

# THE IRISH CHESS UNION

Cumann Fichille na hÉireann



PATRON: Michael D. Higgins, PRESIDENT OF IRELAND

## Report of the Junior Selection Committee 24<sup>th</sup> September 2017

The ICU junior selection committee (JSC) comprising Brendan Buckley, Ross Harris, Keegan O'Mahoney, Gearóidín Uí Laighléis and Junior Officer, Desmond Beatty has been requested by the ICU Executive to select Juniors to compete as "invited players" in the following tournaments:

- The FIDE World Junior U20 Championships 2017, Nov 12<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>, Tarvisio, Italy (2 places)
- The FIDE World Youth U16 Olympiad 2017, Dec 10<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>, Ahmedabad, India (5 places)

The selections are based on those requesting consideration in time, on the August 2017 rating list and general selection and event specific criteria.

One place per player except where a place is OPEN and not taken up.

OPEN - Applications for OPEN places should be made by no later than 1 week prior to the event organisers' published closing date for entries.

If they have not already done so, all selected players should confirm their acceptance of places, together with the name of their "accompanying person" (\* see below), to [selections@icu.ie](mailto:selections@icu.ie) cc [juniors@icu.ie](mailto:juniors@icu.ie), by Sep 30<sup>th</sup> 2017.

Note: This selection report is for "invited places" at these events. Players wishing to participate in these events as "additional players" should contact [juniors@icu.ie](mailto:juniors@icu.ie) no later than 1 week prior to the event organisers published closing date for entries.

Any questions on selections and the work of the Junior Selection Committee should be directed to [selections@icu.ie](mailto:selections@icu.ie). Any questions on the events themselves should be directed to [juniors@icu.ie](mailto:juniors@icu.ie).

## World Junior (U20) Championships 2017

Nov 12<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>, Tarvisio, Italy

Entry closes Oct 15<sup>th</sup>

Under 20 Open	Henry Li
Under 20 Girls	OPEN

## World Youth (U16) Olympiad 2017

Dec 10<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>, Ahmedabad, India

Entry closes Oct 10<sup>th</sup>

<u>ALL 5 places</u>	OPEN
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### **\*Accompanying persons**

- The ICU and its officials cannot take in loco parentis responsibility for players.
  - For all players who are under 12 or younger (where this is defined as the FIDE age, i.e. age as at 1 January of the year in question), a family member must accompany the player.
  - For older players (i.e. 12 years old and above) who are competing for the first time in this type of event, the ICU strongly recommends that a family member accompanies them.
  - For older players who have had experience of previous similar events, it may be appropriate for families to collaborate such that one adult travels with the team and looks after a number of players in addition to their own child. This may have the advantage of reducing overall costs or managing the time commitment required.
  - Such arrangements should be made directly between relevant parents/guardians and **must be notified to the Head of Delegation and/or the Junior Officer when accepting a place.**
  - In no circumstances may a single adult be responsible for more than 4 players.
  - The adult taking responsibility for others' children will need to be equipped with a letter from the child's parent or guardian confirming that they have permission to take the child out of the Ireland.
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