



2021 South Island Championships Sponsored by Respectrum Insurance Brokers 8-11 December 2021

Please note that the tournament will not take place unless Christchurch is at Orange or Green in the Covid Protection Framework. If Christchurch is moved to Red after the tournament has started, the tournament will continue as scheduled.

CVC Compliance: In line with current NZCF policy, the South Island Championships is a CVC-compliant tournament. This means all attendees including players, arbiters and spectators must provide a valid vaccine pass, exemption from the Ministry of Health, or be under the age of 12 years 3 months.

Dates: 8-11 December 2021 – note that this has been rescheduled from 13-16 October due to Covid-19.

Format: NZCF and FIDE rated 8 round Swiss, paired with Vega.

Tournament Organiser/Arbiter: IA Craig Hall, M: (021) 1289543 | E: canterbury@chess.org.nz

Time Control: 90 minutes for the game plus 30 seconds per move added from move 1.

Venue: Canterbury Chess Club, Unit 9, 27 Tyne Street, Christchurch.

Rating: The tournament will be NZCF-rated and FIDE-rated. For the purposes of pairings and grade prizes, NZCF standard ratings will be used. Where players do not have a published NZCF rating, the Chief Arbiter may assign a rating at his discretion.

Prizes: Prize fund will be determined after the start of the tournament based on entries. Please note that players may only win one prize – prizes will be shared between eligible players on the same score. The highest-placed South Island player will be the South Island Champion. Master points are on offer.

Playing Schedule:

Wednesday 8 December	Registration*	8:00am to 9:00am
Wednesday 8 December	Players Meeting	9:00am
Wednesday 8 December	Round 1	9:30am
Wednesday 8 December	Round 2	3:00pm
Thursday 9 December	Round 3	9:30am
Thursday 9 December	Round 4	3:00pm
Friday 10 December	Round 5	9:30am
Friday 10 December	Round 6	3:00pm
Saturday 11 December	Round 7	9:30am
Saturday 11 December	Round 8	3:00pm
Saturday 11 December	Prize giving	After completion of Round 8 – approx. 7pm

*Players who have not registered by 9:00am may not be paired for round one. Players should register in person where possible or by sending a text message to the organizer (mobile number above).

Official Website: Entries, pairings and results will be available as Vega files in the Calendar section of the NZCF website at www.newzealandchess.org.nz.

South Island Championship Competition Rules:

- Ratings: Although the tournament will be FIDE-rated, pairings will be done and rating-based prizes awarded on the basis of NZCF ratings. Players without NZCF ratings may be assigned a rating by the Chief Arbiter for the tournament.
- Defaults: The default time is 30 minutes after the start of the round, per NZCF Regulations.
- Appeals: A player may appeal against a decision of the Arbiter. An Appeals Committee will be elected at the Players Meeting. Appeals must be lodged in writing within 30 minutes of the end of the game. A fee

of \$50 will apply, to be refunded if the appeal is successful or otherwise at the discretion of the Appeals Committee.

- **Mobile Phones / Electronic Devices:** During a game, players are forbidden to have a mobile phone, electronic means of communication or any device capable of suggesting chess moves **on their person** in the playing venue. Such devices may be stored in a player's bag or jacket, which is to be left under their table or the back of their chair during the game unless permission is given by the Arbiter. Such devices are to be switched off and are not to make any noise. Breaches of this rule will result in loss of game unless the Arbiter decides otherwise. This includes smart watches but not standard analogue or digital watches.
- **Half-point Byes:** Players may elect to take a half-point bye in any one of the first four rounds. Please inform the Arbiter prior to the completion of the previous round. Players may not take more than one half-point bye in the tournament.
- **Refunds:** If a player withdraws prior to the end of registration for the tournament as above, their entry fee will be refunded. If a player is removed from the tournament or otherwise unable to continue after the first round has started, no refund will be paid. NZCF, Canterbury Chess Club or any organiser or arbiter will not be liable for any consequential loss if the tournament is cancelled or a player withdraws or is subject to any action or penalty under the Laws of Chess, NZCF or FIDE Rules or Regulations, or these competition rules.
- **Cancellation:** If the tournament is cancelled after round 4 has been completed, prizes and titles will be awarded based on the standings up to that point and entry fees will not be refunded. If the tournament is cancelled before that, entry fees will be refunded and no prizes awarded. Completed games will be submitted for rating in either case.
- **Unwell Players:** Players should not enter or attend if they are or become unwell. Players who, in the opinion of the Chief Arbiter, are visibly unwell, or disturbing other players e.g. with repeated sniffing, coughing, sneezing may have their game declared lost, be excluded from one or more rounds, or be expelled from the tournament.
- **Covid Precautions:** Players should not enter or attend if they are awaiting the results of a Covid test, have been asked to isolate, have one or more Covid symptom, have Covid, or are not willing to follow requirements of Covid legislation e.g. vaccine passes and QR scanning. Where the Chief Arbiter believes that any of these apply, the Chief Arbiter may declare the game lost, exclude the player from one or more rounds, or expel the player from the tournament.
- **Covid Hygiene:**
 - Hand sanitiser will be provided – cleanse hands frequently using hand sanitiser if hands are not visibly soiled, or soap and water when hands are visibly soiled
 - If coughing or sneezing, cover nose and mouth with flexed elbow or paper tissue, dispose of tissue immediately after use and cleanse your hands. Refrain from touching your face until you have thoroughly washed your hands.
 - Masks are recommended but not required to be worn
 - Handshakes before and/or after the game are not required
 - If necessary, restrictions may be placed on numbers of spectators in the playing venue and numbers of people in particular areas within the playing venue

The South Island Championship Competition Rules are also on the Canterbury Chess Club website, www.chess.org.nz. NZCF Rules and Regulations are available on the NZCF website in the Resources section and FIDE Laws of Chess and Regulations are available on the FIDE website in the Handbook section.

Entry Details: The entry fee is \$100 or \$130 if entering both the Championship and the Rapid. Players with GM, WGM, IM or WIM titles may enter for free – entry fee will be deducted from any prizes won (for overseas players, see additional information below). NZ players who participate in two or more NZCF rated tournaments in a year are required to be a member of an NZCF Affiliate or Associate Chess Club. Foreign players must have a FIDE ID prior to entering. NZ players without a FIDE ID will be assigned one by FIDE.

To enter: email canterbury@chess.org.nz with your name, phone number, NZCF registration code and FIDE ID (NZ citizen/residents without a FIDE ID will be registered with FIDE by NZCF – please provide date of birth), and pay the entry fee by internet banking to: 03 0802 0093915 00 (please include your name and “SI Champs” as a reference) or advise if paying cash at the tournament. If playing in the Rapid and/or taking a half-point bye, please also advise in this email. Entries close at 9:00am on 8 December although arriving earlier if entering on the day is appreciated to avoid delays in starting.