



NEW SOUTH WALES JUNIOR CHESS LEAGUE

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Dear Principal or Chess Coordinator,

Illawarra District Primary Schools One-Day Chess Teams Tournaments

The NSW Junior Chess League is pleased to invite your school to participate in either of the following One-Day Chess Teams Tournaments in the Illawarra District:

ILLAWARRA SOUTHERN	ILLAWARRA NORTHERN
Tuesday 6 September 2011	Wednesday 21 September 2011
Windang Public School Oakland Avenue, Windang	Illawarra Grammar School (Rees Hall, Junior School) Geards Place, Wollongong
*** Note change of venue ***	
*** since initial announcement ***	

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 the tournament

The tournaments are part of a series of primary schools tournaments which we are conducting around the state and will be similar to the two popular tournaments we held in these areas 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.



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 that we will be able to accommodate up to six teams, probably more, from schools 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 1020 teams (of four players) are competing in our weekly Primary Schools Competition, including teams from 26 schools in the South Coast 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** (bottom left). You may enter teams in either tournament (or even both, but we ask that these be different teams, with each player participating in only one tournament).

Alternative Tournaments: If the dates chosen for the tournaments clash with other school activities you may prefer to participate in one of the Sydney metropolitan tournaments to be held next term. If so, see our website for details.

Enquiries: Richard Gastineau-Hills, phone (02) 9412 4579 or email RichardGH@bigpond.com

Yours sincerely,

Richard Gastineau-Hills

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The winning team from each tournament will be invited to the Country Districts One-Day Finals to be held in Sydney on Saturday 26 November.



Accor Hospitality Hotel Brands – proud sponsors of the Primary Schools One-Day Tournaments



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ENTRY FORM*

**Illawarra District Primary Schools
One-Day Chess Teams Tournaments**

Tick one

Windang

Tuesday 6 September 2011

Wollongong

Wednesday 21 September 2011

**Fax to
(02) 9410 0609**
No cover sheet required
(please save paper!)
or post to
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* Alternatively, you may enter online via our website www.nswjcl.org.au (click on **Schools** then look under **Primary Schools One-Day Tournaments**).

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: