

ACT Junior Chess League

2015 ACTJCL Development Squad Application

We are inviting all of our ACTJCL players to apply for the 2015 Development Squad.

The Development Squad is a great way for junior players in Canberra to improve their chess with players of similar ages and abilities by being coached by some of the best Canberra has to offer. Some of the previous Development Squad members (including IM Andrew Brown, WIM Emma Guo, IM Junta Ikeda and Alana Chibnall) have gone on to represent ACT and Australia in national and international events.

This squad will have 6 Sunday monthly training sessions (held at Campbell High School), as well as possible other meetings or events. Up to 25 players will be selected to join the squad. All Development Squad members will be given mandatory monthly homework, and are expected to be committed to improving their chess.

The selected players will mainly be between 8 and 14, however we will take slightly older or younger players if they are active and we can see that they are keen to improve and are willing to work. We will select a minimum of five players of each gender.

All Development Squad members are expected to be active players playing in most of the ACTJCL events they are eligible for. Preference will be given to players who play the majority of our ACTJCL events as well as the adult events.

We have had problems with players in the past who have been selected and then only turned up to one or two squad meetings. We understand that other things come up but players who do not let us know they are not coming, or hardly turn up to the meetings will not be selected for the squad in the future.

To ensure our ACTJCL events can run, we ask that every child has a parent who is happy to volunteer for at least one day of an event during 2015. This volunteering is mainly to help with setting up and packing up of each event, collecting pizza, and general supervision. No knowledge of the rules of chess is required.

Development Squad will cost \$160 for the year which includes coaching over the 6 months, games in the afternoon and homework. All squad members will also be required to be members of the ACT Junior Chess League.

Applications for the squad are due by **Monday 27 April**. All applicants will be informed on whether they have got into the squad by 3 May, with the first session being on **10 May**.

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

School: _____ School Year: _____

Parent Name: _____ Email Address: _____

Contact Number (H): _____ (W): _____ (M): _____

I am able to assist with one day of a junior event during 2015. YES/NO

Participation in Junior and Adult Chess Clubs:

Club Name:	Currently plays at this club (Y/N):
North's Junior Chess Club	
UC/Belconnen Chess Club	
ANU Chess Club	
Tuggeranong Chess Club	
Canberra Chess Club	
Street Chess	
School Chess Club	School: _____
Private Coaching:	Coach: _____

Long-time control events that the player has played in 2014/2015 or will play in 2015 (please tick):

Tournament	I played in this tournament in 2014/2015	I am planning to play in this tournament in 2015
Australian Junior Chess Championship 17-25 January		
ACT Championship 6-9 March		
Doeberl Cup 2-6 April		
Autumn Weekender 23-24 May		
ANU Open (25-26 July)		
ACT Junior Championship 7-9 October		
Vikings Weekender (November (Dates TBA)) (most of our players will be expected to be able to play this in 2015)		
ACT Under 16 Championship		

Parental Consent:

I give permission for my child _____ to participate in the 2015 ACTJCL Development Squad. I understand that this squad requires a high level of commitment and I will make sure that my child turns up to as many sessions as possible or contacts their coach or the coordinator if they will miss a session. I am willing to volunteer for one of the events that my child is playing in.

Signature: _____

Date: _____