

Irish Chess Union



Ulster Chess Union



Are pleased to announce

The 2020 Irish Junior Chess Championships

3rd - 5th April in the Stormont Hotel
Belfast

Under 8, 10, 12, 14, 16 and 19

Rules and Regulations

1. The FIDE rules of chess will apply to all age groups, except where amended below.
2. All sections will be ICU rated and the tournament will be run using Swiss Master.
3. U12, U14, U16 and U19 will be FIDE rated.
4. It is the responsibility of those entering to ensure that the player is eligible to play in the section they have entered.
5. The default time for games is 30 minutes.
6. Parents and spectators will only be allowed in the playing hall until play is about to commence. Players who have finished their games shall be considered spectators and should leave the playing hall.
7. Once a game has started, no player shall consult with books, electronic devices, or any other player except the arbiter until after the game has finished.
8. Mobile phones and electronic devices are not allowed in the playing hall. Should such a device make a noise during the course of a game, the relevant player will be deemed to have forfeited.
9. In the event of any dispute during the game, the players should stop the clock and look for an arbiter to rule on the issue. The decision of the arbiter shall be final.

Titles and Prizes

1. Eligible players with the highest number of points in each section will be awarded the corresponding title of Irish Junior Champion.
2. In the event of a tie for any title, the following tie breaking system will be applied in this order: Median Bucholz; Bucholz; Direct Encounter; Progressive Score. If players cannot be separated after this, the title shall be shared. No player shall win more than one prize.
3. Eligibility criteria are: being born on, or having either parent born on, the island of Ireland; being an Irish citizen; having resided in Ireland for at least 2 years prior to 1st January 2020.

Venue

Stormont Hotel, Upper Newtownards Road,
Belfast, BT4 3LP

www.hastingshotels.com/stormont-hotel/

Eligibility

Section	Year of Birth
Under 8	1 st Jan 2012 or later
Under 10	1 st Jan 2010 or later
Under 12	1 st Jan 2008 or later
Under 14	1 st Jan 2006 or later
Under 16	1 st Jan 2004 or later
Under 19	1 st Jan 2001 or later

Fees

- €25 per player
- Under 8 fee is €10
- Online entries close at midnight on Wednesday 1st April 2020
- Postal entries close on 25th March

Special Offers

- €30 for entrants new to the ICU which gives them **FREE** ICU membership (normally €10) for the remaining year
- Family Rate: Pay for the first two children and subsequent children are free
- Entries made on the day (except for the U8 section) are subject to a €10 administration charge and are at the tournament director's discretion

Playing Schedules

	Under 8		Under 10	
Registration	Sun	11:30	Sat	09:30
Round 1	Sun	12:00	Sat	10:00
Round 2	Sun	after Rd 1	Sat	13:00
Round 3	Sun	after Rd 2	Sat	16:00
Round 4	Sun	13:30	Sun	10:00
Round 5	Sun	after Rd 4	Sun	13:00
Round 6	Sun	after Rd 5	Sun	16:00

	Under 12		Under 14	
Registration	Fri	19:00	Fri	19:00
Round 1	Fri	19:30	Fri	19:30
Round 2	Sat	10:00	Sat	10:00
Round 3	Sat	14:00	Sat	14:00
Round 4	Sat	18:00	Sat	18:00
Round 5	Sun	10:00	Sun	10:00
Round 6	Sun	15:00	Sun	15:00

	Under 16		Under 19	
Registration	Fri	19:00	Fri	19:00
Round 1	Fri	19:30	Fri	19:30
Round 2	Sat	10:00	Sat	10:00
Round 3	Sat	14:00	Sat	18:00
Round 4	Sat	18:00	Sun	10:00
Round 5	Sun	10:00	Sun	15:00
Round 6	Sun	15:00		

Time Controls

U19's	-	90 mins + 30 secs	5 rounds
U16's	-	75 mins + 15 secs	6 rounds
U14's	-	75 mins + 15 secs	6 rounds
U12's	-	75 mins + 15 secs	6 rounds
U10's	-	60 mins + 15 secs	6 rounds
U8's	-	15 mins	6 rounds

Entries

Can be made online at
<https://www.icu.ie/events/893>

or contact the organiser:

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