

Report of the Junior Selection Committee 15th March 2026

Selection report for “invited players” for FIDE World Youth U14, U16 & U18 Championships 2026, Montesilvano, Italy (14th June 2026 – 27th Jun 2026)

Section	Name	High tide rating
U18 Open	Liu, Jason	2198
U18 Girls	Open	
U16 Open	Tureshbayev, Anuar	2162
U16 Girls	Open	
U14 Open	Arun, Nitish	2172
U14 Girls	White, Nicole	1916

The selections are based on the high tide ratings between Jan 1st and March 15th, 2026 (see Junior Selection - High Tide Ratings), those requesting consideration in time and event specific criteria. One place per player except where a place is OPEN and not taken up. OPEN - Applications for OPEN places should be made by no later than 2 weeks prior to the event organisers’ published closing date for entries. If they have not already done so, all selected players should 1. Read the event regulations in full 2. Confirm their acceptance of places, together with the name of their “accompanying person” (* see below), to juniors@icu.ie , by Tue 17th March, 2026. Note: This selection report is for “invited places” at this events. Players wishing to participate in this event as “additional players” should contact juniors@icu.ie no later than 2 weeks prior to the event organisers published closing date for entries. Any questions on selections and the work of the Junior Selection Committee should be directed to juniors@icu.ie.

*Accompanying persons

- The ICU and its officials cannot take in loco parentis responsibility for players.
 - For all players who are under 12 or younger (where this is defined as the FIDE age, i.e. age as at 1 January of the year in question), a family member must accompany the player.
 - For older players (i.e. 12 years old and above) who are competing for the first time in this type of event, the ICU strongly recommends that a family member accompanies them.
 - For older players who have had experience of previous similar events, it may be appropriate for families to collaborate such that one adult travels with the team and looks after a number of players in addition to their own child. This may have the advantage of reducing overall costs or managing the time commitment required.
 - Such arrangements should be made directly between relevant parents/guardians and must be notified to the Head of Delegation and/or the Junior Officer when accepting a place.
 - In no circumstances may a single adult be responsible for more than 4 players.
 - The adult taking responsibility for others’ children will need to be equipped with a letter from the child’s parent or guardian confirming that they have permission to take the child out of the Ireland.
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