



# NEW SOUTH WALES JUNIOR CHESS LEAGUE

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Dear Principal or Chess Coordinator,

## Coffs Harbour Primary Schools One-Day Chess Teams Tournament

The NSW Junior Chess League is pleased to invite your school to participate in the annual Coffs Harbour District One-Day Chess Teams Tournament:

- WHEN:** Tuesday 10 December 2019 (postponed from 12 November due to bushfires)  
**WHERE:** St Augustine's Primary School, 9 Gordon Street, Coffs Harbour  
**TIME:** 9.15 a.m. until 2.30 p.m.  
**TEAMS:** Three players per team  
**ENTRIES:** Enter online or by fax or mail to reach us no later than Friday 6 December

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 Coffs Harbour in recent years.

Our one-day tournaments are particularly suitable for schools and players new to competitive chess, although those who took part in our other interschool competition in June 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. We expect to be able to accommodate up to five or six teams, possibly more, from any school wishing to enter them – 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 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 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 participating in our other main Primary Schools Competition, including teams from 25 schools in the North Coast 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 Friday 6 December – no additions or changes after that date, please, so that the draw can be prepared in time). 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).

**Enquiries:** Richard Gastineau-Hills, (02) 9498 2760 or 0403 962 442 or email [RichardGH@nswjcl.org.au](mailto:RichardGH@nswjcl.org.au). The Director of Play on the day will be John Maddix, phone 6653 5113.

Yours sincerely,

*Richard Gastineau-Hills*

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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**” then look under “**Primary Schools One-Day Tournaments**”.

**Enter online (see at left\*)**  
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No cover sheet required  
(please save paper!)  
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Friday 6 December

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: .....