



IRISH CHESS UNION INTERNATIONAL SELECTION COMMITTEE

SELECTION REPORT – 8TH JUNE 2012

The ICU International Selections Committee (ISC) for the 2011-12 period comprises Shannon Clements (Chairperson), Seamus Duffy, John Joyce, John Loughran, Gerry O'Connell and Darko Polimac.

At the request of the ICU Executive and to meet event registration deadline dates, a separate selections report was prepared on the 17th May 2012 to cover the Glorney Cup, Jessica Gilbert Memorial Cup, John Robertson Cup and Bernadette Stokes Cup.

This main report includes the remaining events that the Selection Committee has been asked to consider on behalf of the ICU Executive. The full list of events that the Selection Committee have considered for 2012 are as follows:

Event	Selection	Venue	Dates
• Glorney, Jessica Gilbert Memorial, John Robertson, and Bernadette Stokes Cups	Junior	Daventry, UK	17/07/12 – 21/07/12
• European Youth Chess Championship	Junior	Prague, Czech Republic	16/08/12 – 26/08/12
• British Chess Championships	Senior	North Shields, England	22/07/12 – 08/08/12
• World Junior U20 Championships	Junior	Athens, Greece	01/08/12 – 16/08/12
• EU Youth Chess Championships	Junior	Mureck, Austria	31/07/12 – 08/08/12
• World Chess Olympiad	Senior	Istanbul, Turkey	27/08/12 – 10/09/12
• World Youth Chess Championship	Junior	Maribor, Slovenia	07/11/12 – 19/11/12

This selections report was prepared following set guidelines, with eligibility criteria such as the number of games played in the last 2 years and for Junior events whether these had included participation in either of the Irish Junior or Senior Championships (including the Irish Ladies Championship). All games data has been provided by the ICU Ratings Officer. Once eligible candidates have been selected the number of positions on offer for each event is filled by working down the list in order of rating strength. Ratings for Senior events have been taken from the "Simple Average" ratings table listed at www.ratings.icu.ie, and for Junior events from the "Top Juniors" table at the same location. The simple average rating calculation is the average of the most recent ICU and FIDE ratings.

The following reference documents are available from the ICU website (www.icu.ie): "Terms of Reference for the Selection Committee"; "Eligibility Criteria"; and "Junior Eligibility Criteria".

For entry into some junior international events where the competition is potentially much stronger than the selected candidates playing strength, it is recommended that parental and coach guidance is considered to determine whether the candidate would be suitable to participate.

All selected candidates and those on substitute lists are advised to notify the ICU Secretary or Junior Secretary (and copied to selections@icu.ie) as appropriate of their intention to participate in any event as soon as possible. It should be noted that deadlines have been given for some events as listed in this report.

It should also be noted that in some international ECU and FIDE organised events that the organisers will allow additional 'guest' players to participate, usually subject to an entry fee requirement as well as incurring accommodation and expenses. The role of the ISC is to select the 'official' number of candidates specified, however should non-first choice players wish to participate they may look at options of contacting the organisers directly. If any events require registrations to be made by the ICU, then the Secretary (secretary@icu.ie) can be contacted to assist with entries.



Players are also reminded that there are numerous other international events available to participate in as detailed on the 'calendar' sections at www.fide.ie and www.europechess.net. If participating in any of these, players are reminded to notify the Ratings Officer (ratings@icu.ie) in advance of the event to ensure that their games data is included for ICU rating.

Participating candidates are reminded that entry fees (as well as travel, and possibly accommodation and living expenses) will be incurred in most tournaments and clarification as to what funding / subsidies are available from the ICU and event organisers should be sought direct from the ICU Executive and event organisers where appropriate.

The Selection Committee and ICU Executive would like to congratulate all players selected to represent Ireland, and wish them every success in their respective events. Players are also encouraged to submit personal games analysis, reports on experience gained and photographs to the ICU Journal (journal@icu.ie).

Any queries arising in relation to the selections contained in this report, should be directed to the ISC Chairperson at selections@icu.ie and copied to the ICU Chairperson at chairperson@icu.ie.

International Selection Committee
8th June, 2012

Appendix I Selections for International Events 2012



APPENDIX I – SELECTIONS FOR INTERNATIONAL EVENTS 2012

Glorney, Jessica Gilbert Memorial, John Robertson and Bernadette Stokes Cups

Selections have been previously reported on the 17th May, and are reported on the ICU website. The event will take place in Daventry, Northamptonshire, UK from the 17th July to 21st July. As early selections were required the ratings list as available on the 15th May was used (it is noted that the ratings are different from later events selections as corrections and updates would have been added up to the 31st May).

Glorney Cup - team of 5 players under 18 years of age

Team	Kieran O'Riordan (2026), Conor E. O'Donnell (1946), Hugh Doyle (1919), Ronan Magee (1908), John Courtney (1848)
Reserves	<i>Oissine Murphy (1834), John A. Cormican (1811), Aravind Jayadev Menon (1811)</i>

Jessica Gilbert Memorial Cup - team of 3 girls under 18 years of age

Team	Ruth E. Cormican (1425), Diana Mirza (1394), Sarah Jane Hearne (1378)
Reserves	Catherine Hearne (1173), Agnieszka Pozniak (1164)

Bernadette Stokes Cup - team of 6 players under 14 years of age

Team	Eoin Minnock (1677), Geoffrey Keating (1450), Rory Ellard (1360), Scott Mulligan (1212), Peter Cooke (1189), Catherine Hearne (1173)
Reserves	Cian Guinan (1160), Odhran McDonnell (1082)

John Robertson Cup - team of 6 players under 12 years of age

Team	Padraig Hughes (1394), Tom McGrath (1145), Michael Higgins (1121), Jeffrey Alfred (1057), Ross Beatty (1045), Fiachra Scallan (1027)
Reserves	Jim O'Reilly (961), Mihailo Manojlovic (932), Eibhia Ni Mhuireagain (866)

European Youth Chess Championships

This event will be held in Prague, Czech Republic from the 16th to 26th August and will comprise 1 boy and 1 girl in the U8, U10, U12, U14, U16 and U18 age categories. The entry fee is €65 per player as well as €150 organisation fee. Free accommodation and meals will be provided for the invited players. The organisers will allow additional players above the single allowance per Federation to enter, however these will be charged room and board rates. Details are available at: <http://www.eycc2012.eu/>

Ratings used for the selections have been based on the "Top Juniors Table" published at www.ratings.icu.ie. The following players and reserve candidates (listed in order) if required have been selected. Where a player qualifies for more than 1 category they are offered the place of their choice.

Selected players and reserve candidates should notify the ICU (juniors@icu.ie) and Selection Committee (selections@icu.ie) of their intention to participate as soon as possible, and before the 15th June as the deadline for registration is the 30th June. Replacement nominations if required will be awarded on the 16th June to the highest eligibly rated player(s) from those reserves that have submitted an interest.



U18	1 boy	Selection	Kieran O'Riordan (2026)
		Reserves	Conor E.O'Donnell (1946), Hugh Doyle (1920), Ronan Magee (1906), John Courtney (1849)
	1 girl	Selection	Karina Kruk (1662)
		Reserves	Sarah Jane Hearne (1520), Ruth E. Cormican (1424), Diana Mirza (1410), Catherine Hearne (1253)
U16	1 boy	Selection	Conor E.O'Donnell (1946)
		Reserves	Ronan Magee (1906), Oissine Murphy (1835), John A. Cormican (1811), Eoin Minnock (1677)
	1 girl	Selection	Diana Mirza (1410)
		Reserves	Catherine Hearne (1253), Eibhia Ni Mhuireagain (864), Sinead Duffy (786)
U14	1 boy	Selection	Conor E. O'Donnell (1946)
		Reserves	Ronan Magee (1906), Eoin Minnock (1677), Geoffrey Keating (1449), Padraig Hughes (1372)
	1 girl	Selection	Diana Mirza (1410)
		Reserves	Catherine Hearne (1253), Eibhia Ni Mhuireagain (864), Jessica Mulqueen-Danaher (700)
U12	1 boy	Selection	Padraig Hughes (1372)
		Reserves	Tom McGrath (1145), Michael Higgins (1115), Jeffrey Alfred (1055), Ross Beatty (1041)
	1 girl	Selection	Diana Mirza (1410)
		Reserves	Eibhia Ni Mhuireagain (864), Jessica Mulqueen-Danaher (700), Ellen Murray (700)
U10	1 boy	Selection	Matthew Gallagher (771)
	1 girl	Selection	Sasha-Ettore Faleschini (713), Gavin Melaugh (672), Alex Mulligan (571), Jan Glegolski (546)
U8	1 boy	Selection	no eligible players were available
	1 girl	Selection	no eligible players were available

British Chess Championships

This event will be held in North Shields, England from the 22nd July to the 8th August. The ICU can nominate 4 players, and these are selected based on the following order:

1. Current Irish Champion (when selections are made at the end of May)
2. The highest (Simple Average) rated (www.ratings.icu.ie) current Provincial Champion from Leinster, Munster and Connaught (where one exists).
3. The second highest (Simple Average) rated Provincial Champion.
4. The third highest (Simple Average) rated Provincial Champion.
5. And then offered to the highest (Simple Average) rated player working down the current list as published on the ICU website, until the 4 positions have been filled.

As a number of Irish registered players have already pre-qualified for the event as listed at <http://britishchesschampionships.co.uk/>, these are excluded from the nomination process. They are: Ryan Rhys Griffiths; Alexander Baburin GM; Brian Kelly IM; Sam E. Collins IM; Alex Astaneh Lopez IM; Mark Quinn IM; Mark Heidenfeld IM; Stephen Brady FM; Gavin Wall IM; Mark J L Orr IM; and John P. Redmond.

It is noted that the current Irish Champion Stephen Brady FM has already qualified. There is only one Provincial Champion, Colm Daly FM (Leinster). It is also understood that financial assistance is only available for the current Irish Champion and the 3 Provincial Champions i.e for 2012 this will be Stephen Brady FM and Colm Daly FM, should they wish to participate.

The 4 nominations are therefore awarded as follows:



1st Nomination	Colm Daly FM	2286
2nd Nomination	David Fitzsimons	2255
3rd Nomination	Karl McPhillips	2251
4th Nomination	John Delaney	2245

Confirmation of acceptance to one of these places must be returned to the ISC Chairperson (selections@icu.ie) by the 12th June. All other interested players should also notify the Selection Committee by this date, and replacement nominations if required will be awarded on the 13th June to the highest eligibly rated player(s) from those submitted.

World Junior U20 Championships

This event will take place in Athens, Greece from the 1st August to 16th August. The registration deadline has already passed, however Ryan-Rhys Griffiths (2327) had previously submitted a request to participate and as he is the top rated eligible player he was awarded the selection.

EU Youth Chess Championships

This event will take place in Mureck, Austria from the 31st July to 8th August 2012. It includes U8, U10, U12 and U14 categories for 1 boy and 1 girl in each category. Ratings used for the selections have been based on the “Top Juniors Table” published at www.ratings.icu.ie. The entry fee is €70 per player as well as for a single coach. Free accommodation and meals will be provided for the invited players and 1 coach. The organisers will allow additional players above the single allowance per Federation to enter, however these will be charged room and board rates. The full event details are available online at: <http://www.jugendschach.at/>. The following players and reserve candidates (listed in order) if required have been selected. Where a player qualifies for more than 1 category they are offered the place of their choice.

U14	1 boy	Selection	Conor E. O'Donnell (1946)
		Reserves	Ronan Magee (1906), Eoin Minnock (1677), Geoffrey Keating (1449), Pdraig Hughes (1372)
	1 girl	Selection	Diana Mirza (1410)
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		Reserves	Tom McGrath (1145), Michael Higgins (1115), Jeffrey Alfred (1055), Ross Beatty (1041)
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		Reserves	Sasha-Ettore Faleschini (713), Gavin Melaugh (672), Alex Mulligan (571), Jan Glegolski (546)
	1 girl	Selection	no eligible players were available
U8	1 boy	Selection	no eligible players were available
	1 girl	Selection	no eligible players were available

Selected players and reserve candidates should notify the ICU (juniors@icu.ie) and Selection Committee (selections@icu.ie) of their intention to participate as soon as possible, and before the 15th June as the deadline for registration is the 30th June. Replacement nominations if required will be awarded on the 16th June to the highest eligibly rated player(s) from those reserves that have submitted an interest.



World Chess Olympiad

This event will be held in Istanbul, Turkey from the 27th August to the 10th September. Details are available at: <http://istanbul2012.tsf.org.tr/en/>.

For the Open Team of 4 players and 1 reserve, the 2011 Irish Champion (Stephen Brady FM) has already qualified. A second place will be reserved for the 2012 Irish Champion who will be known on the 15th July, and it is understood that the organisers will allow a late name registration for this player. The remaining 3 places will be offered to the highest eligibly rated (Simple Average) players as published on the May 2012 list available at: www.ratings.icu.ie. The following players are therefore selected:

Players	Stephen Brady FM (2011 Irish Champion)	2385
	To be confirmed 15 th July (2012 Irish Champion)	
	Alexander Baburin GM	2502
	Sam E. Collins IM	2429
Reserve	Alex Astaneh Lopez IM	2414

The reserve Open Team players in order are: Mark Quinn IM (2377), Mark Heidenfeld IM (2368), Gavin Wall IM 2331), Ryan-Rhys Griffiths (2327), Colm Daly FM (2286), David Fitzsimons (2255), Karl McPhillips (2251), John Delaney FM (2245), Mark Orr IM (2231), Daire McMahon (2213), Mel O'Conneide (2213), and Paul A. Wallace (2196).

For the Women's Team of 4 players and 1 reserve the following players are selected:

Players	Monika Gedvilaite *	1965
	Hannah Lowry-O'Reilly WFM **	1761
	Gearoidin Ui Laignleis WCM	1750
	Karina Kruk	1662
Reserve	Emily Alfred	1620

Note* Monika Gedvilaite has only played 17 games and will not appear on the new ICU ratings website table until this has reached 20. Her rating is therefore taken from the ratings page at the main ICU website. To meet the eligibility requirements she is offered a conditional place provided 1 further ICU rated game is played before 15th July (i.e. 6 weeks before the start of the Olympiad). It is noted that the requirement to play 36 games as referenced on the ICU website eligibility criteria should actually be 18 for women players.

Note** Under eligibility criteria no.5 (www.icu.ie) Hannah Lowry-O'Reilly WFM not having played the full required number of games is given a conditional offer provided 4 games are played before the 15th July. This is granted as notification was given to the Selections Committee well in advance of the selection date.

Note*** Poormina J. Menon WFM (1697) was unavailable to travel to the event and was therefore not selected.

The reserve Women's Team players in order are: Sarah Jane Hearne WCM (1545), Diana Mirza (1543), Elizabeth Shaughnessy (1473), Catherine Danaher (1438), Ruth E. Cormican (1424), Sarah M. Cormican (1314), Nicola Benson (1261), Catherine Hearne (1253), Una O'Boyle WCM (1239), Anne B. Coughlan (1177), Agnieszka Pozniak (1162) and Suzanne Barry (1018).

As the online registration period closes on the 10th June, all selected players (excluding the 2012 Irish Champion) are requested to notify the Selection Committee (selections@icu.ie) of their intention to participate, by the 15th June, earlier if possible. Any reserve candidates that may wish to participate must also submit their notifications by this date and if places are still required these will be filled on the 16th June working down the ratings of those interested.



World Youth Chess Championships

This event will take place in Maribor, Slovenia from the 7th to 19th November 2012. It includes U8, U10, U12, U14, U16 and U18 categories for 1 boy and 1 girl in each category. The entry fee is €100 per player as well as for a single coach. Free accommodation and meals will be provided for the invited players and coach. The organisers will allow additional players above the single allowance per Federation to enter, however these will be charged room and board rates. The full event details are available online at: www.wycc2012.com.

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