

Entry form – Irish Under 8 Championships

For easier entry, we recommend registering online at www.ICU.ie/Shop

Name _____

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

Date of birth _____

School _____

Nationality (see item 10 in the Rules and Regulations inside) _____

Where did you hear about the tournament? _____

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

Entry fee enclosed* _____

- Entry fees for the Under 8s are €10 per child. 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.

Note – The Irish Under 10 Championships will run on 13th – 14th April, and the Under 12, Under 14, Under 16 and Under 19 Championships will run from 12th – 14th April. For further information, see the flyer at <http://www.icu.ie/events/892>



A One-Day Festival of Chess

Including

The Irish Under 8 Chess Championships



Lessons for beginners

U10, U12 rapid event

Q&A on being a chess parent

Parents' tournament

Sunday 14th April, Stillorgan Talbot Hotel, Co Dublin

Festival Schedule

Irish Under 8 Chess Championships

- Registration will be open from 11am to 11:50am on the day. Even if you've entered in advance, we do require you to register with us on the day so we know you're here! Entries will be accepted on the day as well.
- Round 1 will start at 12pm. Subsequent rounds will start within five minutes of the conclusion of the previous round. The tournament will last for at least six rounds, and will run straight through to the prize-giving at around 4:30pm
- All equipment – clocks, boards and pieces – will be supplied on the day
- Players score 1 point for each game they win, half a point for each game they draw and 0 points for each game they lose. At the end of the tournament, the player with the most points will be the tournament winner.
- The tournament is not a knock-out – if a player loses a game, they will still be in the draw for all subsequent rounds.
- Players of all standard are welcome; the tournament is suitable for all players who know how to move the pieces.

Other festival events

- A 5-round **rapidplay tournament** (15 minutes each) for **U10s, U12s, parents and others** will be held alongside the U8 tournament. Entry €5 – so why sit around for the afternoon when you can join in the fun! First round at 12pm.
- 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.
- A brief talk on **being a chess parent**, followed by a Q&A session, will be held – 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 – the sky's the limit!
 - Being a chess parent and a chess player!
- There will be a number of volunteers helping out over the course of the weekend – if you have **any questions, feel free to ask**. During rounds tends to be quieter!!
- Exact details – times, locations, speakers, etc – of all the above will be available at the registration desk on the day.

Rules and Regulations – Under 8 Championships

General rules

1. Players will have 15 minutes each for all moves; all games will use a chess clock (which will be supplied)
2. Players are not required to write down their moves
3. When, on a player's move, a player touches one of their own pieces, they must move that piece, providing it may legally move. When a player touches one of their opponent's pieces, they must capture that piece, provided it may be legally captured. An exception can be made when it is clear the player is just adjusting the position of the piece (if, for example, it is placed on two squares)
4. Players are not allowed consult with books, computers, scorebooks, coaches, parents or guardians while their game is in progress.
5. In the event of any dispute during the game, a player may pause their clock and call one of the controllers. The decision of the controllers shall be final.
6. Parents and guardians will be allowed in the main playing hall only up until play in each round is about to commence.
7. In the event of a tie for the title, players will be split by tie-break. The title may be shared if the tie-breaks fail to separate the players.
8. The tournament will NOT be rated.

Eligibility

9. Any player born on or after 1st January 2011 is eligible to play in the competition.
10. The title of Irish Champion will go to the highest-scoring player who either –
 - i. Was born in Northern Ireland or the Republic of Ireland - hereinafter Ireland - or has either or both parents born in Ireland, or is a citizen of the Republic of Ireland; **OR**
 - ii. Has been a resident in Ireland for a period of at least two years as at 1st January 2016
11. It is the responsibility of those entering to ensure 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. A player discovered after the event to have been ineligible will have any prizes won rescinded.
12. All players participating in these Championships must abide by these rules and entering the tournament is deemed to be acceptance of these rules.