

2025 IRISH OPEN Draughts Tournament

(in memory of John Cunningham & Mick O'Shaughnessy)

The Irish Open will be held at the South Court Hotel in Limerick City from Saturday, 25 October 2025, to Bank Holiday Monday, 27 October 2025. The Three-Move restriction tournament will be played over eight rounds, with three sections, Masters, Seniors and Intermediates.

Time Table:

Saturday, 25.10.25 Taking of entries 9.30 am. Opening Ceremony followed by Round One 10am. Round Two 2pm. Round Three 6pm.

Sunday, 26.10.25 Round Four 9.30 am. Round Five 1.30 pm. Round Six 5.30 pm. Annual General Meeting of the IDA 9pm.

Monday, 27.10.25 Round Seven 9.30 am. Round Eight 1.30 pm. Prize Giving 5pm.

Time Control:

Each player will have 1 hour and 30 minutes to play both games in a round. There will be time increments of 10 seconds for each move.

Accommodation:

There is a special deal for Draughts players who wish to stay at the South Court Hotel. The price per night, including breakfast, is as follows: Friday 24 Oct, per person sharing €90, per person single €170. Saturday 25 Oct, per person sharing €95, per person single €180. Sunday 26 Oct, per person sharing €75, per person single €140. Monday 27 Oct, per person sharing €75, per person single €140. To avail of the special rates at the South Court Hotel, it is necessary to book through Seán Phillips.

B&B Accommodation:

White House B&B, (opposite South Court Hotel) Saint Nesson's Road, Raheen, Limerick, V94 DY27, per person sharing €60, per person single €70. Phone no. (061)301709.

Avondoyle B&B, per person sharing €45, per person single €60. Phone no. (061)301590.

Almeda B&B, a mile from the South Court Hotel, address Ballinacurra Road, price on enquiry, Phone no. (061)303369.

Ashgrove B&B, address 42 Rossroe Avenue, Caherdavin, Limerick. Phone no. (061)453338.

Brookville B&B, address 31 Brookville Avenue, Limerick, V94 Y36F. Phone no. (061)452160.

Armada Lodge B&B. Phone no. (061)326993.

Gerry Hogan, Ardnacrusha. Phone no. (085)8261202.

Children's Tournament:

In addition to the three day competition, there will also be a one day Irish Children's Tournament played at the same venue on the Saturday, 25 October 2025. Entries for the children's competition will be taken from 10.30 am, and play will get under way at 11am. There will be six rounds of play on the Swiss system, with one game per round. And there will be a break for lunch after three rounds.

Contact Information:

For information in relation to the Irish Open please contact Seán Phillips, 'Suí Finn', Cullinagh, Newcastle West, Co. Limerick. ☎ (087)2529534 or (00353)(87)2529534. Roimhphoist johnphil187@gmail.com

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1. Art Mad - Art Supplies based 35 Johns Street, Limerick Phone: (061)315401 Instagram address @artmsdartsupplies website address: <http://www.artmad.ie>

Sponsored framing & mounting of commission painting prize for Irish Open Draughts competition winner.

2. Limerick City & County Council, Civic Buildings, Merchants Quay, Limerick V94 EH90 Tel: (061)556000.

Festivals and Events team support community projects and the local organisations that put them on. Contributed financial donation.

3. Hatters Castle Art Studio by local Limerick artist Frank Bouchier X
@frankbouchier Facebook - Hatters Castle Art Class & Studio Frank Bouchier Art Tutor
The IDA commissioned Mr Bouchier donated a one-off bespoke painting to the winner of the Irish Open Draughts championship 2025. Mr Bouchier also made a financial donation towards the Irish Open Draughts Youth Championship

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