



Chess **KIDS** Interschool

6th Annual **Go Mental** Chess Challenge

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FAQ's

What is the schedule for the tournament?

***Friday 26 November – Event Launch (to be confirmed)**

11:30am-12:30pm	Celebrity Challenge
12:30-2:30pm	Public Games, Challenge & Grandmaster Games
Venue	Eureka Tower, deck

*Participants are not required to attend this event. This is primarily a media event.

****Sunday 28 November – RJ Shield Finals**

1pm – 5:00pm 7 tournament games, 15 minutes per player per game
All participants are welcome to join in this tournament as a warm-up event. The entry fee is \$20 per player (entries accepted on the day). However, nobody is required to attend, this is the Final Round of a series of events that runs through Victoria each year. This is an individual event, not a team event.

Monday 29 November

7-8:30am	Breakfast
9:00am	Opening Ceremony
9:30	Round 1
11:00	Chess Lecture #1
11:30	Round 2
1:00	LUNCH
2:00	Round 3
3:30	Chess Lecture #2
4:00	Round 4
6:00	DINNER
6:30	Social Time – Movie /
	Transfer Chess
9:00	Bed time

Tuesday 30 November

7-8:30am	Breakfast
9:00	Round 5
10:30	Chess Lecture #3
11:00	Round 6
12:30pm	LUNCH
1:30	Round 7 (Final Round)
3:00	Chess Lecture #4
3:30	PRESENTATIONS
4:00	Departure - Shuttle bus
	departs for Airport at 4:30pm

What schools are participating?

*Schools still subject to confirmation – details as they become available from www.interschool.com.au/nationals



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Who are the chess coaches?

There will be a number of coaches on hand to provide assistance. It is the player's responsibility to find a coach as soon as their game is completed (with your opponent) and request that the game be analysed (particularly if you lose!). This game analysis will be of enormous assistance to players in their quest to improve.

Grand Master

Dejan Antic (with more to follow)

International Master

Robert Jamieson (with more to follow)

FIDE Masters

Chris Depasquale, Carl Gorka and other titled players TBA

Daniel Holten, Thomas Hendrey, Russell Horton, Matthew Juszczynski, Paul Kelsen, Tony Wright, Julian McDonald, Frank Meerbach, and others TBA.

What are supervisors required to do?

Supervisors are responsible for the actions of the students in their care. This includes being responsible for their good behavior, safety, whereabouts and any damage caused. Supervisors **may** be requested to provide administrative, marshalling, organizational or other assistance on the day (it is not a holiday!). We appreciate offers of assistance. Supervisors are welcome to participate in the coaching and listen to chess lectures.

What is the dress code?

Players should wear school uniform (summer uniform or sports uniform). Adult supervisors or spectators must be dressed in neat-casual attire. Thongs, singlets and bare feet are not permissible.

How do the clocks work?

Each player receives 25 minutes on his/her clock to consider their moves. A player may spend as much or as little time on a move as they like. Each time a player moves they press the clock (pausing their time) and an additional 10 seconds will be added to their time. This is to ensure there is sufficient time to record your moves and that no matter how long your game lasts you always have 10 seconds to make the next move.

DGT Easy+ clocks (as used) are available for purchase from Chess World 1300 4-CHESS or during the event for \$69.

Bad behaviour?

Inappropriate conduct (by players or adults) or continued disregard of the Rules as established by the Event Organisers may result in being ejected from the event.



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What if we don't know how to record the games?

It is advisable to practice recording games prior to the event. There will also be at least 15 official coaches on hand to answer questions about recording moves while the games are in progress.

Here is a brief explanation:

1. Every square has a name

Each square is named with co-ordinates. You use these to indicate where the pieces move. You must record your moves AND your opponents moves.

2. Which Piece or Pawn?

If a pawn is moved there is no letter given, just the name of the DESTINATION SQUARE. Eg. 'e4' means Pawn moves to e4. If a stronger piece moves then the Capital Letter indicates which piece (Eg. N=knight, K=king). Just the DESTINATION square of the piece is given.

3. More information

It is possible to get more information than just the moves of the game; symbols have meanings:

X	=	Capture
+	=	Check
++ or #	=	Checkmate
1-0	=	White wins
0-1	=	Black wins
!	=	Good Move
?	=	Bad Move
?! Or !?	=	Uncertain/Unclear

Photographs and media.

Photographs and video footage will be taken during the event by staff, spectators and the Media. This may be for personal use, for our website, for promotional display and in the Media. By entering this event you consent to our taking and publishing photographic or video footage of the event and agree that all rights pertaining to the pictures rest with the event organizers.

Please inform us if you do not wish your photograph to be identified by name in a public display.



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You may bring and use your own camera or personal video recording device provided it is not a distraction to players during their games.

Mobile Phones.

Mobile Phones are NOT permitted in the playing area. Players who bring mobile phones into the playing area may be forfeited. Spectators watching games whose mobile phones ring will be asked to leave the playing hall.

Are spectators allowed?

Friends, family, acquaintances and passers-by are all welcome to visit for a look!

What about reserve players?

You are allowed to bring non-playing reserves. They are welcome to be involved in the Lectures and listen in with the individual coaching. We will do our best to include them in the activities and possibly even provide a 'reserves tournament' if there are sufficient numbers.

What is happening on Monday night?

From the time games finish until dinner there will be an opportunity to relax and socialize with other players, coaches and parents.

6pm BBQ Dinner

7pm Screening of a movie will occur (Knights of the South Bronx or Searching for Bobby Fischer)

There will also be an informal Transfer Chess tournament for those not watching the movie.

Parents, visitors or spectators may stay for the Monday meal and entertainment at a cost of \$15 per person ('supervisors' listed above do not pay). Children under 3 free. This **MUST** be booked prior to November 27.

When do we need to pay by, and how? Will we get a Tax Invoice?

You will receive an official Tax Invoice from our office as soon as all your details have been finalized. You are required to pay this Invoice in full by November 28, 2010. This can be paid by Credit Card, EFT, Pay Pal or cheque (funds must have cleared by November 30).

Late payments may result in your entry being refused and will incur a \$25 penalty if accepted.



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EFT Bank Details:

Chess World Australia Pty Ltd

ANZ Bank

BSB 013-220 Account # 4922 60916

Credit Card payments can be made between 10am and 4pm on 1300 424 377 and will incur a 1.5% surcharge. Cheques can be posted to 451 North Rd, Ormond, Victoria 3204.

What will the room allocation be?

All rooms contain one bed only and will be allocated according to 'common sense'. We will alter room configurations if requested, we aim to please everyone! Generally the rules are: School players all next to each other. Parents and teachers next-door to their children. *Supervisors will be allocated blocks of rooms and will then be able to allocate individual room arrangements.

Are there alternative accommodation arrangements?

For players or parents with special needs, or if the accommodation is not suitable please contact us for a list of alternative accommodation options. These must be arranged at your own cost – we have no affiliation with any of the options on this list.

What is the format of the event? Will I be knocked out?

The event is played as a 7-round Swiss tournament. That means that each player will play 7 games against players of their own standard. A win gives 1 point and subsequently a harder opponent. A loss 0 points and an easier opponent. Draws will be awarded with ½ a point for each player. You will never play the same player twice and you will never play anyone from your own Team.

At the end of the event the best 4 scores from each team are counted towards a final tally and prizes. If teams finish on the same score then the 5th player's score will determine the result.

Can we stay on extra nights as well?

You may stay on extra (Saturday/ Tuesday) nights if you'd like an extra day in Melbourne. Bookings and payments for this need to be done through Chess Kids in the same way as for your team entry. Per person costs for each night are \$55 per person including GST and breakfast.



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This must be booked through Chess Kids and paid for at the same time as your team entry. This cannot be booked directly through the university.

Where can we eat on Sunday and Tuesday nights?

See Map 1 (to follow).

A buffet dinner will be provided at Mannix College (cost \$15 per person) on Sunday night @ 7:30pm. This is a good opportunity to get to know other players before the event begins.

Can we hire a car in Melbourne?

If you are looking to hire a car while in Melbourne we recommend our event partner, Europcar. Quote the following number to receive special rates. CCC11334. Their phone number is 1300 13 13 90

Are there other expenses? Should we bring spending money?

It is certainly not required. However bringing around \$50 'spending money' will enable you to purchase a souvenir of your time in Melbourne, a can of fizzy or some junk food.

What should we definitely bring?

Tooth-brush, change of clothes & pen to record chess games

A towel

*Linen and pillows will be provided in all cases.

What should we NOT bring?

Hand-held computer games are NOT permitted.

Laptop computers are allowed, but not recommended for players.

Bad attitude, poor sportsmanship or smelly feet.

Be aware that anything you do bring will be at your own risk. Ensure your valuables are kept safe at all times.

In an Emergency (24 hrs)?

If staying at Mannix College ring 700 from any room. This will get you a supervisor. In other cases please contact 0411 877 833 (David Cordover).

Enquiries: David Cordover on 0411 877 833 or 1300 4-CHESS