

THE IRISH CHESS UNION

Cumann Fichille na hÉireann



PATRON: Michael D. Higgins, PRESIDENT OF IRELAND

December 8th 2022

To: ChessMates President, ChessMates representative delegates of Paris Olympic Team, Rotterdam Schaakbond, Irish Chess Union, Landesschachverband Sachsen-Anhalt, Monaco-Lique Provence-Alpes-Cote-d'Azur des Eches, Estonia - Narva, London Team and Team Berlin

Re : ChessMates 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

The Irish Chess Union (ICU) has great pleasure in inviting your nation to participate in ChessMates 2023.

The tournament will be held in the Newgrange Hotel in Navan, Co Meath from Friday 3rd to Sunday 5th of March 2023.

General arrivals will be on Thursday 2nd of March. The opening ceremony will be on Friday, 3rd of March at 9:30am. Play will commence immediately following the controller's address, and will conclude with a prizegiving ceremony commencing at around 2.15pm on Sunday 5th of March. .

You are invited to send a team of 2 players for each of the following events: U12, U14, U16, U18 and U20. (See also team structure as attached document.) Accompanying supporters and parents are also most welcome.

The tournament will be registered with FIDE for rating purposes and, to comply with FIDE regulations, the time control for all sections will be all moves in 90 minutes + 30 second increments from move 1. It is hoped to live broadcast most of the boards.

In accordance with decisions made by the control committee at previous meetings, each participant, manager and accompanying supporters/parents are required to pay for their own travel, transfers, meals and accommodation through their Head of Delegation to the ICU. Please see relevant attachments for details and booking instructions.

Please consider this invitation as soon as possible and confirm entry by **December 18th 2022** and pay the deposit not later than **7th of January 2023**.

Please note the other deadlines summarised below and detailed in the attachments.

If you have any queries, please send an email to sandrawoods@gmx.de.

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I look forward to hearing from you in due course and to welcoming all to Ireland in March.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Desmond Beatty', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Attachments: Summary of deadlines

Provisional tournament schedule

Accommodation and meals – pricing and booking

Information note – payment methods

Tournament rules

Accommodation booking form

Dublin airport flight details and transfer booking form

Federation and player registration form

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Summary of deadlines

December 18th Confirm entry

December 31st Confirm accommodation bookings for the whole delegation and return of completed player form

January 7th Latest date for receipt of deposit of €2,000 per delegation to ICU for accommodation.

January 31st Return of completed Dublin airport flight details and group transfer booking form. Deadline for (minor) accommodation adjustments.

February 2nd Latest date for receipt of payment to ICU of final balance for accommodation and group airport transfers.

February 28th Latest date for Team and board order declarations (to facilitate preparation, reporting and live broadcasting)

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Tournament Schedule

Thursday March 2nd 2023

Arrival of teams at Newgrange Hotel in Navan Co Meath

Friday March 3rd 2023

09.30	Opening ceremony and briefing for ALL.
10.00	Round 1
15.00	Round 2

Saturday March 4th 2023

10.00	Round 3
15.00	Round 4
20.00	ChessMates Festival Dinner for all players, HoDs and accompanying persons

Sunday March 5th 2023

09.30	Round 5
14.15	Presentation of Prizes
15.00	General Departures

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Team Structures

Each Team shall be comprised of 10 (ten) players with at least one girl and one boy for each team as follows:

- On board 1 &2 the players shall be under the age of 20 on January 1st of 2023
- On board 3 &4 the players shall be under the age of 18 on January 1st of 2023
- On board 5 &6 the players shall be under the age of 16 on January 1st of 2023.

- On board 7 &8 the players shall be under the age of 14 on January 1st of 2023.
- On board 9&10 the players shall be under the age of 12 on January 1st of 2023

Participating Teams may not bring more than the numbers of players as defined above i.e. reserves are not allowed.

Playing Order

Each Team shall keep to the same playing order throughout the Tournament.

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Accommodation and Meals

ACCOMODATION

All participants, coaches, managers, supporters/parents booked/paid on time via the ICU, will be accommodated in the Newgrange Hotel in Navan.

You can find the cost per room B&B in the registering document. Please consider that a collective dinner on Saturday evening is already included.

A booking deposit of €2000 per delegation is payable by 7th January 2023.

Please send one group booking for your delegation no later than 31st of December 2022. The balance is payable on or before February 2nd 2023.

Payment Methods

All ICU payments should be made in Euro either via wire transfer to:

Bank Account Name: Irish Chess Union (ICU)

Bank Name: Bank of Ireland

Branch Code Number: 90-44-99

Account Number: 16227795

IBAN IE 51 BOFI 9044 9916 2277 95

OR

by Credit/Debit card at the [ICU Shop](#) (please complete all fields).