



NEW SOUTH WALES JUNIOR CHESS LEAGUE

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Invitation

Dear Principal or Chess Coordinator,

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With great pleasure we invite your school to participate in the

New South Wales Junior Chess League Country Secondary Schools Chess Teams Competition 2012

The competition has been running successfully for sixteen years and has enjoyed the patronage of over 270 secondary schools in country regions of NSW. Positive reaction includes an appreciation of

- the opportunities afforded to meet students (and teachers) from other schools;
- the chance to elevate the self-esteem of students who may not shine in other areas;
- additional opportunities to cater for G&T students;
- the intra- and inter-school bonding of students that invariably occurs.

Your school may field one only team of four players – there are no restrictions of grade or gender mix (central schools may include primary students if necessary). The competition is run in knock-out format with initial matches being scheduled between closest entered schools in the region to minimise travel. Should a team lose a match it moves to the Second Place Competition to compete for the region's second place trophies. Teams are eliminated after a second loss, but every player will be entitled to a participation certificate from the NSW Junior Chess League. Schools which are eliminated are encouraged to make their own arrangements for further matches with other eliminated schools. As teams progress in the competition, distances between schools necessarily become greater: lengthy travel can be avoided by arranging to play over the internet if this option suits both schools. The six regional winners will be awarded individual and school trophies and will be invited to the competition Grand Finals to be held in Sydney in November.

To participate you will need to:

1. **Enter by Friday 17th February** – either online at www.nswjcl.org.au (click on "Schools" and then look under "Country Secondary Schools Competition") or by completing and faxing the enclosed entry form. The 17th February deadline is to allow our planning to begin – an early start to the competition is imperative.
2. **Next**, select your team of four players (plus reserves). This can, of course, involve some exciting student development in across-school competition!

We shall then send you a tax invoice for the \$22 entry fee. As well as participation in the competition you will receive a year's subscription to the NSW Junior Chess League's quarterly magazine *Junior Chess*, which contains results, helpful hints for play, positions to test and improve playing skill, details of additional tournament opportunities, as well as where to purchase chess equipment, software and books.

In early March we shall send you the information you will need to proceed, including the draw for the first round which will be played before the end of first term. **Please note:** When schools are notified of the draw for each round they will be given three weeks in which to arrange and play their match. To ensure that the competition finishes in time it is essential that this schedule be adhered to.

Further details of the competition may be found on our website www.nswjcl.org.au – click on "Schools" and then see under "Country Secondary Schools Competition". Included are the results of last year's competition (see "History"), from which you can see which other schools in your region took part.

Yours sincerely,

Bev Peters

Country Secondary Schools Convenor