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Skerries Chess Club present the 2nd

Fingal Open Championships

and coaching from Irish Champion IM David Fitzsimons

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 with coaching sessions from Irish Champion IM David Fitzsimons as below. Games in Skerries and nearby clubs. Adjournments allowed if players agree before game. Some funding from Fingal Co. Co.

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	Coaching 1: Opening play and prep.
Tue 21 Jan	Round 2
Tue 04 Feb	Round 3
Tue 18 Feb	Coaching 2: Tactics and calculation
Tue 25 Feb	Round 4
Tue 04 Mar	Coaching 3: Positional play
Tue 18 Mar	Round 5
Tue 25 Mar	Prize-giving, Coaching 4: Endgames
Tue 01 Apr	Coaching 5: Learn from your own games & classic games



Pairings for all rounds will be published on or soon after Sat 4 Jan. Coaching will include the topics above, analysis of games from the Open, sparring in key positions. Coaching €10/session or €40/all sessions. Selected boards will be broadcast live.

Entry

Early entry €40 by Tue 17 Dec, €50 by Sat 4 Jan. No entries or refunds after that, unless exceptional, for €70. Free entry for titled players (GM, IM, FM, WGM, WIM) and FMs/CMs 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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