

MEDIA RELEASE

June Lockdown in Check by Championships

ICU, Dublin, 12noon, Monday 1st June 2020 – **Irish, Provincial and County titles** are all up for grabs as Irish Schools do battle throughout June.

Over the next four weeks, schools from across the country will contest the inaugural **Irish Schools Online Chess Championships** 2020. Since schools closed on 13th march, the Comhar Linn chess challenge has enabled teachers, parents and children to use chess, at all levels, to continue learning, play and participation. “The [online] chess has been a godsend for me with the kids at home this term” feedback one parent.

Adding to these ongoing activities, the championships provides a competitive climax to the initiatives noted in the message of support from ICU Patron, **President Michael D. Higgins**, as “not only helpful in this time, but will have **lasting benefits for children**”

The four rounds are on Friday **5th, 12, 19th and 26th June** 3pm-4.30pm.

All rounds will be **streamed** live with **live commentary** from Ireland’s strongest players and veterans of Irish Schools championships.

For more details, Interview opportunities, and enquiries, contact mfl@movesforlife.ie or call 087 235 3433

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