

The 105th Irish Chess Championship 2026

The Talbot Hotel, Stillorgan, Dublin

August 1st - 9th 2026

€4,000 Guaranteed Prize Fund

€1,500 First Prize

Schedule

- **Round 1-8:**
Saturday 1st - Saturday 8th: 3pm
- **Round 9:**
Sunday 9th August: 11am

Tie-break for title of Irish champion:

1. Head-to-head result(s).
2. Rapid playoff match.
(ICU AGM 2018, rev'd 2026: cf. full [T&C's](#))
No shared title.

Rate of play: 90 minutes + 30 minutes after mover 40 + 30 second increment from move 1.

Default time 60 minutes

Eligibility

- IRL registration with FIDE and Rated 1900+ (FIDE or ICU 2026 list)
- The current Irish Women's, 50+, and 65+ champions, all former Irish champions, up to two ICU nominees and up to one organiser nominee are exempt from the rating requirement.
- All players must be ICU members.

Subject to [eligibility criteria](#), the winner is declared Irish champion and offered a place on the next Olympiad open team.

Event will be FIDE and ICU rated.

