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Comhairle Contae Fhine Gall
Fingal County Council

Skerries Chess Club present the 4th

Fingal Open Championships

with coaching between rounds

Starting Tue 19 Jan 2027

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

See Google map | skerrieschess.com | icu.ie/events/2341 page

Features

FIDE, ICU rated. Time controls like the leagues. 5 rounds spread over 11 weeks with 4 coaching sessions as an option. Games in Skerries and nearby clubs. Adjournments allowed if players agree before game. Some funding from Fingal Co. Co.

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, enjoyable games.

Time controls

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

Round Dates and Coaching Schedule

Tue 19 Jan	Round 1
Tue 02 Feb	Round 2
Tue 16 Feb	Coaching 1: Attacking
Tue 23 Feb	Round 3
Tue 02 Mar	Coaching 2: Practical endgames
Tue 09 Mar	Round 4
Tue 16 Mar	Coaching 3: Opening prep with new tools
Tue 06 Apr	Round 5
Tue 13 Apr	Prize-giving,Coaching 4: My memorable games with the importance of psychology



Pairings for all rounds will be published soon after Tue 12 Jan. Coaching from Jacob Flynn CM will include the topics above, analysis of games from the Open, and sparring in key positions. Coaching €10/session or €35/all sessions. Coach is Jacob Flynn CM. Selected boards will be broadcast live.

Entry

Early entry €40 by Tue 15 Dec, €50 by Tue 12 Jan. No entries or refunds after that, unless exceptional, for €70. Free entry for titled players (GM, IM, FM, WGM, WIM) and FMs/CMs, with conditions attached, who contact the controller by Fri 1 Dec. Reduced entry fees for some Skerries groups. All players must be in the ICU: icu.ie/shop. Enter on the ICU Fingal Open icu.ie/events/2341 page.

Clubs near Skerries

Include: Aer Lingus, Balbriggan, Blanchardstown, Chapelizod, Chess Kings, DCU, Donaghmede, Drogheda, Dublin, Elm Mount, Finglas, Inchicore, Institute of Education, Lucan, Malahide, Portmarnock, Phibsboro, 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 in Skerries. More details: icu.ie/articles/1235

Contact

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