



8 February 2024

Dear Parents,

NEW SOUTH WALES JUNIOR CHESS LEAGUE COMPETITION

Your son has expressed an interest in playing chess for the school in the New South Wales Chess League competition. Before he enrolls you need to be made aware of the following:

When is the competition?

All games take place in Term 2 and 3 on Friday afternoons after school. The first match begins in Term 2. Any teams reaching the finals will play their final matches early in Term 3.

Where does it take place?

The season draw for each team is divided approximately into equal home and away games. Home games are played at St Pius X College. Away games are played at a number of primary schools in the Metropolitan North Region. Examples of regular opponents are St Aloysius College, Milsons Point; Artarmon Public School; Beauty Point Public School, Mosman; Loreto Convent Junior School, Kirribilli.

Game Times

Games commence by 4.00pm and are completed no later than 5.00pm. Some games are much shorter. Students travelling to away venues are given until 4.00pm to arrive to allow for difficulties in transport. Students playing home at St Pius are expected to remain in the school grounds after school, set up their team's playing boards and be on hand to greet their opposing team when they arrive.

Cost

The registration fee is \$120.00; this will include the cost of a professional coach coming to the school once a week (should your son be chosen to represent the school there will be a link on Clipboard for you to register and pay). This will also include the registration into the competition.

Teams

A team of four plays each week. A team may have four or five players enrolled. If five are enrolled, it is expected that all players will have similar playing opportunities.

Transport

The school regularly has 4 teams travelling to different venues each Friday. **Responsibility for transport is the responsibility of the parents.** After the teams are chosen, I will set up a roster system for the parents to drive the 4 teams' members to the away games. You will be responsible for driving for one Friday, possibly two.

When playing away, team members must wait for the whole team to finish and then the parent is responsible for driving all team members back to school, where the students will make their own way home.



Behaviour

Players must obey competition rules on behaviour. Two main rules set down are:

- Players are forbidden to distract or annoy their opponents in any way.
- Players and spectators must remain silent during play. Players are forbidden to have recourse to the advice or opinion of a third party, whether solicited or not.

Commitment

Students are expected to attend every game that they are selected for. In case of absence from school, students are required to contact another team member, if possible. Also, a message must be left for me at the school office by 8.00am on Friday morning, or alternatively via e-mail at emartin@stpiusx.nsw.edu.au.

Students are expected to attend away games. It has been emphasized when nominations for players were taken that only students who were able to organize transport were to apply.

Students must attend all games in full school uniform.

Students are required to attend the weekly training sessions. These will be held on Tuesday mornings for 1 hour from 7:30am to 8:30am. Commencing on Tuesday 26 March (Week 9), in the Junior Resource Centre.

Trials will be held during training to organise the Chess teams for 2024.

If your son is interested, please complete the form below, detach and hand it to me by Monday 19 February. You will then be directed to Clipboard.

Yours faithfully,

ELENA MARTIN
Junior School Chess Convenor.

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I give permission for my son _____ in Year _____ to attend Chess trials and lessons on Tuesday mornings from 7.30am to 8.30am (training will begin on Tuesday 26 March) in order to **POSSIBLY REPRESENT** the school in the New South Wales Junior Chess League Competition. Please provide me with a contact name, phone number and e-mail address.

I am able to transport and watch the students play. Please provide me with the following contact details

Name: _____

Number: _____

E-mail address _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

