



# NEW SOUTH WALES JUNIOR CHESS LEAGUE

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Dear Principal or Chess Coordinator,

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

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

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| <b>BLACKTOWN</b><br>Thursday 7 November<br>Hassall Grove Public School<br>Buckwell Drive<br>Hassall Grove     | <b>HILLS DISTRICT</b><br>Wednesday 13 November<br>Murray Farm Public School<br>18 Tracey Avenue<br>Carlingford |
| <b>CUMBERLAND</b><br>Thursday 14 November<br>Toongabbie Christian College<br>30-40 Metella Road<br>Toongabbie | <b>HAWKESBURY</b><br>Thursday 21 November<br>Bligh Park Public School<br>Alexander Street<br>Bligh Park        |

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

**TEAMS:** Three players per team

**ENTRIES:** Please enter online or by email, fax or mail at least two school days before the 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 tournaments we have conducted in these areas for many years.

Our one-day tournaments are particularly suitable for schools and players new to competitive chess, although those that have been taking part in our other inter-school competition are of course welcome too.

**Free Entry:** Although we no longer have the sponsorship that has helped us finance these tournaments for many years we are still able, at least for this year, to run them **without charging an entry fee**.

**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 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.:** Although we shall be providing supervision throughout the day we ask that each school arrange for an adult to stay with the children during the day – this could be a teacher or a parent. In previous years these 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 869 teams from 203 schools took part in the 30 district tournaments of the One-Day series. This year over 820 teams (of four players) have been competing in our weekly Primary Schools Competition, including teams from 34 schools in the Metropolitan West Region.

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

**Alternative Tournaments:** If the dates of the tournaments clash with other school activities you may prefer to participate in one of our other tournaments to be held elsewhere in the Sydney metropolitan area and the Blue Mountains. If so, see our website for details.

**Enquiries:** Richard Gastineau-Hills, (02) 9498 2760, 0403 962 442 or email [RichardGH@nswjcl.org.au](mailto:RichardGH@nswjcl.org.au).

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 finals to be held on Sunday 24 November.



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## ENTRY FORM

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

**Enter online (see at left\*)**  
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No cover sheet required  
(please save paper!)  
**or post to**  
NSW Junior Chess League  
2 Northcote Avenue  
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to reach us at least two school  
days before each tournament.

Tick one:

**Blacktown**  
Thursday 7 November

**Hills District**  
Wednesday 13 November

**Cumberland**  
Thursday 14 November

**Hawkesbury**  
Thursday 21 November

Name of School .....

Phone: .....

Contact's Name (Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms/Dr): .....

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

Contact's Email Address: .....

Contact's Mobile: .....

Number of teams (3 players per team): .....

Signature: ..... Date: .....