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Skerries Chess Club present the 2nd

Fingal Open Championships

Starting Tue 7 Jan 2025

Skerries Amalgamated Bridge Clubs, 73B Strand Street, Skerries,
Co. Dublin, K34 C951 and nearby clubs

See [Google map](#) | skerrieschess.com | icu.ie/events/1921 page

Features

FIDE, ICU rated. Time controls like the leagues. 5 rounds spread over 11 weeks possibly with coaching sessions in between. Games in Skerries and nearby clubs. Adjournments allowed if players agree before game. Some funding from Fingal Co. Co. Community Development Fund.

Prizes

Fingal Open Champion Perpetual Cup, plaques/medals in all sections.

Playing Sections

Sections of 6, all-play-all, divided by FIDE, ICU, SCC ratings at the controller's discretion, to ensure close, competitive, enjoyable games.

Time controls

Sec A: 90 mins + 30 sec/move. Sec B, C: 75+30. Sec D, E: 60+30.

Sec F,G: 45+30, Sec H: 30+30. Different times if two players choose adjournments. See events page. 7.15 pm start. Default time 1 hr.

Round Dates and Coaching Schedule

Tue 07 Jan Round 1
Tue 14 Jan Possible coaching session
Tue 21 Jan Round 2
Tue 04 Feb Round 3
Tue 25 Feb Round 4
Tue 04 Mar Possible coaching session
Tue 11 Mar Possible coaching session
Tue 18 Mar Round 5
Tue 25 Mar Prize-giving and Possible coaching session

Pairings for all rounds will be published on or soon after Wed 1 Jan. If it can be arranged, coaching will include opening middlegame and endgame play, analysis of some games from the Open, interactive sparring in key positions. Selected boards will be broadcast live.

Entry

Early entry €40 by Tue 17 Dec, €50 before Wed 1 Jan. No entries or refunds after that, unless exceptional, for €70. Free entry for titled players (GM, IM, FM, WGM, WIM) by Tue 17 Dec, with conditions attached, who contact the controller. Reduced entry fees for some Skerries groups. All players must be in the ICU: icu.ie/shop. Enter on the ICU Fingal Open icu.ie/events/1921 page.

Clubs near Skerries

Include: Aer Lingus, Balbriggan, Blanchardstown, Chess Kings, DCU, Drogheda, Dublin, Elm Mount, Finglas, Inchicore, Lucan, Malahide, Naomh Barróg, Portmarnock, Phibsboro, Raharney, TCD, TUD.

Players from these clubs may play their black games at home on their usual day/night in the same week as the round in Skerries. The final round games are in Skerries. More details: icu.ie/articles/1092

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