



35th Drogheda Chess Congress

Sat 30th, Sun 31st, Mon 1st June 2026

The Gym, St. Mary's Parish Primary School,
Bryanstown, Dublin Road, Drogheda, A92 XD80

droghedachessclub.wordpress.com

icu.ie/events/2069

Prize fund €3000

Subject to entry

Time control

90 mins + 30 sec/move

FIDÉ rated

Round Times

Sat 30th May, R1: 10.00am, R2: 3.00pm

Sun 31st May, R3: 10.00am, R4: 3.00pm

Mon 1st June, R5: 10.00am, R6: 3.00pm

Default time: 30 mins.

Playing Sections

Thomson Masters: Over 1900 (FIDÉ or ICU rating)

O'Boyle Championship: U1950 (1750 – 1949 accepted)

Fox Major: U1800 (1550 – 1799 accepted)

Murray Challengers: U1600 (FIDÉ or ICU rating, not based on age)

Live Boards

Top boards in all sections transmitted live, linked from the event page. Airy, spacious and pleasant playing conditions with some professional touches.

Entry fee

€50 before Thursday 28th May, €60 after that, €70 on the day if accepted. Free entry for titled players who enter before 13th May, full fee after that. €10 reduction for Under 18s in the Murray Challengers.

Entries

All entries on ICU website icu.ie/events

Pairings for round 1 will be published there between 10 am and 6 pm on Thu 30th May

Rating bands strictly enforced. Irish residents must be registered with the ICU.

Flyer updated 16/01/2026. For updates see icu.ie/articles

Contact

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Accommodation

Hotels

Boyne Valley Hotel, 041 9837737

Glenside Hotel, 041 9829185

D Hotel, Marsh Road, 041 9877700

Scholars Townhouse, 041 9835410

City North Hotel, 01 6906666

B&Bs

Windsor Lodge, North Road, Drogheda 041 9841966 Aaron Vale,

85 Ashfield Green, North Rd, Drogheda 041 9839210 Roseville

Lodge, Georges Street, Drogheda, 041 9834046 Reddans,

Bettystown 041 9827412

Other suggestions

Airbnb

Booking.com

Travel times for Commuters

From Dublin City Centre 🚗 46 min 🚶 35 – 65

min From M50 🚗 28 min

Past Members

Andrew Thomson (1929 - 2021) was a strong player who instigated and ran the Wexford congress from 1971 until 1998 before transforming it into the Drogheda Congress in 1999. Andrew was a keen correspondence chess player in his day and regularly had 5 or 6 games running simultaneously. He was a president of Drogheda Chess Club.



Enda O'Boyle (1926-2007) started the Drogheda Schools Chess League in 1994 which is still a big part of chess in the Northeast. A primary school teacher by profession, he introduced a Primary Schools Chess League in 2004 which has grown successfully ever since. Enda was a chief organizer of the Drogheda club for years and a welcoming face to all visitors and new players.



Donnie Fox (1923-2005) lived up to his name as a player, employing every ruse to entrap his opponents. A keen strategist and league player he was a president of Drogheda Chess Club on many occasions.



Jimmy Murray (died 1980s/90s) was a founder member of Drogheda Chess Club in 1947. He enjoyed his chess so much that he used to whistle during his games in the club. He was a keen league player and treasurer of the club.

