



NEW SOUTH WALES JUNIOR CHESS LEAGUE

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Dear Principal or Chess Coordinator,

Central Coast Primary Schools One-Day Chess Teams Tournament

The NSW Junior Chess League is pleased to invite your school to participate in our annual Central Coast Primary Schools One-Day Chess Teams Tournament:

- WHEN:** Friday 22 November 2019
WHERE: Central Coast Adventist School, 12 Penrose Crescent, Erina
TIME: 9.15 a.m. until 2.30 p.m.
TEAMS: Three players per team
ENTRIES: Enter online or by email or fax least two school days before the tournament

The tournament is one of a series of primary schools tournaments which we are holding around the state and will be similar to the popular tournaments we have conducted on the Central Coast for many years.

(Note: we are not conducting our usual Wyong tournament this year as the venue is unavailable. Schools from the north of the Central Coast are welcome to play in the tournament in Erina.)

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: Our one-day tournaments are particularly suitable for players new to competitive chess, although those that have been taking part in our other inter-school competition are of course welcome too. 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 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 up to eight teams, probably 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 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 participating in our weekly Primary Schools Competition, including teams from 15 schools on the Central Coast.

How to Enter: Please 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 – click on **Schools** in the homepage menu and then on **Entry Details** under the heading **Primary Schools One-Day Tournaments** ([bottom left](#)).

Alternative Tournaments: If the date chosen for the tournament clashes with other school activities you may prefer to participate in one of the Sydney metropolitan tournaments being held this term. If so, see our website for details. (You may enter teams in multiple tournaments, but we ask that these be different teams, with each player participating in only one tournament).

Enquiries: Richard Gastineau-Hills, (02) 9498 2760, 0403 962 442 or email 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 One-Day Finals to be held in Sydney on Sunday 24 November.



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ENTRY FORM

Central Coast Primary Schools One-Day Chess Teams Tournament

Erina – Friday 22 November 2019

* Alternatively, you may enter online via our website www.nswjcl.org.au – click on “**Schools**” then look under “**Primary Schools One-Day Tournaments**”.

**Enter online (see at left*)
or email to
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**or fax to
(02) 9499 4131**
No cover sheet required
(please save paper!)

or post to
NSW Junior Chess League
2 Northcote Avenue
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to reach us by
Wednesday 20 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: