

THE SCHOOLS WHICH TOOK PART IN 2018

(New zones can be created to accommodate schools
in areas not listed here!)

MET. EAST EAST COAST: Claremont College, Coogee Boys' Prep, Emanuel Primary, Kensington, Mattaville, Mount Sinai College, Our Lady of the Rosary Kensington, Rainbow Street, St Spyridon College, St Therese's Mascot **INNER-WEST:** Birchgrove, Christian Bros Lewisham, Rozelle, Summer Hill, Trinity Grammar Junior, Wyvern House **ST GEORGE-SUTHERLAND:** Caringbah North, Lilli Pilli, Picnic Point, St Francis de Sales Wooloware, St John Bosco, St Joseph's Como, St Joseph's Oatley, Sutherland **STRATHFIELD:** Al Zahra College, All Saints Grammar, Berala, Canterbury, Croydon Park, Greenacre, P.L.C. Sydney, Strathfield North, Strathfield South, Trinity Grammar Preparatory **WENTWORTH:** Ascham, Cranbrook, Double Bay, Kambala, Moriah Infants, Moriah Primary, Reddam House, Rose Bay, Scots, Sydney Grammar Edgecliff, Waverley College

MET. NORTH CENTRAL COAST: Bateau Bay, Central Coast Adventist, Gosford, Kariang, Lake Munmorah, Our Lady of the Rosary Wyoming, Point Clare, St Brendan's Lake Munmorah, Tacoma, Terigal, The Entrance, Tuggerawong, Wamberal, Wamervale, Wyong, Wyong Creek **LOWER NORTH SHORE:** Lane Cove, Neutral Bay, Northbridge, Redlands, St Aloysius, St Ignatius, St Pius X Chatswood, Willoughby **MANLY-WARRINGAH:** Avalon, Belrose, Collaroy Plateau, John Colet, Manly Vale, Manly West, Mona Vale, Newport, Our Lady of Good Counsel Forestville, Oxford Falls Grammar, Seaford, St Augustine's College, St John the Apostle Narrawera, St Luke's Grammar, Wheeler Heights **RYDE ZONE:** Ermington, Holy Spirit North Ryde, Meadowbank **UPPER NORTH SHORE:** Abbotsleigh, Barker, Knox Preparatory, Lindfield, Lindfield East, Newington Prep Lindfield, St Bernard's Berowra Heights, St Ives, St Ives North, Sydney Grammar St Ives, Wahroonga, West Pymble

MET. SOUTH-WEST FAIRFIELD: Holy Spirit Camels Hill **MACARTHUR:** Macarthur Anglican, Mawarra, Oran Park, St Clare's Narellan Vale, St Peter's Anglican Campbelltown, The Oaks

MET. WEST BLACKTOWN: Ironbark Ridge, Kellyville Ridge, Richard Johnson Anglican, Shelley, St John Vanney's Doonside, Toongabbie Christian **BLUE MOUNTAINS:** Blue Mountains Grammar, Lithgow, Wentworth Falls **HAWKESBURY:** Freemans Reach, Hobartville, Richmond **HILLS:** Arden, Baulkham Hills North, Beecroft, Cherrybrook, Dural, Kings Prep, North Rocks **NEPEAN:** Cambridge Park, Copus Christi Cranebrook, Emu Plains, Montgrove College, Mount Riverview, Penrith Anglican, Wollemi College

HUNTER Avondale, Bamsley, Belair, Biddabah, Bolwarra, Charlton Christian, Cooranbong, Corpus Christi Waratah, Elmore Vale, Hermitage College, Largs, Marks Point, New Lambton, New Lambton South, Newcastle Grammar, Seaham, St Mary's Warners Bay, St Patrick's Swansea, St Paul's Gateshead, St Philips Waratah, Telarah, Waratah

NORTH COAST COFFS HARBOUR: Bishop Druitt, Boambee, Coffs Harbour, Korora, Mary Help of Christians, Sawtell Sawtell, St Augustine's Coffs Harbour **LOWER NORTH COAST:** Hastings, St Columba Anglican, Westport **MACLEAN:** Gulmarad, Maclean, South Grafton, Yamba **NORTHERN RIVERS:** Casino Christian, Dunoon, Emmanuel Anglican, Holy Family Skennars Head, Shearwater Steiner, St Brigid's Kyogle, St Carthage's Lismore, St Joseph's Alstonville

NORTH-WEST ARMIDALE: Armidale City, Glen Innes, Sandon, St Mary's Armidale **TAMWORTH:** Kootingal, Manilla, Nemingha, Spring Ridge, Tamworth, Timbumburi, Westdale

RIVERINA ALBURY: Albury West, Border Christian, Thurgoona **GRIFFITH:** Deniliquin Christian, Griffith East, Griffith North, Lake Wyangan, St Patrick's Griffith, Temora **WAGGA WAGGA:** All Saints Tumbanumba, Ashmont, Kapooka, Lake Albert, Lutheran Wagga Wagga, Mater Dei Wagga Wagga, South Wagga, Sturt, Wagga Wagga, Wagga Wagga Christian

SOUTH COAST GOULBURN: Crookwell, Goulburn West, Yass **HIGHLANDS:** Berima, Hill Top, Moss Vale, Tudor House **ILLAWARRA:** Illawarra Grammar, Mount St Thomas, Wollongong **SHOALHAVEN:** Geringong, Huskisson, Illaroo Road, Kiama, Nowra, Nowra Christian

WESTERN BATHURST: Assumption Bathurst, Holy Family Kelso, O'Connell, Perthville, St Philomena's Bathurst **DUBBO-WELLINGTON:** Central West Leadership Academy, St Augustine's Narramine, St John's Dubbo, St Laurence's Dubbo, St Mary's Dubbo, Wellington **ORANGE:** Blayney, Catherine McAuley, Kinross Wolari, Millthorpe, Nashdale, Orange Anglican, Orange Christian, Orange East, Spring Terrace, St Mary's Orange

ENTRIES

Entries close: **Friday 22 March 2019**

Entry fee: \$33 per team, including GST.

Enter: To enter online go to www.nswjcl.org.au and click on "Schools", then look under the heading "Primary Schools Competition" (top left) and click on "Entry Details" – or use the entry form enclosed with this leaflet.

Competition Start: Matches in the zones run in weekly home-and-away format will commence on Friday 10 May.

In some zones (mostly country areas) the competition is held on one day to reduce travel – this will be in second (or third) term and we shall try to arrange a date that suits all schools.

The Competition booklet containing the rules etc. will be sent to participating schools at the start of Term 2 and these details will also be available on our website together with the draw.

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PLEASE NOTE: You will NOT be expected to travel unreasonable distances. If you enter, or express a definite interest, and there are insufficient entries for a competition in your area to start with, we shall endeavour to find more schools to join you. Where a viable group cannot be formed, schools will be included in the finals after the preliminary rounds as "remote area schools". Why not encourage the schools near you to enter too! If you know of a school that has not received an invitation, please tell us and we will send one (or you can refer them to our website).



NSW JUNIOR CHESS LEAGUE

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Players under 18 may join the NSWJCL for an annual membership fee of \$24. Members receive our quarterly magazine, and are eligible to take part in NSWJCL events, such as tournaments and coaching clinics, mostly held during school holidays. (Membership is not a prerequisite for our inter-schools competitions.)

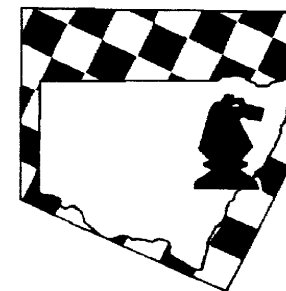
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Chess Equipment - Sets, boards, books, software, etc., are available from Sydney's main specialist chess supplier:

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PRIMARY SCHOOLS CHESS TEAMS COMPETITION

The NSW Junior Chess League is pleased to invite your school to take part in the 2019 Primary Schools Chess Teams Competition. The NSWJCL is a not-for-profit voluntary organisation which conducts chess activities and tournaments for young people. In 2018 the Primary Schools Competition involved approximately 5000 primary (and infants) players from nearly 250 schools across the state.

Schools are often surprised to find a large number of keen players who have learnt how to play chess with friends, family or on the internet and who jump at the chance of representing their school in chess. With increasing recognition of the benefits of chess to the cognitive development of young minds, more parents are willing to assist with transport and supervision after school so that their children may participate.

THE COMPETITION

Teams are of four players. The competition is organised on a regional basis, with each region being divided into geographical zones for ease of access between schools.

There are three grades in the competition – **Championship**, **Intermediate** and **Rookies** – to cater for players from experienced to novice levels. A school may enter any number of teams. To encourage team spirit we recommend that **Championship** and **Intermediate** teams always field the same regular team members, although reserves may be used in the case of illness, etc. However, in **Rookies** grade the four positions may be shared among any number of players.

The winners in local **Championship** divisions go on to compete in finals against other divisional winners in the zone, then the region, and the regional champions then compete for the state title. **Rookies** grade is intended to give novice players the experience and fun of playing against other schools; there are no finals for this or **Intermediate** grade.

It is up to individual schools to determine team membership and board order for their teams, according to the rules of the competition. Schools should also, subject to final approval from the Primary Schools Coordinator, determine which grade their teams are to enter, but new schools are **STRONGLY ADVISED** to contact the Primary Schools Coordinator for advice on placement of teams. There is no need to determine exact team membership at this stage – this can be finalized shortly before the commencement of the competition.

IT IS EASY TO BE INVOLVED

WHAT YOU NEED:

1. A coordinator (teacher, parent or community member) to organise the teams, transport, etc. This person does not need any knowledge of chess at all!

2. Children (up to and including Year 6) who like playing chess – four players per team (plus reserves).

3. An adult to supervise home games. A supervisor does not need to be a good chess player, but should have sufficient basic knowledge to implement the rules. Schools are provided with the competition rules (they are also on our website).

4. A *quiet area* for home matches and a *standard chess set of reasonable size* for each team member for home matches.

5. Drivers for away games (to stay with the team).

WHEN IS IT? During second (and if necessary third) term, usually after school on Fridays (negotiable between schools), except in some zones (mostly country) which are held in one-day format (see below). Games do not normally last more than an hour. Preliminary rounds run for 7 to 11 weeks, followed by finals for winning teams in Championship grade.

WHERE? Most matches are played on a “home and away” basis: i.e. half the matches will take place at your own school, the other half will be played at nearby schools.

However, in many country areas (and Sydney's South West), where travel distances are greater, all matches are played on one day (or sometimes two days) at a central venue.

WHAT YOU WILL GET: The school will receive the competition booklet containing details (including rules and instructions for recording and submitting results), the NSW Junior Chess League's quarterly magazine *Junior Chess* and, through the NSWJCL's website, the draw and progress results during the Competition. Trophies are awarded to division winners in Championship and Intermediate grades. Participation certificates will be awarded to all players.

WHY CHESS? There are many benefits for children involved in the competition – intellectual stimulation, improved concentration, new friends and an opportunity to develop self-esteem. Chess provides an excellent opportunity for children who have not excelled in other competitive pursuits to find their niche! Chess is an equal opportunity pursuit, in which boys and girls are not disadvantaged through size, shape, language, learning problems etc. For information on the educational benefits of playing chess, please refer to Dr Peter Dauvergne's paper *The Case for Chess as a Tool to Develop Our Children's Minds* on our website, www.nswjcl.org.au.

WHAT GRADE SHOULD YOU ENTER?

In most Metropolitan zones there will be at least two grades available – Championship and Rookies. If there are sufficient entries, Rookies grade may be further subdivided and offer Junior Rookies divisions for players in Year 3 and below. In areas where there are a large number of teams, Intermediate grade divisions may be available, but where numbers are small (as is the case in some country zones) it may be necessary to combine all levels into one grade.

New schools in particular should contact the Primary Schools Coordinator for guidance in selecting suitable grades.

CHAMPIONSHIP GRADE is for experienced players – schools should aim to enter a team in this grade to compete for their Zone Championship.

INTERMEDIATE GRADE is for players beyond rookie (beginner) standard, but not yet up to Championship standard. Where there are insufficient entries for an Intermediate division, teams entered for this grade will be allocated instead to Championship or Rookie grade, as deemed appropriate.

ROOKIES GRADE is intended for relative beginners. (Please observe the spirit of this grade, and do not field players who are of a higher standard than beginner.)

Rookies – any year up to Year 6

Junior Rookies – Year 3 and below. (Not a reflection of chess ability but in recognition that some very young players may feel intimidated playing against larger children. This grade will only be available if there is sufficient demand, otherwise teams will play in other Rookies divisions.)

It is generally expected that where players have performed reasonably well in their grade they should enter a higher grade if available in the following year.

It is suggested that schools do not only play Year 6 children – the younger ones will benefit and improve from the experience, and will thus be able to progress through the grades in future years.

**Please contact the Primary Schools Coordinator
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