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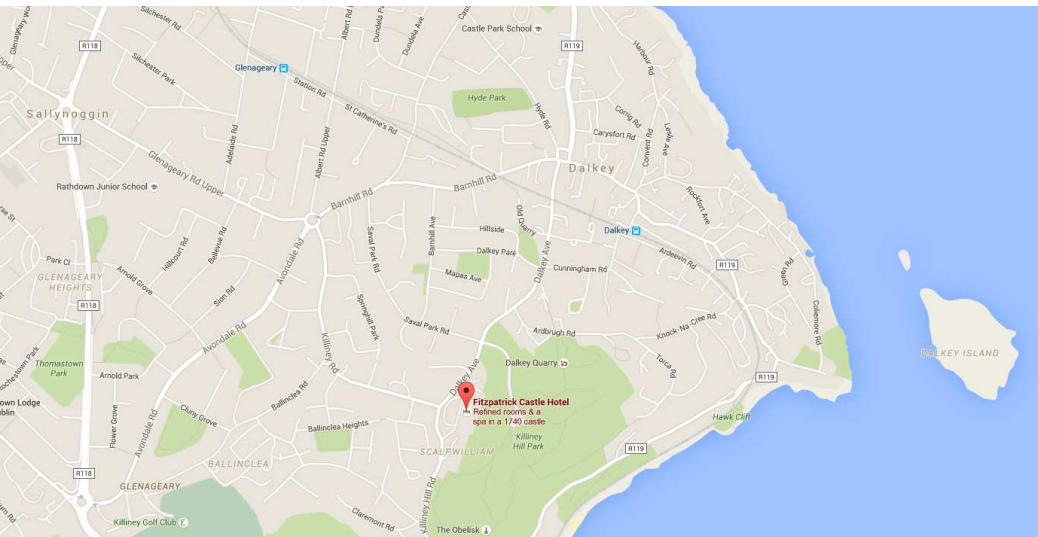
The Fitzpatrick Castle Hotel is –

- 10 minutes' drive from exit 16 of the M50
- 15 minutes' walk from Dalkey DART station
- Served by the 59 bus route from Dún Laoghaire

Local attractions and activities

The Fitzpatrick Castle Hotel has a full fitness centre and, for hotel residents, a 20-metre swimming pool. In addition, the hotel is–

- Adjacent to Killiney Hill Park, with walks up to Killiney Hill and Dalkey Hill
- One mile from Killiney Beach
- One mile from Coliemore Harbour and boats to Dalkey Island
- One mile from Killiney Golf Club
- 20 minutes from Dundrum Shopping Centre



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

The 2016 Irish Junior Chess Championships



Full entry details to be confirmed shortly on ICU.ie

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

Rules and Regulations for the Irish Junior Chess Championships

Overview

1. The rules and regulations governing the Irish Junior Chess Championships will be the same for all age groups except where amended below.

Schedule

2. Time control and number of games are as follows –

	Time control	Rounds
Under 8	15 mins all moves	TBC - at least 6; all on Sunday
Under 10	60 mins all moves	6 - 3 Saturday and 3 Sunday
Under 12	90 mins all moves	6 - 1 Friday, 3 Saturday and 2 Sunday
Under 14	90 mins all moves	6 - 1 Friday, 3 Saturday and 2 Sunday
Under 16	90 mins all moves	6 - 1 Friday, 3 Saturday and 2 Sunday
Under 19	90 mins all moves	6 - 1 Friday, 3 Saturday and 2 Sunday

3. All events will be ICU rated with the exception of the Under 8s.

4. The tournament will be run using Swiss Master.

General rules

5. Parents and other guardians will not be allowed in the main playing hall once play has commenced.

6. General FIDE rules of chess apply. Newer players in particular are advised of the following –

- i. Once a game has started, no player shall consult with books, computers, scorebooks, coaches or parents until the game has finished as outlined in the ICU handbook and per FIDE rules.
- ii. 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.
- iii. When a player touches a piece they must move that piece, providing it may be legally moved.
- iv. Players in all sections except the Under 8s must record their moves.
- v. A player shall be awarded a win if their opponent has not arrived at their board within an hour of the start of their game (15 minutes in the Under 8s).

7. In the event of any dispute during the game, the players should stop the clock and look for a supervisor or controller to rule on the issue.

Tie-breaks

8. 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

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

Eligibility

9. Any player fulfilling the following age criteria is eligible to play in the competition, irrespective of their federation –

Section	Date of birth
Under 8	1st January 2008 or later
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

10. It is the responsibility of those entering to ensure that the player is eligible to play in the section they have entered. Under no circumstances will a player 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.

11. All players participating in these Championships must abide by these rules and submission of entry is deemed to be acceptance of these rules.

Tournament controller

12. The tournament controller's decision is final. The tournament controller will be assisted by supervisors in each section.