



# NEW SOUTH WALES JUNIOR CHESS LEAGUE

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## Invitation

Dear Principal or Chess Coordinator,

With pleasure we invite your school to take part in the

### New South Wales Junior Chess League Country Secondary Schools Chess Teams Competition 2019

The competition has been running successfully for twenty-three years and has enjoyed the participation of more than 300 secondary schools in the country regions of NSW. Benefits of school participation include providing:

- opportunities for students to meet in friendly competition and socialise with students from other schools;
- the chance to elevate the self-esteem of students who may not shine in other areas;
- additional opportunities to cater for G&T students;
- the intra- and inter-school bonding of students that invariably occurs.

Your school may field **one only team** of four players. Schools with both primary and secondary students may include primary students only if there are insufficient secondary students interested in participating, provided that the team contains at least two secondary students.

The competition is run in **knock-out format** with initial matches being scheduled **between closest entered schools** in each region to minimise travel. Should a team lose a match it moves to the **Second Place Competition** to compete for the region's second place trophies. Teams are eliminated after a second loss, but each player will be entitled to a participation certificate from the NSW Junior Chess League. As teams progress in the competition, distances between schools necessarily become greater: lengthy travel can be avoided by arranging to **play over the internet** if this option suits both schools. The six regional winners will be awarded **individual and school trophies** and will be invited to the competition Grand Finals to be held in Sydney in November. Trophies will also be awarded to the winners of the Second Place Competition.

#### To participate you will need to:

1. **Enter by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February** – online at [www.nswjcl.org.au](http://www.nswjcl.org.au) (click on “Schools” and then look under “Country Secondary Schools Competition”).
2. **Next** – select your team of four players (plus reserves). This can, of course, involve some exciting student development in across-school competition!

We shall **then** send a tax invoice for the \$22 entry fee, covering participation in the competition *plus* a year's subscription to the NSW Junior Chess League's quarterly magazine **Junior Chess**, which contains results, helpful hints for play, positions to test and improve playing skill, details of additional tournament opportunities, as well as where to purchase chess equipment, software and books.

**In early March** we shall send you the information you will need to proceed, including **the draw for the first round** which will be played before the end of first term.

**Please note:** There will be **just three weeks** in which to arrange and play each match.  
To ensure that the competition finishes in time it is **essential** that this time limit be adhered to.

Further details of the competition may be found on our website [www.nswjcl.org.au](http://www.nswjcl.org.au) – click on “Schools” and then see under “Country Secondary Schools Competition”.

We look forward to welcoming your school team to this year's competition.

Yours sincerely,

Bev Peters  
Country Secondary Schools Convenor