



NEW SOUTH WALES JUNIOR CHESS LEAGUE

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Dear Principal or Chess Coordinator,

Macarthur District Primary Schools One-Day Chess Teams Tournament

The NSW Junior Chess League is pleased to invite your school to participate in the 37th annual Macarthur District One-Day Chess Teams Tournament.

- WHEN:** Monday 29 October 2018
WHERE: Campbelltown Catholic Club, 20-22 Camden Road, Campbelltown
TIME: 9.15 a.m. until 2.30 p.m.
TEAMS: Three players per team
ENTRIES: Enter online or by mail at 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 in the same venue 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 (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. The venue is large and from past experience we expect to be able to accommodate up to eight 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 887 teams from 199 schools took part in the 28 district tournaments in the One-Day series and this year over 800 teams (of four players) have been participating in our other Primary Schools Competition, which started in second term.

How to Enter: Please either enter online via our website or use the entry form below and fax or mail it as soon as possible (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 menu on the home page and then on **Entry Details** under the heading **Primary Schools One-Day Tournaments** (bottom left).

Alternative Tournaments: If the dates chosen for the tournaments clash with other school activities you may prefer to participate in one of the other Sydney metropolitan tournaments being held this term. If so, see our website for details.

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

Yours sincerely,

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A team from each of the top three schools in the tournament will be invited to the One-Day Finals to be held in Sydney on Sunday 25 November.



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ENTRY FORM*

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Campbelltown –Monday 29 October 2018

Fax to
(02) 9499 4131
No cover sheet required
(please save paper!)
or email to
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or post to
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* Alternatively, you may enter online via our website www.nswjcl.org.au
(click on “**Schools**” then look under “**Primary Schools One-Day Tournaments**”).

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: