

International Selection Committee

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The ICU international selection committee finalised the following selections for the Irish teams for the 2010 Chess Olympiad. These decisions were made in accordance with the existing terms of reference for the ISC and the formula put in place in 2002 was used to determine the men's team. The principal of the formula was a guiding factor in deciding the women's team but, as most of the candidates for the women's team have little FIDE experience, the formula could not be strictly applied. Another factor taken into consideration when determining the final women's team was their previous results in representative teams.

Men's Team

1. **Baburin, Alexander (GM)**
2. **Collins, Sam (IM)**
3. **Heidenfeld, Mark (IM)**
4. **Lopez, Alex (FM)** (Current Irish Champion)
5. **Quinn, Mark (IM)**
(Please note that both Brian Kelly and Stephen Brady declined their place on this team)

Reserves – should any of the above prove unable to travel, listed in order,

Daly, Colm (FM)
Wall, Gavin (IM)
Ryan, Joe (FM)

All these selections are listed in strict ISC weighted rating order. Though the ISC reserve the right to reverse the order of any two players who's weighted rating are within 10 points of each other, this was not done in this case. Board order should also be taken from this list

Women's Team

1. **Shaughnessy, Elizabeth**
2. **Alfred, Emily**
3. **Hearne, Sarah**
4. **O'Boyle, Una**
5. **Benson, Nicky**
(Please note that there were many women higher rated than the players above who, for one reason or another, declined their place on this team but all the qualified players ahead of these selected were contacted and offered a place on the team)

Reserves – should any of the above prove unable to travel, listed in order,

Coughlan, Anne
Ledwidge O'Brien, Aoife

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