



# NEW SOUTH WALES JUNIOR CHESS LEAGUE

INCORPORATED

Website: [www.nswjcl.org.au](http://www.nswjcl.org.au)

ABN 17 542 019 398

24 Bancroft Avenue

Roseville NSW 2069

Phone: (02) 9412 4579

Fax: (02) 9410 0609

Email: [RichardGH@bigpond.com](mailto:RichardGH@bigpond.com)

18 July 2011

Dear Principal or Chess Coordinator,

## New England District Primary Schools One-Day Chess Teams Tournament

The NSW Junior Chess League is pleased to invite your school to participate in the New England District One-Day Chess Teams Tournament.

- WHEN:** Friday 2 September 2011 from 9.15 a.m. until 2.30 p.m.  
**WHERE:** St Mary's Primary School, Dangar Street, Armidale  
**TEAMS:** Three players per team  
**ENTRIES:** Enter online or by fax, mail or phone on or before Friday 26 August

The tournament is one of a series of primary schools tournaments which we are conducting around the state and will be similar to the popular tournaments we have held in Armidale for many years.

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](http://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 that we will be able to accommodate up to five teams, possibly 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 18 schools in the North-West District.

**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 Friday 26 August). To enter online go to our website [www.nswjcl.org.au](http://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”).

**Alternative Tournaments:** If the date chosen for the tournament clashes with other school activities you may prefer to participate in our other North-West District tournaments in Tamworth on Wednesday 30 August or in Gunnedah on Thursday 1 September. If so, see our website for details.

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

Yours sincerely,

*Richard Gastineau-Hills*

Richard Gastineau-Hills  
Primary Schools Coordinator  
NSW Junior Chess League

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**



NSW Junior Chess League  
**ENTRY FORM\***  
**New England District Primary Schools  
One-Day Chess Teams Tournament**  
**Armidale, Friday 2 September 2011**

\* Alternatively, you may enter online via our website [www.nswjcl.org.au](http://www.nswjcl.org.au) – click on “Schools” then look under “Primary Schools One-Day Tournaments”).

**Fax to**  
**(02) 9410 0609**  
No cover sheet required  
(please save paper!)  
or post to  
NSW Junior Chess League  
24 Bancroft Avenue  
Roseville NSW 2069

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: .....