



The N.S.W. Junior Chess League invites your school to enter the

28th Annual PRIMARY SCHOOLS CHESS TEAMS COMPETITION 2019

The competition is for teams of four players, conducted in three Grades.



KINGS - **For your best players.** *All schools that have fielded teams in previous years should consider entering their strongest team in this grade.*

Kings are confident and successful when playing games at school. They can plan moves further ahead, and are good at exploiting their opponent's mistakes.

If they have a chess rating, the team's average rating is probably 400 or more.

The Kings competition proceeds through a Regional Final to the Regional winner playing a series of knockout matches against other regional winners toward a Country Final and a State Final.



KNIGHTS - **For players with some previous experience.** *This grade should be the one with the biggest entry. Please consider this grade for your 'average' players and leave the Rookies grade for beginners and younger players.*

This Grade ends at a Regional Finals Day where local Zone winners get together to play each other.



ROOKIES - **Strictly for beginners.**

These teams *MUST NOT* include Year 5 or 6 students who have regularly played in this competition in previous years.

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"Home" and "Away" matches will be held against local area schools (well, as local as possible) during second and third term, followed by regional finals in Term 4.

OR - Many schools have found it more convenient to get together in one location and play these matches on one day (or two half days). This has always been the case away from Newcastle and Lake Macquarie, while even many Lower Hunter schools have found this the most practical way to organise their chess activities.



Schools may enter more than one team in Rookies and/or Knights grade.

Back in the 1990s all entries came in by post, changing to faxes in the 2000s. Today's communication increasingly uses the internet - a trend we would like to encourage!

While the other methods can still be used, using the internet has several advantages - in particular, entries come directly to the organisers and can be acknowledged promptly.

The different ways you can enter are described on the entry form.

An online entry is available on the JCL website.

If using this, please use the one for **Hunter Region** rather than the other one.

There are some differences.

**The closing date for entries in the HUNTER REGION is
Friday 22nd March 2019**

This is so that I can get the draw out to schools by the end of this term, please enter on time.

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Past Winners

	"Kings"	"Knights"	"Rookies"
1992	New Lambton *		St Joseph's Charlestown
1993	New Lambton South *		Blackalls Park
1994	New Lambton South *	New Lambton South	St Brigid's Raymond Terrace
1995	New Lambton South	Bonnells Bay	Hamilton South
1996	New Lambton	New Lambton South = St Joseph's Charlestown	Wyee
1997	New Lambton	Jewells	Wyee
1998	New Lambton	Wyee	Wyee
1999	New Lambton	Floraville	Charlestown East = Merewether
2000	New Lambton *	New Lambton	Eleebana
2001	The Junction *	Eleebana	Eleebana
2002	The Junction *	New Lambton South	Charlestown East
2003	The Junction	St Joseph's Charlestown	Booragul
2004	The Junction *	Avondale	St Benedict's Edgeworth
2005	Avondale	Avondale	New Lambton South
2006	New Lambton	St Joseph's Charlestown = New Lambton South	St Philip's Waratah
2007	Avondale	Avondale	St Philip's Waratah
2008	The Junction	New Lambton South	St Philip's Waratah
2009	The Junction *	Telarah	St Philip's Waratah
2010	Telarah	St Philip's Waratah	St Philip's Waratah
2011	St Philip's Waratah	New Lambton = Avondale	St Philip's Waratah
2012	New Lambton	Singleton Heights	Avondale
2013	New Lambton South	New Lambton South	Newcastle Grammar
2014	New Lambton South *	Newcastle Grammar	Denman Singleton Heights
2015	New Lambton South *	Avondale	St Philip's Waratah
2016	New Lambton South	Newcastle Grammar	Newcastle Grammar
2017	Avondale	Lambton	St Philip's Waratah
2018	Newcastle Grammar	Newcastle Grammar	St Philip's Waratah

* indicates that the School's team was also the NSW Country Champion

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The N.S.W. Junior Chess League is a non-profit voluntary organisation established by the NSW Chess Association to organise chess activities and tournaments for young people. This has included very successful primary and secondary inter-school competitions which have been conducted for many years. The Primary Schools teams competition has been held in the Hunter Region since 1992. The competition has grown to involve over 500 Primary School students from over 30 schools each year.

Chess is not only an enjoyable game, but is also intellectually stimulating, developing powers of concentration and logical planning. Participation in this event is a great way for students to further their experience of chess while at the same time representing their school and forming friendships with students from other schools.

Many schools have been surprised to find a large number of keen players who have been enthusiastic at the opportunity to represent their school, and parents who are pleased to assist wherever possible. There are great benefits derived by those who take part in the tournament, not the least of which is the boost to the self-esteem of those who may not have been able to excel in other competitive pursuits, but find their niche in this representation.

A paper on the **EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS OF CHESS** by Dr Peter Dauvergne is on the JCL website

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