

**Eligibility Criteria for Adult Events (August 2017 version to apply from May 2018)**

1. A person is eligible to be selected to play for Ireland if that person was born in either Northern Ireland or the Republic of Ireland - hereinafter Ireland - or had either one or both parents born in Ireland, or is a citizen of the Republic of Ireland. They must be registered on the FIDE Rating List under IRL.
2. To be considered for selection, a person not qualifying under the above criterion must, for the period immediately preceding the 1st of January of the year in which the representative international tournament is scheduled to take place, have been:
  - resident in Ireland for a period of not less than three years; and
  - registered on the FIDE Rating List under IRL for a period of not less than one year.
3. Every player who wishes to be considered for selection for a representative international tournament must also fulfil the following minimum activity criteria in the 24 months preceding the first date on which the International Selection Committee meets to consider selection of players for the tournament. Failure to meet this criteria would exclude that player from selection for the tournament in question. This date will be taken as March 1<sup>st</sup> in the year of the representative international tournament unless otherwise stated by the ICU Executive Committee. Games played in a representative International tournament shall not reckon towards the qualification thresholds:
  - 32 ICU rated games (at standard time controls of at least 75 minutes per player), at least 20 of which must be played in Ireland; or
  - 24 ICU rated games provided this includes at least one of the two Irish Championships held in the defined period above for the representative international tournament.
4. The Irish Championship listed on this document refers only to the 9-round event which decides the Irish Champion and no other supporting or related events:
  - The Irish Champion shall be the highest placed native Irish player or citizen in the Irish Championship.
  - The Irish Champion shall be selected automatically for the next Olympiad Open team. Where the Irish Championship concludes too late to include the Champion for that year in the next Olympiad due to its timing, the Champion shall be automatically selected for the following Olympiad Open team.