

Rating News 2017 Period 3

Ben Hague has taken top place from Anthony Ker on the standard ratings list followed by Russell Dive, Alexei Kulashko and Bruce Watson. Alphaeus Ang moves into the top ten for the first time, up seven places to 8th. Graeme Spain, last seen in 2009, is the highest new entry in 18th after his comeback in the Waikato Open. The biggest mover is Michael Nyberg, up thirteen places to 32nd.

Puchen Wang remains at the top of the rapid ratings list. Ben Hague and Russell Dive trade places, Anthony Ker is 4th ahead of Scott Wastney and Alexei Kulashko who also trade places. Daniel Runcan is the biggest climber, up seven places to 35th. Vyanla Punslan is the highest new entry in 44th.

Layla Timergazi heads the women's standard ratings ahead of Sherry Li and Helen Milligan who swap places. Sue Maroroa is at the top of the rapid ratings, followed by Vyanla Punslan who moves up two places and Layla Timergazi.

There are no changes in top three on all senior and veteran rating lists.

Alphaeus Ang climbs two places to the top of the junior standard ratings. Hans Gao holds onto 2nd place with Daniel Gong dropping to 3rd. Alphaeus Ang moved up one place but that wasn't enough to displace Hans Gao at the top of the junior rapid ratings. Daniel Gong has a brace of 3rd places.

Top Open Standard

1 (+ 1)	8070AM Hague, Ben	AC	2496
2 (- 1)	3383SM Ker, Anthony F	WE	2489
3 (unc)	3459SM Dive, Russell J	WE	2444
4 (unc)	4989AM Kulashko, Alexei	AC	2434
5 (- 1)	3206SM Watson, Bruce R	AC	2414
6 (unc)	5083AM Croad, Nicholas	WE	2408
7 (unc)	3830AM Wastney, Scott	WE	2396
8 (+ 7)	8002JM Ang, Alphaeus Wei Ern	WT	2350
9 (+ 1)	3314SM McLaren, Leonard J	HP	2340
10 (unc)	3002VM Garbett, Paul A	NS	2337
11 (- 2)	3696SM Lukey, Stephen G	CA	2328
12 (- 4)	3088SM Smith, Robert W	MC	2309
13 (unc)	3255SM Noble, Mark F	MK	2306
14 (unc)	7004JM Gao, Hans	AC	2305
15 (- 3)	7934JM Gong, Daniel Hanwen	HP	2273
16 (+ 3)	3507SM Hart, Ralph	NS	2269
17 (unc)	5620AM Thornton, Giovanni A	NS	2258
18 (new)	3482SM Spain, Graeme A	GA	2252
	(+ 3) 3987AM McNabb, Matthew D	CA	2252
20 (- 4)	3201SM Steadman, Michael V R	AC	2250
	(- 1) 3007VM Green, Ewen M	HP	2250
	(- 2) 8570AM Russell, M K Athula		2250
23 (+12)	7931JM Zhang, Leo	AC	2238
24 (- 1)	8833AM Polishchuk, Kirill	MM	2231
25 (- 1)	8636AM Cilia Vincenti, David	CA	2208
26 (- 1)	3386SM Wheeler, Bruce	AC	2203
27 (- 1)	7853JM Fan, Allen Chi Zhou	AC	2194
28 (- 1)	3148SM Dowden, R Anthony	OT	2193
29 (+ 1)	7486JM James, Jack	MK	2176
30 (- 2)	5599VM Thomas, Ben	UH	2171
31 (- 2)	7039AM Duneas, John	AC	2157
32 (+13)	4451AM Nyberg, Michael	WE	2151
33 (+ 1)	8789SM Morrell, Gordon	AC	2149
34 (- 1)	3394SM Nijman, Brian	WE	2146
35 (unc)	3632AM Johnson, Quentin J F	OT	2144
36 (new)	5816AM McCrone, Jeffrey	NS	2141
37 (- 6)	8095JF Timergazi, Layla	WE	2134
38 (- 1)	5645AM Browne, Jeremy A	HA	2130
39 (- 7)	7299AM Rains, Edward	CA	2129
40 (unc)	7032UM Qi, Chao	CA	2121
41 (new)	4740AM Macdonald, Paul	AC	2116
42 (+ 7)	3089SM Bennett, Hilton P	HA	2115
43 (+ 5)	9110TF Li, Shenyue (Sherry)		2112
44 (- 1)	6203JM Li, Xiang Wei William	AC	2108
45 (- 7)	4830SM Perry, Roger L	WE	2107
46 (- 7)	6468SF Milligan, Helen	NS	2102
47 (- 7)	4300AM Burns, Christopher J	PN	2099
48 (+ 2)	8167AM Kumar, Vinod	AC	2097
	(+ 2) 4045SM Lamont, Iain	OT	2097
50 (- 4)	5104SM Krstev, Antonio	NS	2095

Top Open Rapid

1 (unc)	5268AM Wang, Puchen	AC	2458
2 (+ 1)	8070AM Hague, Ben	AC	2401
3 (- 1)	3459SM Dive, Russell J	WE	2399
4 (unc)	3383SM Ker, Anthony F	WE	2369
5 (+ 1)	3830AM Wastney, Scott	WE	2350
6 (- 1)	4989AM Kulashko, Alexei	AC	2336
7 (unc)	5083AM Croad, Nicholas	WE	2312
8 (unc)	7004JM Gao, Hans	AC	2301
9 (unc)	3255SM Noble, Mark F	MK	2286
10 (unc)	3002VM Garbett, Paul A	NS	2281
11 (+ 1)	3206SM Watson, Bruce R	AC	2269
12 (- 2)	8824TM Capel, Evan T		2267
13 (unc)	3088SM Smith, Robert W	MC	2262
14 (unc)	3696SM Lukey, Stephen G	CA	2244
15 (unc)	3148SM Dowden, R Anthony	OT	2240
16 (+ 5)	8002JM Ang, Alphaeus Wei Ern	WT	2229
17 (+ 2)	3201SM Steadman, Michael V R	AC	2223
18 (- 2)	7934JM Gong, Daniel Hanwen	HP	2217
19 (- 2)	7311AM Pinic, Noel	MM	2216
20 (- 2)	3507SM Hart, Ralph	NS	2209
21 (- 1)	3007VM Green, Ewen M	HP	2196
22 (+ 1)	7486JM James, Jack	MK	2183
23 (- 1)	5620AM Thornton, Giovanni A	NS	2172
24 (+ 1)	3025VM Carpinter, Anthony L	NS	2140
25 (+ 4)	9220AM Fulo, Nunilon III		2137
26 (- 2)	7853JM Fan, Allen Chi Zhou	AC	2130
27 (- 1)	7299AM Rains, Edward	CA	2119
28 (- 1)	7459AM Knowles, Jeremy	UH	2116
29 (- 1)	3394SM Nijman, Brian	WE	2115
30 (unc)	5816AM McCrone, Jeffrey	NS	2105
31 (unc)	5776AM Krstev, Mario	NS	2098
32 (+ 4)	4300AM Burns, Christopher J	PN	2095
33 (+ 1)	3386SM Wheeler, Bruce	AC	2084
	(+ 1) 5648AF Maroroa, Sue Y	HP	2084
35 (+ 7)	7963AM Runcan, Daniel-Ioan	AC	2083
36 (- 3)	8833AM Polishchuk, Kirill	MM	2072
37 (unc)	7039AM Duneas, John	AC	2068
	(unc) 6203JM Li, Xiang Wei William	AC	2068
39 (+ 1)	3987AM McNabb, Matthew D	CA	2062
40 (- 1)	5104SM Krstev, Antonio	NS	2051
41 (+ 3)	6349SM Sellen, Ian	WE	2047
42 (+ 3)	3005VM Stuart, Peter W	NS	2035
43 (- 2)	8737JM Picken, Oliver	PT	2029
44 (new)	8994JF Punsalan, Vyanla M	NS	2013
45 (new)	3665SM Goodhue, Nathan	AC	2006
46 (unc)	7931JM Zhang, Leo	AC	2005
47 (unc)	3037VM Gibbons, Robert E	PT	2004
48 (- 5)	3632AM Johnson, Quentin J F	OT	2003
49 (+ 1)	8095JF Timergazi, Layla	WE	1997
50 (new)	8102AM Nicholls, Leighton	OT	1996

Standard Rated Tournaments

In **period 1**, the **open** tournaments are: New Zealand Open incorporating the 124th New Zealand Championship, New Zealand Junior Open, Oceania Zonals and Auckland Anniversary. The **club** tournaments are: Howick-Pakuranga Booth Shield, Wellington Championships (A –D) and Otago’s Richard Sutton Trophy.

In **period 2**, the **open** tournaments are: Auckland Anzac and May, Trusts Open (A, B, C, Junior) and Wellington Open. The **club** tournaments are: Auckland Summer (A, B1, B2, C, D) and Autumn (A, B), Howick-Pakuranga Parkinson and Fairhurst, Wellington Summer and Autumn (A – H), Canterbury Colthart and Chas L Hart, and Otago Championships (A1, B1, C1).

In **period 3**, the **open** tournaments are: NZ Junior, NZ Senior, Asian Seniors and Veterans, North Island, North Shore Open (A, B, C), George Trundle Masters, Qualifiers and Reserves, Merv Morrison Memorial, Waikato Open (A, B) and South Island. The **club** tournaments are: Auckland Championships (A - C) and Winter Cup (A - C), North Shore Championships (A - C), Howick-Pakuranga Championship, Wellington Julian Mazur Memorial, Upper Hutt Championships (A – C), Canterbury Championships (A, B) and Eric Browne Shield, Otago Championships (A2 – C2) and Cleland.

Rapid Rated Tournaments

In **period 1**, the **open** tournaments are: New Zealand Championship, Auckland Junior (November and December 2016, January and February 2017), Papatoetoe Open (A - D, Junior), Bay of Plenty (A, B, Junior) and Hawkes Bay (A, B). The **club** tournaments are: Mount Maunganui Championship and Canterbury’s Arie Nijman Trophy.

In **period 2**, the **open** tournaments are: Latvian (A – D), Auckland Junior (March, April, May, June), Tairāwhiti Open and Upper Hutt (A, B, C). The **club** tournaments are: North Shore Championship (1, 2), Wellington Championship, Otago Allan Chang and Swiss.

In **period 3**, the **open** tournaments are: NZ Junior, North Island, Auckland Junior (August, September and October), South Island and Feilding. The **club** tournaments are: Howick-Pakuranga Sutton Memorial. President’s and Allegro, and Otago Championship (1, 2).

Change

Previously, an established player inactive for ten years was deleted from the ratings system. If the player returned to active rated play after ten years then they would start as an unrated player. However, this does not make a lot of sense. If a player had returned to rated play after 9.5 years his rating would still be intact, yet after 10.5 years, his rating is zeroed. It is better to use a player’s rating even if it is old. With so much chess available on the internet, it is quite likely that such players are still active anyway. This change has been retroactively applied.