



32nd Drogheda Chess Congress

Sat 3rd, Sun 4th, Mon 5th June 2023

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

droghedachessclub.wordpress.com
icu.ie/events/1671

Prize fund €3000

Subject to entry

Time control

90 mins + 30 sec/move

FIDÉ rated

Round Times

Sat 3rd June, R1: 10.00am, R2: 3.00pm

Sun 4th June, R3: 10.00am, R4: 3.00pm

Mon 5th June, R5: 10.00am, R6: 3.00pm

Default time 30 mins.

Playing Sections

Thomson Masters: Over 1800 (FIDÉ or ICU rating)

O'Boyle Championship: U1900 (1400 – 1900 accepted)

Fox Major: U1500 (1000 – 1500 accepted)

Murray Challengers: U1100 (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 1st June, €60 after that, €70 on the day if accepted.
Free entry for titled players who enter before 15th May, full fee after that.
€10 reduction for Under 18s in the Murray Challengers.

Entries

All entries on ICU website icu.ie/events/1671

Pairings for round 1 will be published there between 10 am and 6 pm on Thu 1st June.

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

Flyer updated 18/05/2023. For updates see icu.ie/articles/1010

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.

