



# NEW SOUTH WALES JUNIOR CHESS LEAGUE

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## Invitation

Dear Principal or Chess Coordinator,

With pleasure we invite your school to take part in the

### New South Wales Junior Chess League Country Secondary Schools Chess Teams Competition 2026

This competition has been running successfully for thirty years and has enjoyed the participation of more than 300 secondary schools in the country regions of NSW. Benefits of school participation include providing:

- opportunities for students to socialise and meet in friendly competition with students both within the school and 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;

Your school may field **one only team** of four players. Schools with both primary and secondary students may include primary students only if there are insufficient secondary students interested in participating, provided that the team contains at least two secondary students.

We anticipate that most matches will be played face-to-face, which means that teams travel to a nearby school they haven't yet played. Online matches are acceptable when circumstances dictate. Guidelines for playing online are on our website [www.nswjcl.org.au](http://www.nswjcl.org.au) (click on "Schools" then "Resources").

We divide our field into six regions – Hunter, North Coast, North West, Riverina, South Coast and Western. The competition is run in **knock-out format** and your matches will be against the closest teams you have not yet played. When a team loses 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 each player will be entitled to a participation certificate from the NSW Junior Chess League. Regional winners proceed to the NSW Country Grand Finals.

**To participate you will need to:**

**FIRST** – Enter by **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> February** – online at [www.nswjcl.org.au](http://www.nswjcl.org.au) (click on "Schools" and then look under "Country Secondary Schools Competition") – or use the enclosed entry form.

**NEXT** – select your team of four players (plus reserves). This can, of course, involve some exciting student development in across-school competition!

Once your entry has been registered, we shall send you the information you will need to proceed, including **the draw for the first round**.

**\*\* Please note:** There will be **only three weeks** in which to arrange and play **each and every** match. This timing **essential** to completing the competition.

Later (after the competition has started), we shall send a tax invoice for the \$22 entry fee, covering participation in the competition *plus* 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.

Further details of the competition may be found on our website [www.nswjcl.org.au](http://www.nswjcl.org.au) – click on "Schools" and then see under "Country Secondary Schools Competition".

We look forward to welcoming your school team to this year's competition.

Best wishes,

Bev Peters – Country Secondary Schools Convenor