



NEW SOUTH WALES JUNIOR CHESS LEAGUE

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Dear Principal or Chess Coordinator,

Eastern Suburbs Primary Schools One-Day Chess Teams Tournament

The NSW Junior Chess League is pleased to invite your school to participate in the twenty-second annual Eastern Suburbs One-Day Chess Teams Tournament:

- WHEN:** Monday 21 November 2011
WHERE: South Sydney Junior Rugby League Club, 558A Anzac Parade, Kingsford
TIME: 9.15 a.m. until 2.30 p.m.
TEAMS: Three players per team
ENTRIES: Enter online or by mail at least three school days before the tournament

The tournament is one of a series of primary schools tournaments which we are conducting around the state and will be similar to the tournaments we have held for many years at South Sydney Juniors (or at Randwick when the club was being renovated).

These one-day tournaments are particularly suitable for schools and players new to competitive chess, although those that have been taking part in our weekly interschool teams competition are of course welcome too. There is **no entry fee** thanks primarily to the generous support of **Accor Asia Pacific** and members of the Accor group.



Playing Standard: Your players do not have to be experts! They will, however, need to understand the basic rules of chess and competitive play. The rules of competitive play are on our website, www.nswjcl.org.au (click on **Schools** and then click on **Rules** under the heading **Primary Schools One-Day Tournaments**).

Number of Teams: The number of teams will be limited by the size of the venues, so we suggest you send in your entry quickly to ensure a place. **Multiple teams** from the one school will be accepted, if numbers and space permit. From past experience we expect to be able to accommodate up to eight teams, possibly more, from any school wishing to enter them – provided that entries are received by the closing date.

Supervision, etc.: It is not necessary for you to provide an adult to stay with the players all day, although many schools do so as a matter of policy (and we strongly recommend it where teams contain younger children – Year 3 or below). In previous years our tournaments have attracted interest from the media. Please ensure that your players have media permission to be photographed or interviewed for television and newspapers (or let us know which do not).

Why Chess? The educational benefits of teaching chess to young children are now well recognised, having been demonstrated by research carried out in many countries. A paper summarising this research (Dr Peter Dauvergne: *A Case for Chess as a Tool to Develop our Children's Minds*) may be found on our website.

Chess is becoming increasingly popular in schools throughout NSW. Last year 1073 teams from 266 schools took part in the 33 district tournaments of the One-Day series. This year over 1000 teams (of four players) have been participating in our weekly Primary Schools Competition, including teams from 75 schools in the Metropolitan East Region.

How to Enter: Please either enter online via our website or use the entry form below and mail it as soon as possible (no later than three school days before the tournament). To enter online go to our website www.nswjcl.org.au – click on **Schools** in the menu on the home page and then on **Entry Details** under the heading **Primary Schools One-Day Tournaments** (bottom left).

Alternative Tournaments: If the date chosen for the tournament clashes with other school activities you may prefer to participate in one of the other Sydney metropolitan tournaments being held this term. If so, see our website for details. (You may enter teams in multiple tournaments, but we ask that these be different teams, with each player participating in only one tournament).

Enquiries: Richard Gastineau-Hills, mobile 0403 962 442 or email RichardGH@bigpond.com

Yours sincerely,

Richard Gastineau-Hills

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A team from each of the top three schools in each tournament will be invited to the One-Day Finals to be held in Sydney on Sunday 27 November.



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ENTRY FORM*

**Eastern Suburbs Primary Schools
One-Day Chess Teams Tournament**

Kingsford – Monday 21 November 2010

* Alternatively, you may enter online via our website www.nswjcl.org.au (click on **Schools** then look under **Primary Schools One-Day Tournaments**).

Note that our fax line is temporarily unavailable following a recent change of address – please enter online (see at left) or post to

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Name of School

Phone: Fax:

Name of Contact (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Dr):

Contact's Role (Teacher/Principal/Parent):

Contact's Email Address: Number of Teams:

Signature: Date: