## Entry form – Irish Under 10 to Irish Under 19 Championships

For easier entry, we recommend registering online at www.ICU.ie/Shop. There is a separate paper entry form for the Under 8s available at http://www.icu.ie/events/739

Name _____

E-mail (we will confirm receipt of entry) _____

Date of birth _____

Club/school _____

ICU number _____

Nationality (see item 11 in the Rules and Regulations inside) _____

I agree to abide by the rules of entry (Parent/Guardian to sign and confirm) _____

Entry fee enclosed* _____

* - Entry fees are €10 per child for Under 8s, €20 per child for Under 10s and €25 per child for all other sections.
A €10 surcharge applies to entries on or after Wednesday 30th March 2016.
Family discounts apply – if three or more siblings are entering the tournament across all the age levels, the family payment is capped at the fees for the eldest two children. Entry for subsequent children is free.

Please make all cheques payable to St Benildus Chess Club
and post to Kevin Burke, 306 Charlesland Park, Greystones, Co Wicklow

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**St Benildus Chess Club and The Irish Chess Union are pleased to announce**

# The 2016 Irish Junior Chess Championships

**1st – 3rd April in the Fitzpatrick Castle Hotel, Killiney, Co Dublin**

# Rules and Regulations for the Irish Junior Chess Championships

### Irish Under 8 Championships

1. Please see the flyer at http://www.icu.ie/events/739 for the amended rules applying to the Irish Under 8 Championships. The rules outlined here apply to the sections from Under 10 through to Under 19 **only**.

### Schedule

2. The tournament schedule is as follows -

| | Under 10 | | All other sections | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Registration | Sat | 9:30am | Fri | 6:30pm |
| Round 1 | Sat | 10am | Fri | 7:30pm |
| Round 2 | Sat | 12:30pm | Sat | 10am |
| Round 3 | Sat | 3pm | Sat | 2pm |
| Round 4 | Sun | 10am | Sat | 6pm |
| Round 5 | Sun | 12:30pm | Sun | 10am |
| Round 6 | Sun | 3pm | Sun | 2pm |
| Prizegiving | Sun | 5:30pm | Sun | 5:30pm |

3. All sections will be rated, and the tournament will be run using Swiss Master.
4. Rate of play in the Under 10s will be 60 minutes for all moves. In all other sections, the rate of play will be 90 minutes for all moves.

### General rules

4. The general FIDE rules of chess will apply.
5. A player not at their board within 45 minutes of the start of the round (30 minutes for Under 10s) will be deemed to have forfeit.
6. Parents will be allowed in the main playing hall only up until play is about to commence.
7. Once a game has started, no player shall consult with books, computers, scorebooks, coaches, parents or guardians until the game has finished.
8. Mobile phones and similar electronic devices are not allowed in the playing hall. Should such a device make a noise during the course of a game, the relevant player will be deemed to have forfeited the game.
9. In the event of any dispute during the game, the players should stop the clock and look for a controller to rule on the issue. The decision of the controller shall be final.
10. In the event of a tie for any title (with the exception of the Girls Perpetual Trophy) the following tie breaking systems will be applied in this order –
    i. Median Buchholz
    ii. Buchholz
    iii. Result of any game played between the tied players
    iv. Progressive score

If players cannot be separated after this, the result is deemed to be a tie and first place and the title will be shared.

### Eligibility

11. Any player fulfilling the following age criteria is eligible to play in the competition –

| Section | Date of birth |
|---|---|
| Under 10 | 1st January 2006 or later |
| Under 12 | 1st January 2004 or later |
| Under 14 | 1st January 2002 or later |
| Under 16 | 1st January 2000 or later |
| Under 19 | 1st January 1997 or later |

However, in order to qualify to win a title, a player must either –

i. Have been born in either Northern Ireland or the Republic of Ireland - hereinafter Ireland - or have had either or both parents born in Ireland, or be a citizen of the Republic of Ireland; **OR**

ii. Have been a resident in Ireland for a period of not less than two years as at 1st January 2016

12. It is the responsibility of those entering to ensure that the player is eligible to play in the section they have entered. A player cannot be allowed to remain in a section if it is discovered that they are ineligible. After the event, a player discovered to have been ineligible will have any prizes won rescinded.
13. All players participating in these Championships must abide by these rules and entering the tournament is deemed to be acceptance of these rules.

### Other events

A number of other events will take place over the weekend.

- A **rapidplay tournament** (15 minutes each) **for U-10s and U-12s** will be held on Sunday. Entry is €10; first round at 12pm. You can enter at www.icu.ie/shop. This tournament is separate from the main U-10 and U-12 championship on this flyer.
- A 5-round **rapidplay tournament** (15 minutes each) **for parents and others** will be held on Sunday. Entry is free; first round at 12pm. Enter at www.icu.ie/shop, or we'll take entries over the weekend.
- A plastic **giant board –** 6ft x 6ft – and pieces will be available for fun games – outside, if weather permits
- For siblings and other family members who don't know how to play but would like to learn, **lessons for beginners** will be available throughout the day on Sunday.
- A brief talk and Q&A session on **being a chess parent** will be held on Sunday – exact time TBC. This will cover all aspects of developing your child's interest in the game, such as –
    - Learning to play – chess at home, chess at school
    - Joining a club
    - Playing tournaments – team leagues and weekender tournaments
    - Improving – openings, tactics and endings; books, DVDs and coaching
    - International selection
    - Being a chess parent and a chess player
- Exact details – times, locations, speakers, etc – of all the above will be available at the registration desk on the day.

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