

NORTH SHORE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOLS CHESS TOURNAMENT

Wairau Intermediate School Hall, Becroft Drive, Sunnynook

Wednesday, 9th August 2017

Tournament Scope: This event is open to Intermediate schools, Full Primary schools, Composite schools, or Junior High schools (year 7-8 pupils only). The winning team (**and, if there are 25 or more teams competing, also the second placed team**) will gain the right to represent the North Shore region in the national competition to be held over the weekend at the end of term 3. Each school may enter multiple teams, subject to a maximum total entry of 40 teams. In the event of more than 40 teams being entered those balloted out will come from the schools entering the greatest number of teams; based on previous years' entries we think it highly unlikely that this will be necessary.

Tournament Format: This event is for teams of four players so matches will be played on four boards. There will be six rounds, i.e. each team will play six matches and each player will play six games. The Swiss Pairing system will be used. This means that all teams will play in one big section with the pairings for each round done so as to match up teams with the same, or as nearly as possible the same, score.

Teams and Board Order: The players in each team must be ranked as closely as possible in order of playing strength, with the strongest player on board one, the second strongest on board two, etc. This order must remain unchanged throughout the day. If they don't already do so, schools should consider organising their own competitions to help determine these player rankings, which will also allow them to field their strongest players in their top team, next strongest in the second team, and so on.

Playing Times: Teams need to register their presence before 9:00am on the day of the tournament. A players' meeting will follow and the first round should commence about 9:15am. There will be a break for lunch and we aim to finish by around 2:30pm. Digital timers will be used in as many matches as possible with each player having 15 minutes base time for the game plus additional time of 5 seconds for each move played. This time control is similar to that used in the national finals.

Adult Support: The organisers will provide the Tournament Director but we welcome teachers or parents who are prepared to assist with supervision.

Entries: Entries must be received by the 15th July so as to enable us to arrange for sufficient equipment and furniture, etc. The entry fee of \$30 per team should accompany the entry form below. All entries will be acknowledged and more detailed information will be circulated as soon as possible after the entry deadline. Entries will be listed on the Interschools page on the North Shore Chess Club's website (www.northshorechess.org.nz)

Queries: Please contact the organiser, Peter Stuart, email address: pstuart@xtra.co.nz

ENTRY FORM – NORTH SHORE INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL CHESS COMPETITION 2017

School

Address

Contact Name Phone Email

Entry fee enclosed: teams @ \$30 = \$.....

Please make cheques payable to "North Shore Chess Club Inc" and send entries to The Secretary, North Shore Chess Club, P.O.Box 33-587, Takapuna, Auckland 0740 to arrive by Saturday 15th July.