

## Cork Chess Club



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## The Irish Chess Union



are pleased to announce

## The 2026 Irish Junior Chess Championships

Under 8, 10, 12, 14, 16 and 19

**Date:** 10<sup>th</sup> Apr – 12<sup>th</sup> April

**Venue:** Coláiste Choilm,  
Ballincollig, Cork, P31 NY77

## Rules and Regulations

1. The FIDE rules of chess will apply to all age groups, except where amended below.
2. **All sections u10 and older will be ICU rated, with U12 and older also being rated by FIDE** and the tournament will be run using Swiss Manager.
3. It is the responsibility of those entering to ensure that the player is eligible to play in the section they have entered.
4. The default time for games is 30 minutes.
5. Parents and spectators will only be allowed in the playing hall until play is about to commence. Players who have finished their games shall be considered spectators and should leave the playing hall.
6. Once the game has started, no player shall consult with books, electronic devices, or any other player except the arbiter until after the game has finished.
7. Mobile phones and 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.

8. In the event of any dispute during the game, the players should stop the clock and look for an arbiter to rule on the issue. The decision of the arbiter shall be final.

## Officials

	Name
<b>ICU Chairperson</b>	Desmond Beattie
<b>Tournament Organiser</b>	Andrew Kelly
<b>Chief Arbiter</b>	Zsolt Kardkovacs (FA)
<b>Deputy Chief Arbiter</b>	Andrew Kelly (NA)

## Titles and Prizes

1. Eligible players with the highest number of points in each section will be awarded the corresponding title of Irish Junior Champion.
2. In the event of a tie for any title, Blitz playoff games and/or FIDE approved time breaks (to be confirmed in final tournament terms and conditions).
3. Eligibility criteria are:
  - a being born on, or having either parent born on, the island of Ireland; or
  - b being an Irish citizen; or
  - c having resided in Ireland for at least 2 years prior to 1<sup>st</sup> January 2026.

## Eligibility

Sections	Year of Birth
Under 8	1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2018 or later
Under 10	1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2016 or later
Under 12	1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2014 or later
Under 14	1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2012 or later
Under 16	1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2010 or later
Under 19	1 <sup>st</sup> Jan 2007 or later

## Playing Schedules

	Under 8*	Under 10**
Registration	Sun 11:30	Sat 09:30
Round 1	Sun 12:00	Sat 10:00
Round 2	Sun after Rd 1	Sat 13:00
Round 3	Sun after Rd 2	Sat 16:00
Round 4	Sun 13:30	Sun 10:00
Round 5	Sun after Rd 4	Sun 13:00
Round 6	Sun after Rd 5	Sun 16:00

\* Rounds in U8 will commence asap after conclusion of the last game in each round so players should remain in venue.

\*\* Rounds 2,3,5,6 in the U10 may start earlier if all games in previous round are finished early

## Playing Schedules

	All other sections (U12, U14, U16 & U19)
Registration	Fri 18:30
Round 1	Fri 19:30
Round 2	Sat 10:00
Round 3	Sat 14:00
Round 4	Sat 18:00
Round 5	Sun 10:00
Round 6	Sun 14:00

## Time Controls

Sections	6 rounds in all sections
Under 8	10 mins + 5 secs
Under 10	60 mins + 30 secs
Under 12	75 mins + 30 secs
Under 14	75 mins + 30 secs
Under 16	75 mins + 30 secs
Under 19	75 mins + 30 secs

## Entry Fees

Sections	Per player
Under 8	€15
Under 10	€25
Under 12	€30
Under 14	€30
Under 16	€30
Under 19	€30

**Family Rate:** Pay for the first two children and subsequent children are free – e-mail [corkchess@gmail.com](mailto:corkchess@gmail.com) with details of 3rd and subsequent children

**Online Entries Close:** Midnight on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April

**Late entries:** Entries made on the day (except for the U8 section) are subject to a €10 administration charge and are at the tournament director's discretion