

## Irish Chess Union Junior Selection Committee

### Report of the Junior Selection committee 24th July 2013

The ICU junior selection committee (JSC) for 2012-13 comprises John McKenna (Chairperson), Darko Polimac and Brendan Lyons.

The committee has been requested by the ICU Executive to select juniors for the European Youth Chess Championships to be held in Montenegro from 28<sup>th</sup> September to 9<sup>th</sup> October 2013

The approach of the Junior Committee to this selection differs from that of the Glorney/Gilbert/Robinson/Stokes selections. Those selections were for a specific number of players to fill a defined number of places. There is no such limit on the number of players that can be sent to the European Youth Chess Championships. The committee therefore supports Ireland's top juniors who wish to represent Ireland at this competition. We therefore would support any of the players on the following list who wish to play. The only distinction is that the organisers provide free board and lodgings to the first player (male and female) in each age group.

The committee are also mindful that ratings used to rank juniors should be recent and the new ratings system facilitates this. Therefore it seems appropriate to use the ratings post the Glorney competitions for ranking.

The ICU has devoted considerable financial resources to the Glorney competitions and at this moment cannot confirm any provision of financial assistance for this competition.

#### Under 18 Open                      Rating at 24<sup>th</sup> July 2013

Conor O'Donnell	2122
Oissine Murphy	1928
Hugh Doyle	1917
John Courtney	1912
John Cormican	1847
Eoin Minnock	1802

#### Under 18 Girls                      Rating at 24<sup>th</sup> July 2013

Diana Mirza	1554
Sarah Jane Hearne	1550
Catherine Hearne	1316

**Under 16 Open**                      **Rating at 24<sup>th</sup> July 2013**

Conor O'Donnell	2122
Eoin Minnock	1802
Scott Mulligan	1643
Peter Cooke	1576
Cian Guinan	1571
Geoffrey Keating	1536

**Under 16 Girls**                      **Rating at 24<sup>th</sup> July 2013**

Diana Mirza	1554
Catherine Hearne	1316
Eibhia Ni Mhuireagain	1169

**U14 Open**                      **Rating at 24<sup>th</sup> July 2013**

Conor O'Donnell	2122
Scott Mulligan	1643
Cian Guinan	1571
Michael Higgins	1548
Ross Beatty	1517
Padraig Hughes	1470

**Under 14 Girls**                      **Rating at 24<sup>th</sup> July 2013**

Diana Mirza	1554
Eibhia Ni Mhuireagain	1165
Alice O'Gorman	1039

**Under 12 Open** **Rating at 24<sup>th</sup> July 2013**

Michael Higgins	1548
Ross Beatty	1517
Padraig Hughes	1470
Tom O’Gorman	1400
Fiachra Scallan	1310
David Halpenny	1257

**Under 12 Girls** **Rating at 24<sup>th</sup> July 2013**

None

**Under 10 Open** **Rating at 24<sup>th</sup> July 2013**

Eoghan Turner	952
Daniel Dwyer	800

**Under 10 Girls** **Rating at 24<sup>th</sup> July 2013**

None

**Under 8 Open** **Rating at 24<sup>th</sup> July 2013**

Daniel Dwyer	800
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Players should indicate if they are interested in playing in the European Youths by replying to the Chairman by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August. Please e mail to [spurs99@gmail.com](mailto:spurs99@gmail.com)