regulations, which state there are two distinct categories:

- Open 50+ for players who are 50 or older in the year of the tournament
- Open 65+ for players who are 65 or older in the year of the tournament

According to [Wikipedia](#), originally the minimum age was 60 for men, and 50 for women.

Since 2014, the Senior Championship is split into two different age categories, 50+ and 65+, with separate open and women-only tournaments. Participants must reach the age of 50 or 65 years by December 31 of the year of the event. There is a category for players 75+ which provides special prizes.

### Proposal

The following alignment measures should be carefully considered by the Solving Committee to be enforced starting from **1<sup>st</sup> January 2027**:

1. Perform a similar split in the rating lists, quarterly produced by Solving Tournament Manager.
2. Allow each country to register **two** senior solvers, one for each category (50+ and 65+) in both ECSC and WCSC.

### Financial Impact

This proposal might have a financial impact of **€2250** per year:

- ECSC: €1050 (1<sup>st</sup> €450, 2<sup>nd</sup> €350, 3<sup>rd</sup> €250)
- WCSC: €1200 (1<sup>st</sup> €500, 2<sup>nd</sup> €400, 3<sup>rd</sup> €300)

For this reason, the proposal is to apply this change only after the budget will be agreed with ECSC/WCSC sponsor, HH Sheikh Mohammed bin Hamad Al Sharqi, Crown Prince of Fujairah, for the following edition of Fujairah Grand Prix Series (2027-2028).