



SLIGO RAPID SERIES & RISING STARS (UNDER 12) SERIES



FIVE TOURNAMENTS. ONE SEASON. TWO CHAMPIONS.



5 TOURNAMENTS

Five standalone tournaments with an overall series championship.



10+5 RAPID

10 minutes plus a 5-second increment per move.



FIDE-RATED OPEN

Build or improve your FIDE Rapid Rating.



RISING STARS (UNDER 12)

A welcoming, non-rated section for younger and developing players.

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

DATE

VENUE



Saturday
15 August 2026

Mercy College,
Sligo



Sunday
13 September 2026

Clayton Hotel,
Sligo



Sunday
18 October 2026

Clayton Hotel,
Sligo



Sunday
15 November 2026

Sligo Park Hotel,
Sligo



Saturday
6 February 2027

Sligo Chess &
Culture Festival
(Radisson Blu Hotel Sligo)

TOURNAMENT DAY SCHEDULE – AUG–NOV



9:00 – 9:30 Arrival



9:30 – 10:15 Round 1



10:15 – 11:00 Round 2



11:00 – 11:45 Round 3



11:45 – 12:30 Round 4



12:30 – 13:30 Lunch



13:30 – 14:15 Round 5



14:15 – 15:00 Round 6



15:00 – 15:45 Round 7



16:00 – 16:30 Awards Ceremony

All times are approximate and may vary slightly depending on the progress of earlier rounds.

The Festival Final on 6 February 2027 will follow a separate schedule.

TWO SECTIONS



OPEN SECTION (FIDE RATED)

Open to all ages and abilities.
FIDE Rapid rated.
Compete for trophies at each tournament and cash prizes in the overall series.



RISING STARS (UNDER 12)

For players under 12 on 1 Jan 2026 (born on or after 1 Jan 2014).
Non-rated, fun and supportive.
Compete for trophies and overall series honours.

OVERALL SERIES PRIZES

SLIGO RAPID SERIES (OPEN SECTION)



1st Overall: €300



2nd Overall: €150



3rd Overall: €75

Crowned the Sligo Rapid Series Champion

RISING STARS (UNDER 12) SERIES



1st: Trophy



2nd: Trophy



3rd: Trophy

Crowned the Rising Stars (Under 12) Series Champion



REGISTERING THROUGH THE ICU

- ✓ Registration is through the Irish Chess Union (ICU) website.
- ✓ You must have an ICU profile to register.
- ✓ New players (including many from Ficheall and school chess) must purchase an ICU subscription to create a profile.
- ✓ To be included in Round 1, register by midnight the night before the tournament.
- ✓ Registrations on the day may play from Round 2, subject to the Tournament Director.
- ✓ All late registrations are at the discretion of the Tournament Director.

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BE PART OF THE JOURNEY!

From your first tournament to festival champion.
Every game counts.



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Building Chess in Our Community



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