



NEW SOUTH WALES JUNIOR CHESS LEAGUE

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Dear Principal or Chess Coordinator,

Blue Mountains Primary Schools One-Day Chess Teams Tournament

The NSW Junior Chess League is pleased to invite your school to participate in the annual Blue Mountains One-Day Chess Teams Tournament:

- WHEN:** Tuesday 30 October 2018
WHERE: Blue Mountains Grammar School (Junior School),
Matcham Avenue (off Adele Avenue), Wentworth Falls
TIME: 9.15 a.m. until 2.30 p.m.
TEAMS: Three players per team
ENTRIES: Enter online or by fax, mail or email to reach us by Friday 26 October

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 at the same venue in recent 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. We expect to be able to accommodate up to six 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 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 887 teams from 199 schools took part in the 28 district tournaments of the One-Day series. This year over 800 teams (of four players) have been participating in our other main Primary Schools Competition, including teams from 28 schools in the Metropolitan West Region.

How to Enter: Please either enter online via our website or use the entry form below and fax, mail or email it as soon as possible (to reach us no later than Friday 26 October). 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: The nearest alternative tournaments (Emu Plains and Bligh Park) have already been held. The next closest will be in Bathurst on Wednesday 14 October – for details see our website, www.nswjcl.org.au (click on "Schools" in the homepage menu and then look under "Primary Schools One-Day Tournaments" at bottom left).

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

Yours sincerely,



Richard Gastineau-Hills
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 25 November.



NSW Junior Chess League

ENTRY FORM*

Blue Mountains Primary Schools One-Day Chess Teams Tournament

Wentworth Falls – Tuesday 30 October 2018

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

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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: