

Mick Germaine Cup Competition 2025

The Leinster Chess Union's annual Mick Germaine Cup competition, for teams of 4 junior players, took place on Sunday 16th February 2025 in the Artane Beaumont Family Recreation Centre, home of the Elm Mount Chess Club.

22 teams took part involving around 90 junior players including quite a few players (some as young as 6 years old) who were playing in their first competitive team event. The number of teams is now back to the levels experienced before the holding of the tournament was disrupted due to Covid 19 restrictions.

The event is a 6 round swiss competition. Congratulations to Wexford who won the Cup with an unbeaten score of 5.5/6. The runners up on a score of 5/6 were the Drogheda Chess Club with the Square Peers in clear third place on a score of 4.5/6. A very welcome feature of the event was the range of teams competing, including some who travelled a considerable distance to take part. These included teams from Sligo, Westport and Wexford.

The venue for the event (the main hall in the Artane Beaumont Family Recreation Centre) is large enough to accommodate around 50 teams, so there is considerable scope to cater for a significant expansion of entries in the future. The final standings are outlined in the table below:

Mick Germaine Cup 2025 - Final Ranking

Rank	Name	Pts
1	Wexford	5½
2	Drogheda	5
3	The Square Peers	4½
4	Chess Donuts	4
5	Chess Mates	3½
6	Skerries	3½
7	Portmarnock Kings	3½
8	Chess Rockers	3½
9	Baldoyle Junior Club	3½
10	Westport Chess Club	3½
11	Chess Kings	3
12	Gonzaga	3
13	Portmarnock Knights	3
14	Elm Mount Knights	3
15	Elm Mount Kings	2½
16	Elm Mount Bishops	2½
17	Elm Mount Rooks	2½
18	Sligo Chess Club	2
19	Glasnevin Kings	2
20	Hollypark BNS	2
21	Glasnevin Knights	1
22	St Fiachras	½

The event has been running since 2011 and all the previous winners are listed below. It will be noted that Rathmines have won the event 6 times over the 12 years during which the event has been held.

Year	Winners	Number of teams entered
2011	Rathminors	12
2012	Rathmines Kings	8
2013	Ratoath	10
2014	Enniscorthy Kings	20
2015	Rathminors	19
2016	Malahide Militants	25
2017	Rathmines Kings	25
2018	Rathmines Kings	22
2019	Rathmines Kings	21
2022	Master Chess Club	11
2024	Sligo Chess Club	12
2025	Wexford	22

Below are some photos from the 2025 event.

The **Winning Wexford team** are pictured below from left, Angel Bobby, Aiden Bobby, Tyghe Crowe and Ayaan Prabhith



Chess Kings (left) take on Hollypark BNS (right)



Views of the Playing Venue

