



BALLYROAN JUNIOR CHESS & SOCIAL CLUB

“THE KNIGHTS OF ÉANNA”

Travel & Overnight Policy

There are occasions where the Junior Chess Club may wish to travel with a group of players to an away event and where this will involve overnight stays.

Examples include:

- Junior member participation in the Irish Junior championship when it is held in a provincial town. In these cases, a cooperative approach between club volunteers may allow more children to participate than an individual family approach.
- Participation in a major Irish chess tournament e.g. Cork, Drogheda, Malahide, Bunnally, Kilkenny ect.
- Challenge matches to teams abroad

The purpose of this policy is to describe how away trips will be handled, a clear focus is on the practical arrangements to ensure where possible the safety of all involved.

1. Formal approval

The full club committee must approve the decision to take a group of juniors to a chess congress or away trip which involves an overnight stay. A Trip Plan will be developed and provided in writing to the Committee for this purpose.

This will provide absolute clarity for all concerned, including detailed arrangements throughout the entire period away.

The elements of the plan will be including:

- Appointing a delegation leader and contact information
- Appointing chess coach/ mentor
- Any requirements for parent/guardian of juniors involved to also travel as extra supervisors

- Detailed agreement with parents/guardian on sleeping and any other personal requirements of their child
- A ratio of at least one supervisor for every six juniors travelling
- Contact information of parents/guardians of junior members involved
- The plan will detail a clear timetable for parents/guardians, from collection of their children, through to final return to collection point, it will be comprehensive and provide clear information.

2. Nature of chess congresses

There is a need for different types of supervision when away at a tournament.

Implicit within this is a distinction between the supervision required within a tournament hall, which can be undertaken by male or female supervisors, and the required supervision that comes with child minding outside of a venue and in particular the strictly observance to protocol when it comes to supervision of junior in an overnight setting.

A copy of the club's night time supervision protocol is being finalised and can be seen soon on the club's web-site.

3. Proposal

Based on these elements, the club committee will consider specific written proposals for away trips as and when they arise.

All proposed trips must be pre-approved by the Child Protection Officer of the club and include any advice/orders given by the Child Protection Officer.

Chairperson

Child Protection Officer

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Policy review committee:
