

## HOW TO ENTER

To enter a tournament (or several tournaments) please pay the entry fee, and then e-mail [heligan@newzealandchess.co.nz](mailto:heligan@newzealandchess.co.nz) with the following information: NAME, E-MAIL ADDRESS, NZCF ID and FIDE ID (if you have one), DATE OF BIRTH and LIST OF TOURNAMENTS ENTERED.

## ENTRY FEE PAYMENT

New Zealand Players: please pay by BANK TRANSFER to ASB 12-3198-0066163-01.  
Overseas Players: please pay by CREDIT CARD using the following secure payment link:  
<https://www.kiwipay.com/pay/devonportstpaul>

## ENTRY FEES

2016 New Zealand Open Championship: \$200  
Or if rated below 1700: \$250  
Or if unrated: \$300  
2016 New Zealand Major Open: \$150  
2016 New Zealand Open Junior Championship: \$70  
2016 New Zealand Rapid Championship: \$50  
2016 New Zealand Lightning Championship: \$35  
Mad Morning Blitz 1: \$20  
Mad Morning Blitz 2: \$20  
Final Banquet (player): \$25  
Final Banquet (accompanying person): \$35

No entry will be considered accepted until payment is received. All entries will be confirmed by e-mail and listed online. Tournament regulations are published on [www.newzealandchess.co.nz](http://www.newzealandchess.co.nz).

**NZCF Registration:** participants who are eligible for NZ titles and prizes are required to be 2015 paid-up members of the New Zealand Chess Federation. An entrant who is not a member may register onsite, cost \$20.

Foreign Players who are not also New Zealand citizens or residents are not required to pay this fee.

**FIDE Registration:** NZCF will submit the 2016 New Zealand Open Championship and Major Open Championship to FIDE (the World Chess Federation) for rating. All New Zealand entrants will be automatically registered.

Overseas entrants in the New Zealand Open and Major Open are required to be FIDE registered via their own National Federations, and to provide their FIDE ID when entering.



# New Zealand Chess Congress 2016



- Open to all chess players, any nationality
- Winners crowned official New Zealand Champions
- \$12,000 in prizes / \$6,000 in the Open

Organised by the New Zealand National Chess Centre in conjunction with the New Zealand Chess Federation Inc.  
Venue: National Chess Centre, Devonport St Paul's, 100b Victoria Road, Devonport, Auckland

- ☐ **New Zealand Open Championship**  
2nd–10th January 2016
- ☐ **New Zealand Major Open (under 2100 rating)**  
2nd–10th January 2016
- ☐ **Mad Morning Blitz 1 & 2**  
3rd and 4th January 2016
- ☐ **New Zealand Open Junior Championship**  
5th–10th January 2016 (morning games)
- ☐ **New Zealand Rapid Championship**  
11th–12th January 2016
- ☐ **New Zealand Lightning Championship**  
12th January 2016

New Zealand possesses arguably the best established National Chess Championship in the world, dating back to 1879. Following on from the success of the 2015 event, once again the charming seaside village of Devonport will play host. Devonport is renowned for scenic locations, superb beaches and delightful cafes.

Tournament website: [www.newzealandchess.co.nz](http://www.newzealandchess.co.nz)

Venue information: [www.nationalchesscentre.co.nz](http://www.nationalchesscentre.co.nz)



## 2016 NEW ZEALAND OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Open to all players of any strength & nationality. One game per day. Time control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves, followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game, with the addition of 30 seconds per move starting from move one. Results will be submitted to FIDE (the World Chess Federation) for rating. At least 4 overseas Grandmasters are expected to participate, meaning an outstanding performance may qualify players for prestigious Master or Grandmaster norms.

**Timetable** - all games start 1:30pm

ROUND 1 - Saturday 2nd January (Opening Ceremony 1.15pm)

ROUND 2 - Sunday 3rd January

ROUND 3 - Monday 4th January

ROUND 4 - Tuesday 5th January

ROUND 5 - Wednesday 6th January

ROUND 6 - Thursday 7th January

ROUND 7 - Friday 8th January

ROUND 8 - Saturday 9th January

ROUND 9 - Sunday 10th January

(followed by Banquet 6pm & Prize-giving 8pm)

**ENTRY FEE** \$200 (or \$250 if rated below 1700, \$300 if unrated).

Late entry fee \$20 applies from 1/11/15, add further \$50 if entering after 20/12/2015.

**PRIZEFUND:** 1st \$2000, 2nd \$1500, 3rd \$1000, 4th \$500.

Top New Zealand player \$500.

Grading prize: best under 2200 \$500.

Plus \$20 **Corelli's Café** vouchers awarded daily for meritorious performance.

Tournament winner will be crowned 2016 New Zealand Open Champion.

Top New Zealand player(s) will be crowned 2016 New Zealand Champion(s), and will have name(s) engraved on Silver Rook.

Top Woman (any nationality): trophy and & title of NZ Open Women's Champion.

Top Senior (any nationality, born in or before 1966): trophy and title of NZ Open Senior Champion.

This event earns **SUPERCLASS POISON PAWN GRAND PRIX** points for both 2015 and 2016.

## 2016 MAJOR OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Open to players of any nationality rated under NZCF 2100 at any time from the NZCF 1st July 2015 rating list onwards.

For players without an NZCF rating, eligibility will be a FIDE rating of under 2100 at any time from 1st July 2015 onwards.

One game per day. Time control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves, followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game, with the addition of 30 seconds per move starting from move one. Results will be submitted to FIDE for rating.

**Timetable** - all games start 1:30pm

ROUND 1 - Saturday 2nd January (Opening Ceremony 1.15pm)

ROUND 2 - Sunday 3rd January

ROUND 3 - Monday 4th January

ROUND 4 - Tuesday 5th January

ROUND 5 - Wednesday 6th January

ROUND 6 - Thursday 7th January

ROUND 7 - Friday 8th January

ROUND 8 - Saturday 9th January

ROUND 9 - Sunday 10th January

(followed by Banquet 6pm & Prize-giving 8pm)

**ENTRY FEE** \$150. Late entry fee \$20 applies from 1/11/15, add further \$50 if entering after 20/12/2015.

**PRIZEFUND:** 1st \$800, 2nd \$400, 3rd \$200.

Grading prizes: best under 1900 \$300, best under 1700 \$300, best under 1500 \$300.

Chess book grading prizes for best under 1400, 1300, 1200, 1100, 1000.

Plus \$20 **Corelli's Café** vouchers awarded for meritorious performance each round.

This event earns **SUPERCLASS POISON PAWN GRAND PRIX** points for both 2015 and 2016.

## GENERAL INFORMATION

**FINAL BUFFET BANQUET** 6pm and **PRIZEGIVING** 8pm (for NZ Open & Major Open)

These will take place on the 10th January at a nearby venue, to be announced.

Tickets for the Buffet Banquet will be \$25 (Congress participants) or \$35 (accompanying persons).

Places for the Banquet must be reserved no later than Thursday 7th January. Anyone may attend the prize giving.



## THE POISON PAWN GRAND PRIX

*The mind is like a parachute. It doesn't work if it is not open - Frank Zappa*

The Poison Pawn Grand Prix measures results of New Zealand players over multiple tournaments during the year. The prize fund for 2015 is \$5470. Eligible competitors should note that this 123rd Congress will count as the final event for the 2015 Grand Prix and also as the first event for the 2016 Grand Prix.

## MAD MORNING BLITZ (MMB)

Play in the Church building, seated on pews. The opening may be selected for you! Start praying...

**MMB 1** - Sunday 3rd January, 10am-midday

**MMB 2** - Monday 4th, 10am-midday

**ENTRY FEE:** \$20, pay in advance or on site before 9.30am.

**PRIZEFUND:** 1st \$125, plus book & lunch voucher prizes for good performance.

## 2016 NEW ZEALAND OPEN JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

**\$1000 in cash prizes.**

Official trophies & titles awarded by the New Zealand Chess Federation

Open to all players (any nationality) under 20 years old at 1st January 2016.

Time control: 1 hour per game, with the addition of 10 seconds per move starting from move one.

This event will be NZCF (New Zealand Chess Federation) rated.

Games start 9.30am daily. Finish time is (approximately) 11.45am.

ROUND 1 - Tuesday 5th January

ROUND 4 - Friday 8th January

ROUND 2 - Wednesday 6th January

ROUND 5 - Saturday 9th January

ROUND 3 - Thursday 7th January

ROUND 6 - Sunday 10th January (followed by Prize-giving 12.15pm)

**ENTRY FEE** \$70. Late entry fee \$10 applies from 1/11/15, add further \$20 if entering after 20/12/2015.

**PRIZEFUND:** 1st \$500, 2nd \$200, 3rd \$100.

Age Prizes: best under 15 \$100, best under 13 \$100.

Book prizes for best under 11, 10, 9, 8.

Trophies & Titles awarded as follows:

Best Under 20: Trophy & title of NZ Open Junior Champion

Best Under 16: Trophy & title of NZ Open Junior Champion

Best Under 14: Trophy & title of NZ Open Junior Champion

Best Under 10: Trophy & title of NZ Open Junior Champion

Every player under 15-years-old who completes all 6 games will receive a Certificate of Participation signed by one of our famous visiting chess Grandmasters.

This event earns **CLASS 2 POISON PAWN GRAND PRIX** points for both 2015 and 2016.

## 2016 NEW ZEALAND RAPID CHAMPIONSHIP

A 9 round swiss-system tournament. Time control 25 minutes plus 5 seconds increment per move from move one.

Monday 11th January: Player's meeting 9.30am. Tuesday 12th January:

ROUND 1 10am

ROUND 6 10am

ROUND 2 11.15am

ROUND 7 11.15am

Lunch break 12.30pm

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ROUND 3 1.30pm

ROUND 8 1.30pm

ROUND 4 2.45pm

ROUND 9 2.45pm

ROUND 5 4pm.

**ENTRY FEE:** \$50.

**PRIZEFUND:** 1st \$400, 2nd \$300, 3rd \$150.

Grading prizes: best under 2200 \$100, best under 2100 \$100, best under 2000 \$100, best under 1900 \$100.

Chess book Grading Prizes: best under 1800, 1700, 1600, 1400, 1200, 1000.

Tournament winner will be crowned 2016 New Zealand Open Rapid Champion

Top New Zealand Player(s) will be crowned 2016 New Zealand Rapid Champion(s)

This event earns **CLASS 1 POISON PAWN GRAND PRIX** points for both 2015 and 2016.

The Rapid Championship may be entered any time before 9am on Monday 11th January, the day of play. There are no late fees.

## 2016 NEW ZEALAND LIGHTNING CHAMPIONSHIP

A 9 round swiss-system tournament. Time control 3 minutes plus 2 seconds increment per move from move one.

Tuesday 12th January: Players' meeting: 4.30pm. All rounds will start as soon as possible. Expected finish time 7.30 pm.

**ENTRY FEE:** \$35.

**PRIZEFUND:** 1st \$300, 2nd \$200, 3rd \$100.

Grading prizes: best under 2100 \$75, best under 2000 \$75, best under 1900 \$50.

Chess Book Grading Prizes: est under 1800, 1600, 1400, 1200, 1000.

Tournament winner will be crowned 2016 New Zealand Open Lightning Champion.

Top New Zealand player(s) will be crowned 2016 New Zealand Lightning Champion(s).

The Lightning Championships may be entered any time before 3.30pm on Tuesday 12th January. There are no late fees.