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Skerries Chess Club present the 3rd

Fingal Open Championships

with coaching between rounds

Starting Tue 6 Jan 2026

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

See [Google map](#) | [skerrieschess.com](#) | [icu.ie/events/2136](#) page

Features

FIDE, ICU rated. Time controls like the leagues. 5 rounds spread over 11 weeks with coaching to be arranged. 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: 75+30. Sec C, D: 60+30.

Sec E,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 06 Jan	Round 1
Tue 20 Jan	Round 2
Tue 27 Jan	Coaching 1 (Beginning of End – JL)
Tue 03 Feb	Round 3
Tue 10 Feb	Coaching 2 (End of Beginning - JL)
Tue 24 Feb	Round 4
Tue 03 Mar	Coaching 3 (to be arranged)
Tue 10 Mar	Round 5
Tue 14 Apr	Prize-giving, Coaching 4 (Imbalances,,MA)



Pairings for all rounds will be published on or soon after Sat 3 Jan. Coaching will include the topics above, analysis of games from the Open, sparring in key positions. Coaching €10/session or €32/all sessions. Coaches include John Loughran FI, Mark Allidine. Selected boards will be broadcast live.

Entry

Early entry €40 by Tue 16 Dec, €50 by Sat 3 Jan. No entries or refunds after that, unless exceptional, for €70. Free entry for titled players (GM, IM, FM, WGM, WIM) and FMs/CMs, with conditions attached, who contact the controller by Tue 9 Dec. 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, Chapelizod, Chess Kings, DCU, Drogheda, Dublin, Elm Mount, Finglas, Inchicore, Institute of Education, 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/1173](#)

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