



NEW SOUTH WALES JUNIOR CHESS LEAGUE

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Dear Principal or Chess Coordinator,

Primary Schools One-Day Chess Teams Tournaments – North-West Sydney

The NSW Junior Chess League is pleased to invite your school to participate in any one of the following One-Day Chess Teams Tournaments we are conducting in the North-West Sydney and Blue Mountains areas.

HILLS DISTRICT Wednesday 7 September North Rocks Public School 359 North Rocks Road North Rocks	NEPEAN Monday 12 September Our Lady of the Way Primary School 49 Forbes Street (corner Troy Street) Emu Plains	HAWKESBURY Tuesday 13 September Bligh Park Public School Alexander Street Bligh Park
CUMBERLAND Tuesday 20 September Our Lady of Lourdes School 7 Grantham Road Seven Hills	BLACKTOWN Monday 17 October Hassall Grove Public School Buckwell Drive Hassall Grove	BLUE MOUNTAINS Thursday 20 October Blue Mountains Grammar School (Junior School) Adele Avenue, Wentworth Falls

TIMES: 9.15 a.m. until 2.30 p.m.

TEAMS: Three players per team

ENTRIES: Enter online or by fax or mail at least three school days before each tournament

The tournaments are part of a series of primary schools tournaments which we are holding around the state and will be similar to the six North-West Sydney tournaments we conducted last year.

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.

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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 venue, 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 four or five teams from schools wishing to enter them, and more in the larger venues – 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 1020 teams (of four players) are competing in our weekly Primary Schools Competition, including teams from 48 schools in the Metropolitan West Region.

How to Enter: Please either enter online via our website or use the entry form below and fax or 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**. (You may enter teams in any of the tournaments, and even in more than one tournament if you like, but we ask that these be different teams, with each player participating in only one tournament.)

Enquiries: Richard Gastineau-Hills, phone (02) 9412 4579 or email RichardGH@bigpond.com. (Please note that I shall be away running tournaments in the north of the state from 29 August to 3 September. For enquiries during that week please phone 0403 962 442.)

Yours sincerely,

Richard Gastineau-Hills

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Primary Schools Coordinator
NSW Junior Chess League

A team from each of the top three schools in each tournament will be invited to the finals to be held in Lidcombe on Sunday 27 November.



Members of the Accor group – sponsors of the Primary Schools One-Day Tournaments



ENTRY FORM*

Primary Schools One-Day Chess Teams Tournaments 2011

* Alternatively, you may enter online via our website, www.nswjcl.org.au (click on “Schools”)

Tick one:

<input type="checkbox"/> Hills District Wednesday 7 September	School:	Phone:
<input type="checkbox"/> Nepean Monday 12 September	Contact: (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Dr)	Fax:
<input type="checkbox"/> Hawkesbury Tuesday 13 September	Contact's Role:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Cumberland Tuesday 20 September	(Teacher, Parent, etc.)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Blacktown Monday 17 October	Contact's Email Address:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Blue Mountains Thursday 20 October	Number of Teams:	
	Signature:	

Fax to
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No cover sheet required
(please save paper!)
or post to
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