

AYRSHIRE JUNIOR CHESS TOUR

Thursday 22nd January 2026, Venue – Greenwood Academy, Dreghorn, Irvine KA11 4HL

This is the fifth of this season's junior events to be held over the coming months

There were four sections held with a mix of schools and abilities and all players had at least four games in the evening. Medals were awarded for any player reaching two and a half points

Section C (18 players)	Section D (18 players)
Finn Penny, Stewarton MEDAL	Viktor Bresch, Abbey MEDAL
Harry Brown, Greenwood MEDAL	Iaruslav Pilipchuk, Abbey MEDAL
Kerr Graham, Springside MEDAL	Dax Currie, Troon MEDAL
Andrew Baird, Lainshaw MEDAL	Liyan Nishchith, Struthers MEDAL
Yashwant Srai Karthikeyan, St Ninians MEDAL	Harris Macdonald, St Andrews MEDAL
Jimmy Hawthorn Loudon Montgomery MEDAL	Koda Douglas, Dykesmains MEDAL
Andrew Corrigan, Auchenhavrie MEDAL	Ritaj Alshteiwi Loudon Montgomery
Rose Lawrie, Nether Robertland	Murray MacLean, Prestwick
Bella Ritson, St Patricks	Bradley Clugston, Loudon
Sophia Grace Clark, Lawthorn	Pranav Pushpadass Radha, St Ninians
Kayden Healy, Kilmaurs	Kyle O'Hara Frew, Braehead
Angus Shepherd, Barassie	Arya Kerr, Springside
Jamie Murdoch, Abbey	Aaron Collins, Troon
Ruaridh Long, Dykesmains	Zach Jackson, Dykesmains
Max Ritson, St Patricks	Finlay Tait, Braehead
Imogen Ireland, Braehead	Nathan McBride, Loudon Montgomery
Caleb Hamilton, Dykesmains	Jim McCulloch, Fenwick
Aiden Wheeldon, Braehead	Hamish Wallace, Drongan

Section 1 (14 players)	Section 2 (12 players)
Duncan Brown, Troon MEDAL	Marcello Marchetti, Greenwood MEDAL
Ben Thomson, Kingcase MEDAL	Murray Williams, Greenwood MEDAL
Noah Dickson, Greenwood MEDAL	Shreyansh Nanduru, Heathfield MEDAL
Luke Nelson, Glebe MEDAL	Finlay Dunn, Glebe MEDAL
Tyler Miller, Greenwood	Liam Scott, Greenwood MEDAL
Jacob McCabe, Greenwood	Charlie Thomson, St Matthews MEDAL
Gregor McNish, Marr	Noah Houston, Lawthorn
Andrew Purss, Marr	Paul Sands, St Matthews
Alistair Purss, Troon	Luca Dickson, Glebe
Ethan Moan, St Andrews	Edward Officer, St Andrews
Lleyton Hyndman, Greenwood	Eoin Diamond, St Matthews
Olexy Bogachov, Greenwood	Jude Cotter, Troon
Austin McAulay, Alloway	
Charlie Meldrum, Whitehirst Park	

A total of sixty two players from across Ayrshire played in the event with twenty three players winning medals for gaining two and a half points or higher out of maximum of four

There were also four players who entered but did not show up on the night although one player sent an apology

- Thanks to Mr Taylor of Greenwood Chess Club for hosting and organising the event
- And thanks also to John Montgomery of Stewarton, Russell McAllister of Greenwood, Alan Steel of Stewarton for running the sections .
- Thanks also to Greenwood players who set up and then cleared and up after matches
- Thanks to all the parents and teachers who brought the players and kept the waiting rooms quite clear of rubbish etc

Please note that it takes over twenty hours of organising to receive and acknowledge entries, and then write up pairing cards and create wall charts and that players who fail to turn up on the night cause problems in getting the event started. Please be mindful of all that work and help cut down on the no-shows – there were around a few players who entered but did not show up on the night. There were also a few players who turned up without entering by email – these may be refused at future events. The deadline for entries is there for a good reason and helps reduce the workload.

It also helps if entries include the players full name, age, school or club and their level of ability

Next event will be the Ayrshire Chess Tour event on Thursday 12th February 2026 at Greenwood Academy again.

Entry forms and details will be sent out shortly and are also available on the Ayrshire Chess Association website www.ayrshirechess.co.uk