

The Asian Junior (Online Rapid) 2020 is an event hosted by chess.com and the Asian Chess Federation to take place between May 27 and June 3.

Each federation may enter up to 3 players, and NZCF's selection process will involve a Qualifier tournament. The top 3 finishers in the NZCF Qualifier tournament may enter the Asian Junior event.

The NZCF Qualifier will take place on **Saturday May 16** with play beginning at **10am** (all dates and times are NZ time) and expected to last until approximately 3pm.

Entries close on **Friday May 15** at **5pm**. A current list of entries can be viewed on a Vega page on the NZCF website [here](#) . Players can enter by sending an email to Craig Hall at canterbury@chess.org.nz with their name, NZCF ID, and chess.com handle.

The ACF regulations for the Asian Junior event can be found on the NZCF website [here](#) .

Conditions of play for the NZCF Qualifier are designed to be as close as possible to what players will experience in the Asian Junior event, including:

- Games must be played on chess.com, and players must abide by the chess.com rules and policies, including fair play provisions.
- Players **must** have a working camera showing their face in good lighting, and connect to via Zoom at **9am** on the Saturday and remain connected for the duration of the event. Craig will supply the Zoom invitation.
- The time control is 15+3 (15 minutes for game, with 3 second increment per move).
- If the chess.com site marks the game as completed due to player disconnection, that result shall stand.
- Tiebreaks will be as covered in the ACF document, and may include Armageddon Blitz if tied on the other criteria listed.
- The next round will begin immediately after the last game of the previous round concludes. There is no lunch break or break between rounds. Players may be defaulted if not present within 30 seconds of the last game of the previous round concluding.

The player eligibility requirements:

- Players must be under 20 years old as of 1 January 2020 (i.e. birth year 2000 or later).
- Players must have a valid FIDE ID, although a rating is not required.
- Players agree to have their real name published along with their chess.com handle.
- The winning players must send a digital scan of passport or other similar ID, and photo ID, to ACF.
- The winning players must pay an entry fee of USD \$25.
- Players must be available and willing to play in the Asian Junior event on **Monday June 1 at 10am**; and if progressing on from that event to the final, **Wednesday June 3 at 6pm**.

Also there are the following changes/additions:

- The NZCF Qualifier will involve manual pairings via Vega, whereas the Asian Junior event will involve automatic pairings generated by chess.com . Accordingly, the procedure for the start of a new round will be slightly different. Players should remain at their computer or connected to Zoom to hear instructions.
- Players must make their handles known to the Tournament Director and accept friend requests from Craig_Hall, this will enable the T.D. to view games in progress.
- The event will be swiss Swiss pairing of 7 rounds; unless the number of entrants is too small in which case it may be a round-robin or a Swiss with fewer rounds. This will be announced after entries close.
- If a game is aborted due to a server restart or server malfunction, the T.D. may take action at his discretion, including adjudication, replaying the game, or restarting the game from a reconstructed position.
- If one of the top three finishers later withdraws or is found to be ineligible, the next highest finisher will be able to play, and so on.

We regret the late notice for this event due to circumstances beyond our control.