

BUNDABERG CHILDREN'S CHESS TOURNAMENT HIGH SCHOOLS AND PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Wednesday 21st October 2026

**AVOCA STATE SCHOOL
TWYFORD STREET, BUNDABERG**

TOURNAMENT CONDITIONS

1. Format

A High School Chess Tournament and a Primary School Chess Tournament will each be played as a team event. A school nominates a team or teams of four players. The number of players per school is unlimited. Players not in a team are eligible for individual prizes only.

Children who are home schooled are welcome to attend.

The event will be played as a seven round Swiss tournament, under rules which pair all players against different opponents from different teams each round so that, as far as possible, players on equal scores play each other. Every player plays in every round on the day – win, lose or draw. However, players from one school team may have to play players from other teams from that school.

The time controls are 15 minutes each per game; using adjudication, if necessary, after 30 minutes to decide game results. Clocks will be used on as many tables as possible.

Reserves may be substituted with the approval of the Director of Play, provided the names of the substituted players are advised by email or telephone by the day before the Tournament. When alterations on the day due illness or other unforeseen circumstances need to be made please advise the Director of Play immediately on arrival to ensure that the **tournament starts on time at 9.15am, to enable seven rounds to be played if possible.**

2. Scoring

Players will score one point for a win, a half-point for a draw and zero for a loss. Team scores are the total of points scored by the four players in each team.

The Swiss Perfect Tie Break system will be used if necessary to determine placings and allocation of cash prizes and medallions in the event of any ties.

The decision of the Director of Play is final.

3. Prizes

Titles will be decided by computer countback in the event of a tie. Monetary prizes will be split.

Team Prizes – Medallions for the three top scoring Secondary School Teams and the three top scoring Primary School Teams.

Individual Prizes – Medallions will be presented to the three top scoring Primary School Players and the three top scoring Secondary School Players.

Cash Prizes to Individual Players -- Will be allocated on the day. However, nomination fees will have to be received by the Friday before the Tournament to enable cash prizes to be paid out on the day.

Trophies will be presented to the winning Primary and Secondary School Teams.

4. Ratings

Current Queensland Junior Ratings will be used where possible. Clocks will be used on as many tables as possible. **All results will be forwarded to the Chess Association of Queensland for Junior Rating.**

5. Entry Fee

\$15 per player

Note – please ensure that your school bursar receives a copy to make payment. The Bundaberg Chess Club Incorporated's ABN is 28 471 038 716.

Payments can be made by direct deposit to the Club's Bank Account at Auswide Bank. BSB is 645646 Account No is 107724014. Account Name: Bundaberg Chess Club Inc.

However please advise us by email bundabergchessclub24@gmail.com if direct deposit is used. We will acknowledge receipt of the payment.

6. Session Times

Roll call commences at 9.00am and play commences at 9.15am **sharp**. Session start times are estimated as follows but may start earlier depending on when rounds finish:-

Round 1	9.15am
Round 2	9.55am
Round 3	10.35am
Round 4	11.15am
Round 5	Noon
Round 6	12.40pm
Round 7	1.20pm

All events should be completed by 2.00pm with medallions and cash prizes presented to the winning teams and individual players at approximately 2.15pm.

7. Canteen

Players should bring their own lunches. There will be a tuckshop and the menu will be forwarded to schools about a week before the tournament. Orders must be placed before the start of round one at 9.15 am. Cold water will be available.

8. Closing Date for Entries

Closing date for entries is Friday **16th October**. Alterations after this date can be made as outlined in paragraph 1. Please report to the Director of Play immediately on arrival to ensure the tournament starts on time and finishes on time as some teams have a fair distance to travel to return home. Teams could come from Bundaberg, Gladstone, Maryborough, Rockhampton, Kingaroy, Agnes Water, Gympie and Hervey Bay. The co-operation of all schools and competitors would be appreciated. Entries will be acknowledged when they are received. This is important so the school knows the nominations have been received in time.

9. Enquiries and Entries

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ABN 28 471 038 716

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Note: - Please email a copy of the entry form to assist with the imputing of the nominations and to let us know the entrance fees have been posted or banked by direct deposit to the Club Bank Account. We will acknowledge receipt of any emails.

The tournament is being organised and is under the control of Members of Bundaberg Chess Club Incorporated. The Director of Play for the day will be a senior member of the Bundaberg Chess Club Inc. Games Recorder for the day will be a senior member of the Bundaberg Chess Club Inc

Any decisions of the Director of Play are final.

To ensure that adequate boards and sets are available on the day, it would be appreciated if you could advise us by email as soon as convenient if your school is interested in attending and if so, an estimate of possible players.

Martin Carter
Tournament Director

Please note that photographers from the Media and the Club will be in attendance, and TV stations may be in attendance also. Photographs taken may be published in the papers and placed on the club website. The event may get TV coverage. Please advise the Secretary if any competitor is not allowed to have their photograph taken, or shown on a TV channel. However, it is the ultimate responsibility of the person supervising the children to advise the media or the TV station representatives present.

Please complete the entry form on the following page

ENTRY FORM

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Wednesday 21st October 2026 at Avoca State School, Twyford Street, Bundaberg

Important: Please complete all blank fields

Name of School:

Postal Address:

Chess Co-ordinator:

Contact Phone No:

Email Address:

High School Section or Primary School Section?

Note: Date of Birth is required. Date of birth will not be disclosed. The date of birth is required for QJ rating purposes as the tournament will be QJ rated. Please complete additional forms if nominating more than four players.

Surname		Male	Female
Given Names		DOB	DOB
Surname		Male	Female
Given Names		DOB	DOB
Surname		Male	Female
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