



# 32<sup>nd</sup> Drogheda Chess Congress

Sat 3<sup>rd</sup>, Sun 4<sup>th</sup>, Mon 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023

The Gym, St. Mary's Parish Primary School,  
Bryanstown, Dublin Road, Drogheda, A92 XD80

[droghedachessclub.wordpress.com](http://droghedachessclub.wordpress.com)  
[icu.ie/events/1671](http://icu.ie/events/1671)

Prize fund €3000

Subject to entry

## Time control

90 mins + 30 sec/move

FIDÉ rated

## Round Times

Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> June, R1: 10.00am, R2: 3.00pm

Sun 4<sup>th</sup> June, R3: 10.00am, R4: 3.00pm

Mon 5<sup>th</sup> June, R5: 10.00am, R6: 3.00pm

Default time 30 mins.

## Playing Sections

Thompson Masters: Over 1800

O'Boyle Championship: U1900 (1400 – 1900 accepted)

Fox Major: U1500 (1000 – 1500 accepted)

Murray Challengers: U1100

## Live Boards

Top boards in all sections transmitted live, linked from the event page.  
Airy, spacious and pleasant playing conditions with some professional touches.

## Entry fee

€50 before Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June, €60 after that, €70 on the day if accepted.  
Free entry for titled players who enter before 15<sup>th</sup> May, full fee after that.  
€10 reduction for Under 18s in the Murray Challengers.

## Entries

All entries on ICU website [icu.ie/events/1671](http://icu.ie/events/1671)

Pairings for round 1 will be published there before 6 pm on Thu 1<sup>st</sup> June.

Rating bands strictly enforced. Irish residents must be registered with the ICU.

Flyer updated 16/02/2023. For updates see [icu.ie/articles/1010](http://icu.ie/articles/1010)

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Chief Arbiter: John Loughran

## Accommodation

### Hotels

Boyne Valley Hotel, 041 9837737

Glenside Hotel, 041 9829185

D Hotel, Marsh Road, 041 9877700

Scholars Townhouse, 041 9835410

City North Hotel, 01 6906666

### B&Bs

Windsor Lodge, North Road, Drogheda 041 9841966

Aaron Vale, 85 Ashfield Green, North Rd, Drogheda 041 9839210

Roseville Lodge, Georges Street, Drogheda, 041 9834046

Reddans, Bettystown 041 9827412

### Other suggestions

Airbnb

Booking.com

## Travel times for Commuters

From Dublin City Centre 🚗 46 min 🚆 35 – 65 min

From M50 🚗 28 min

## Past Members



Andrew Thompson (1929 - 2021) was a strong player who instigated and ran the Wexford congress from 1971 until 1998 before transforming it into the Drogheda Congress in 1999. Andrew was a keen correspondence chess player in his day and regularly had 5 or 6 games running simultaneously. He was a former President of Drogheda Chess Club.

Enda O'Boyle (1926-2007) started the Drogheda Schools Chess League in 1994 which is still a big part of chess in the Northeast. A primary school teacher by profession, he introduced a Primary Schools Chess League in 2004 which has grown successfully ever since. Enda was a chief organizer of the Drogheda club for years and a welcoming face to all visitors and new players.



Donnie Fox (1923-2005) lived up to his name as a player, employing every ruse to entrap his opponents. A keen strategist and league player he was president of Drogheda Chess Club on many occasions.

Jimmy Murray (died 1980s) was a founder member of Drogheda Chess Club in 1947. He enjoyed his chess so much that he used to whistle during his games in the club. He was a keen league player and former Treasurer of the Club.

