



# NEW SOUTH WALES JUNIOR CHESS LEAGUE

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Dear Principal or Chess Coordinator,

## 29th Annual Lower Hunter District Primary Schools One-Day Chess Teams Tournament

The NSW Junior Chess League is pleased to invite your school to participate in the 26th annual Lower Hunter One-Day Chess Teams Tournament.

- WHEN:** Friday 18th October 2019 - from 9.15 a.m. until 2.30 p.m.  
**WHERE:** Newcastle PCYC, corner of Melbourne Rd and Young St, Broadmeadow  
**TEAMS:** Three players per team  
**ENTRIES:** Enter online or mail or e-mail *on or before Tuesday 15th October*  
.....As this is the first week of Term 4, it advisable to enter before the end of Term 3.

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 here for the last 28 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 main interschool teams 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 that we will be able to accommodate them from schools wishing to enter them – provided that entries are received by the closing date. (But we will have a total limit of about 64 teams.)

**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 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) are competing in our main Primary Schools Competition, including teams from 23 schools in the Hunter Region.

**How to Enter:** You may enter online via our website or use the entry form below. This can be completed (with a black pen), scanned to a .jpg or .pdf file then attached to an email and sent to [aw43@bigpond.com](mailto:aw43@bigpond.com) OR fax OR mail it as soon as possible (to be received no later than Wednesday 31st 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” at bottom left).

**Alternative Tournaments:** If the date chosen for the tournament clashes with other school activities you may prefer to participate in our Upper Hunter tournament in Singleton on Monday 28th October. If so, see our website for details.

**Enquiries and entries:** Dorothy & Allan Wright, email [aw43@bigpond.com](mailto:aw43@bigpond.com)

Yours sincerely,

*Allan Wright*  
 Hunter Region Primary Schools Coordinator  
 NSW Junior Chess League

The winning team will be invited to the NSW One-Day Finals to be held in Sydney on Sunday 24th November.

Recent winners in the Lower Hunter were:			
2018	Avondale from New Lambton South & Tighes Hill	2013	Belair from Avondale, New Lambton & Seaham
2017	Avondale from St Joseph’s Merewether	2012	Belair from Avondale, New Lambton & Tanilba Bay
2016	New Lambton South from Tighes Hill & Avondale	2011	Avondale from Belair, New Lambton & Caves Beach
2015	New Lambton South from Avondale (after playoff)	2010	New Lambton from Avondale & New Lambton South
2014	Belair from New Lambton South & Avondale	2009	The Junction from Biddabah & Avondale



NSW Junior Chess League  
**ENTRY FORM\***  
**Lower Hunter District Primary Schools**  
**One-Day Chess Teams Tournament**  
**Broadmeadow, Friday 18th October 2019**

\* 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”.

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(A short e-mail will suffice if you have entered before and details have not changed)

**or post to**  
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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: .....