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Skerries Chess Club, co-funded by Fingal Co. Co. Development Office present the inaugural

Fingal Open Championships

and Chess for All Programme

Starting Tue 23 Jan 2024

Skerries Amalgamated Bridge Clubs, 73B Strand Street, Skerries, Co. Dublin, K34 C951 and nearby clubs

See Google map | skerrieschess.com | icu.ie/events/1784 page

Features

FIDE, ICU rated. Time controls like the leagues. 5 rounds spread over 12 weeks with 5 free coaching sessions in between. Games in Skerries and nearby clubs. Adjournments allowed if players agree before their game.

Prizes

Fingal Open Champion Perpetual Cup, plaques/medals in all sections.

Playing Sections

Sections of 6, all-play-all, divided by FIDE, ICU, SCC ratings at the controller's discretion, to ensure close, competitive, and enjoyable games.

Time control

Sec A, B: 90 mins + 30 sec/move. Sec C/D: 75+30. Sec E/F/G: 60+30. Sec H: 45+30, depending on ratings. Different times if two players choose adjournments. See events page. 7.15 pm start. Default time 1 hr.

Round Dates and Coaching Schedule

Tue 23 Jan Round 1
Tue 30 Jan Coaching session (Mid-term break)
Tue 06 Feb Round 2
Tue 13 Feb Coaching session
Tue 20 Feb Round 3
Tue 05 Mar Coaching session
Tue 12 Mar Round 4
Tue 19 Mar Coaching session
----Easter break-----
Tue 16 Apr Round 5
Tue 23 Apr Coaching session and Prize-giving

Pairings for all rounds will be published on or soon after Wed 17 Jan.

Coach FM Zalan Nemeth will include various topics TBA, analysis of some games from the Open, interactive sparring in key positions.

Entry

Early entry incl. coaching for €40 by Tue 19 Dec, €50 before Wed 17 Jan. No entries or refunds after that, unless exceptional, for €60. Free entry for titled players (GM, IM, FM, WGM, WIM) by Tue 19 Dec, with conditions attached, who contact the controller. 20 free places for beginner tuition for some Skerries groups. All players must be in the ICU: icu.ie/shop. Enter on the ICU Fingal Open icu.ie/events/1784 page.

Clubs near Skerries include

Aer Lingus, Balbriggan, Blanchardstown, Chess Kings, DCU, Drogheda, Dublin, Elm Mount, Finglas, Inchicore, Lucan, Malahide, Naomh Barróg, Portmarnock, TCD, TUD.

Players from these clubs may play their black games at home on their usual day/night in the same week as the round in Skerries. The final round games are all in Skerries. More details: icu.ie/articles/1044

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