



NEW SOUTH WALES JUNIOR CHESS LEAGUE

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Dear Principal or Chess Coordinator,

Illawarra District Primary Schools One-Day Chess Teams Tournament

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

WHEN: Wednesday 14 September 2016 from 9.15 a.m. until 2.30 p.m.

WHERE: The Illawarra Grammar School (Rees Hall, Junior School),
10-12 Western Avenue, Mangerton

TEAMS: Three players per team

ENTRIES: Enter online or by fax or mail to reach us no later than Monday 12 September.

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 Illawarra tournament we held at the same venue last year.

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. From past experience we expect that we will be able to accommodate up to six teams, possibly more, from schools wishing to enter them – provided that entries are received by the closing date.

Note: The Illawarra tournament at TIGS is always very popular and in recent years we have had an unexpectedly large number of extra teams because some have come without having entered. This has caused delays to the start. Please make sure you enter and that you receive our confirmation of your entry.

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 1046 teams from 244 schools took part in the 31 district tournaments of the One-Day series. This year nearly 1000 teams (of four players) are competing in our weekly Primary Schools Competition, including teams from 21 schools in the South Coast Region.

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 (to reach us no later than Monday 12 September). 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 Sydney metropolitan tournaments to be held next term. If so, see our website for details.

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

Yours sincerely,

Richard Gastineau-Hills

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The winning team will be invited to the NSW One-Day Finals to be held in Sydney on Sunday 27 November.



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ENTRY FORM*

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Wednesday 14 September 2016

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No cover sheet required
(please save paper!)

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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: