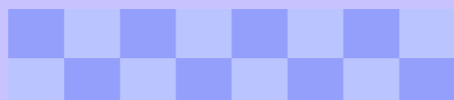


A more detailed schedule and full information are available in the [Tournament Details](#) article on the ICU event page.

Only IRL players of 1+ year who are citizens or 2+ year residents may claim the title of **Irish Women's Champion**.

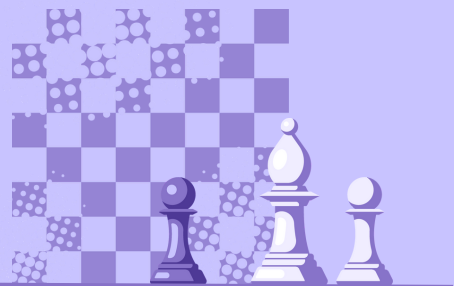
The Irish Women's Champion (in the IWCC section) will secure a place on the Irish Women's team for the **2026 Chess Olympiad**, subject to the eligibility criteria.



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# INAUGURAL IRISH WOMEN'S CHESS FESTIVAL 2025



OCTOBER 24TH - 27TH

TALBOT HOTEL, STILLORGAN, DUBLIN

We're excited to announce the first Women's Chess Festival in Ireland. The event will host [The Irish Women's Championship](#) and 3 additional tournaments. Our goal is to encourage greater participation and strengthen the Irish women's chess community across ALL AGES and LEVELS.



**Irish Girls Competition**  
Oct 24 (Fri), 10:00–13:00

Open to school-age girls. Halloween costumes welcome (prize for best). Supervision by teacher or guardian required.

**The Irish Women's Chess Championship (1600+)**  
7 Rounds, 90+30, Oct 24-27 (Fri–Mon)

Open to IRL-registered players, or Irish citizens, or residents of 2+ years (exceptions at organisers' discretion).

**Challengers (U1600)**  
5 Rounds, 60+30, Oct 25-26 (Sat–Sun)

All moves must be recorded by players. Newcomers to notation are fully welcome, and a short PDF guide is available.

**Women's Rapid Tournament (Open)**  
7 Rounds, 15+10, Oct 27 (Mon), 11:00 Start

Open to all women players of any federation, age, or level.



**Entry Fees:**

**IWCC:** €45 / €35 Unwaged  
**Challengers:** €30 / €20 Unwaged  
**Women's Rapid Tournament:** €20  
**Irish Girls Competition:** €5

**Prize Fund (Subject to Entries):**

**IWCC:** €700 Minimum  
**Challengers Section:** €400  
**Women's Rapid Tournament:** TBA  
**Irish Girls Competition:** Medals · Trophies for Top 3 · Special Prizes

**\*Special Prize:**

The IWCC 2025 **winner** will also be invited to participate in the XXXVI International Chess Festival **Cracovia** 2025 (27 December 2025 - 4 January 2026, Kraków, Poland), with **accommodation, breakfast, and entry** to the playing section of their choice included. If the invitation is declined, the prize may be offered to the next highest-placed player.



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Please send entry queries to the Organiser: Antonina Gora, Women's Officer - [women@icu.ie](mailto:women@icu.ie)