



IRISH CHESS UNION
INTERNATIONAL SELECTION COMMITTEE
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 2011 BRITISH CHAMPIONSHIPS

A meeting of the ICU International Selections Committee (ISC) was held on the 14th June 2011, and attended by Shannon Clements (Chairperson), John Joyce, John Loughran and Gerry O'Connell.

Recommendation for the selection of nominations for the British Championships was considered. It is understood that the ICU may currently nominate 3 players to participate in this event. It is noted that eligible players may also pre-qualify directly by merit of various event qualifying regulations as listed in Appendix A.

The ISC would recommend the following selection procedure to award the available nominations:

1. The first nomination should be automatically reserved for the current Irish Champion.

The remaining two nominations should be offered to players in the following order:

2. The highest (WAR) rated current Provincial Champion from Leinster, Munster and Connaught (where one exists).
3. The second highest (WAR) rated Provincial Champion.
4. The third highest (WAR) rated Provincial Champion.
5. And then offered to the highest (WAR) rated player working down the current list as published on the ICU website, until the three positions have been filled.

The current Irish Champion is taken to be the player holding the title at the end of May when selections are made.

The current WAR table should be taken to mean that based on the May ICU and FIDE rating lists.

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

Shannon Clements
ISC Chairperson
18th June, 2011



APPENDIX A: 2011 QUALIFYING REGULATIONS

Qualification from the British Championships

- 1) British Champion in any of the past five years.
- 2) A score of 6½/11 (6/11 if born 1989 or later) or more in the 2010 Championship. These players receive half price entry.
- 3) The reigning British Under 21, Under 18 or Senior Champion. These players receive half price entry. Should there be a tie for any of these qualifying places, the tie will be split by average of opponents' FIDE Ratings. Should the Senior Champion prefer to play in the Senior Championship, entry shall be half price to that event.
- 4) A score of 7½/11 (7/11 if born 1989 or later) or higher in the Major Open, if eligible to play. These players receive half price entry.

Qualification by Grading, Rating or Rating Performance

- 5) A rating of 218 (2350) or higher in a current British Isles national grading list (not Rapidplay) or any FIDE list between July 2010 and July 2011. If a player is not an IM or a GM, the rating must be active. The table shows the relevant ratings for various categories of players :-

For players	born 1989 or earlier	<i>active</i> rating of 218 (2350) or higher
	born 1990 or later	<i>active</i> rating of 215 (2320) or higher
	born 1993 or later	<i>active</i> rating of 210 (2280) or higher
	born 1995 or later	<i>active</i> rating of 205 (2240) or higher
	born 1997 or later	<i>active</i> rating of 200 (2200) or higher
	born 1999 or later	<i>active</i> rating of 190 (2120) or higher
For females	born 1989 or earlier	<i>active</i> rating of 190 (2120) or higher
For females	born 1990 or later	<i>active</i> rating of 180 (2040) or higher

- 6) For British Isles FIDE Rated tournaments or where the player represents a British Isles federation in an international event of 9 rounds or more: any player meeting at least 7 FIDE Rated opponents with a Tournament Performance of 2400 (or level 50 points higher than that given in the table above) or higher qualifies. Such qualifiers must notify [Neville Belinfante](#) within 14 days of the completion of the event, with details of opponents and results.

Qualification by Nomination

- 7) Nominees of Chess Scotland, Welsh Chess Union, Ulster Chess Union, Irish Chess Union, Guernsey, Jersey and the Isle of Man.
- 8) The Champion, or nominee, of each of the English Chess Unions.
- 9) One nominee of each of the English Counties practising the membership only system.
- 10) One nominee per Officer of the Director of Home Chess, the Director of Junior Chess and the Manager(s) of the British Championships.

Qualification from Congresses

- 11) The highest placed eligible competitor not already qualified, in the British Rapidplay Championship.
- 12) The highest placed eligible competitors in regional Open Swisses organised by each of the English Chess Unions. Each Union has three places.
- 13) The highest placed eligible player, not already qualified, from any British Isles Open FIDE rated event.
- 14) The highest placed eligible player in each of the six congresses with the highest number of long-play ECF graded games in season 2009-2010.



Congress Organisers of Congresses that qualify under 11) to 14) should let [Neville Belinfante](#) know who the qualifier(s) are within two weeks of the completion of the event with details of scores and any tie-breaks applied.

Tiebreak for qualification from Congresses (applying to Rules 11 – 14 above)

These qualifying routes cannot be combined to produce more than two qualifiers from one tournament. A second qualifier in an event must achieve at least 58%.

The tiebreak system will be sum of progressive score, failing that two players may qualify, with sum of opponents' grades being used as a further tiebreak if necessary.

Any entry fee reduction is as decided by the event organisers.

If the qualifier does not play, the place can only be offered to a player on the same score, who did not qualify because of tiebreak. Those players who did not qualify because of this rule, or because of the tiebreak will be placed on a reserve list. Substitution for an extra place created due to a tie on sum of progressive score is limited to players who also tied on sum of progressive scores.