



ACT JUNIOR CHESS LEAGUE 2011 Development Squad Information for Applicants



ALL ACTIVE JUNIOR CHESS PLAYERS ARE INVITED TO APPLY FOR THE 2011 DEVELOPMENT SQUAD

How does it work? The Development Squad will meet on Sundays throughout the school year at Campbell High School. As far as possible, sessions have been scheduled on the first Sunday of the month. An additional session in December is under consideration. It would be optional and primarily for players intending to participate in the Australian Junior Chess Championships in January 2012. Sessions run from 10am to 4.00pm with a minimum of 3 hours coaching in small groups at each session, and a mix of play, analysis and competition for the remainder of the session. Applicants should have a reasonable expectation of attending most sessions.

Who can apply for the Development Squad? Applications are welcome from any young chess player in the ACT. Applicants must be current (2011) ACTJCL members and should have a record of participating in ACTJCL tournaments. Squad members are expected to make tournaments a priority throughout the year. They are also expected to attempt several two-day and "rated" events - not just play Reserves events, once selected. Some Reserves events are still OK, especially for younger players but we are trying to help you develop your game and will expect to see you graduating to some tougher stuff! Players in the Senior groups will be expected to play in longer time control ACTJCL tournaments.

How are Squad members matched up with their coaches? The ACTJCL will aim to place each member of the squad in a group of between 4 and 8 members according to their playing strength, age and gender. We will endeavour to meet requests from girls to be placed in a coaching group with other girls. On occasions, we may feel we cannot provide an appropriate group or coach for children at the elite end. We will contact you if we feel your child may be too strong for the program and you are welcome to make the decision to remain included (as many children continue to enjoy their participation) or not.

IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT: Please note that a commitment to contribute two days of your time during the year as a volunteer is a condition of your child's acceptance into Development Squad!

Parental involvement plays a big part in keeping the ACTJCL strong. ALL applicants must have a parent prepared to assist with the running of an event **and** their school zone in 2011. The minimum requirement is to have a parent attend:

- **one full day of weekend tournament chess** over the course of a whole year **and**
- **an interschool zone tournament** that your child is eligible to play in.

Families with two or more children participating in the Squad will be asked to make this contribution for **each child**. We take into account contributions made to the ACTJCL Committee and the running of our Norths and Souths chess clubs.

You will not be asked to run an event alone. Rather, a team of people with a tournament manager will be put together covering the full range of tasks required – chess expertise, administrative arrangements, supervision, set-up and pack-up, and the canteen. **On the final page of this application form we will ask you to indicate the tournaments that suit you best. Alternatively, we will allocate you to a weekend tournament.**

Finally **ALL applicants** must love to play chess, must want to learn more about chess (please measure your child's interest and not your own!) and should be kids who exhibit enthusiasm, good sportsmanship and acceptable behaviour at our activities. We like you to be good chess players too but your ability to win trophies is a smaller part of our process than you might imagine.

TO APPLY ...

Just fill in the attached application form! The form needs to be completed **IN FULL**.

Applications close on Monday 28 March 2011. Early applications are encouraged, as this will allow us to begin the process of collating player results and allow the selectors to focus at events on those players who are known to be interested. Selections will be advised by email on **31 March 2011**.

Proposed dates for Squad training are Sunday **3 April, 8 May, 5 June, 3 July, 7 August, 4 September, 2 October, and 6 November** from 10am until approximately 4.00pm. An additional ninth session on **4 December** is under consideration. It would be optional and primarily for players intending to participate in the Australian Junior Chess Championships in January 2012. Sessions will be held at Campbell High School unless you are advised otherwise. It is expected that the Development Squad will be your child's first priority chess activity for the month and if you need a weekend "off" from chess it is better to skip a tournament rather than miss the Squad coaching.

The cost this year will be \$150, payable in two instalments. \$50 is payable at, or before, the first session with the balance to be paid at, or before, the second session. Children who have not paid the full fee will not be able to participate beyond the second session until fees are paid. If there are any difficulties with payment, ACTJCL is available to discuss an alternative payment plan with families.

Squad members are entitled to purchase the ACTJCL shirt for a discounted price. The shirts are embroidered with "2011 Development Squad" along with other significant chess achievements.

Applications should be emailed to Mark Kethro at Mark.Kethro@yahoo.com.au or handed in at an ACTJCL event; or handed to Ella Rosso (Souths) or Mirabelle Guo (Norths). **THE DUE DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS Monday 28th MARCH 2011.**

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ACT JUNIOR CHESS LEAGUE 2011 Development Squad Application Form



Name Date of Birth/...../.....

Address

Phone Email

School Parents' Names

I wish to be considered for a girls only coaching group

Participation in Chess Activities

ACTIVITY	ATTEND WEEKLY	RARELY ATTEND	NEVER ATTEND	ATTEND IN 2011
Souths Junior Club (Curtin 4-6pm Thursdays)				
Norths Junior Club (Aranda Primary 4-5:45pm Fridays)				
Quirky Queens/Advanced Coaching Group (ADHS Wednesday 3.45-5.45pm)				
Tuggeranong Senior Club (Vikings Club, Erindale 7.30pm Mondays)				
UC Belconnen Senior Club (University of Canberra 7.30pm Tuesdays)				
ANU Chess Club (ANU 7.30pm Wednesdays)				
Private Coaching (Coach)				
School Club*				
Street Chess (King O'Malley's Civic 11am-3pm Saturdays)				

* Please remember that a weekly commitment to a school club *alone* is unlikely to be sufficient to meet our participation requirements.

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Do you intend to participate regularly* in ACTJCL weekend tournaments? Y/N

* Our expectation is that you will participate in all tournaments for which you are eligible unless you have another significant commitment. In most cases, we will expect you to choose to play "Championship" rather than "Reserves" events.

Are you prepared to play in major tournaments* including -

Tournament	Information	Have you played before?	Do you intend to play In 2011?
Doeberl Cup (April 2011)	Minor Tournament is suitable for those children with experience playing in adult events. U1200s for children new to tournaments.		
ANU Open (July or August 2011)	Another adult event suitable for all but the youngest Squad members.		
ACT Junior Championships (October 2011)	Encouraged for all juniors who can play in the ACT.		
Vikings Weekender (November 2011)	All Squad members will be ready to play this adult event by year end!!		

*Our expectation is that the Squad members are seeking to take their chess to "another level" and will be prepared to participate in major events. This is not necessarily true for our very youngest applicants but is expected of members in the 11+ age group.

Parental involvement

Parents are asked to have a look at the attached calendar for 2011. Please nominate the three events most suitable for you to attend and assist with. This is for planning purposes – you are only required to help at **one** weekend tournament. We also require assistance for inter-school chess events held through the week. Please indicate if more than one weekday commitment would suit you better than a weekend.

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR APPLICATION AND GOOD LUCK!

*DO NOT SEND MONEY WITH YOUR APPLICATION!
Payment will be requested if you are selected for the Squad.*

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ACT JUNIOR CHESS LEAGUE 2011 Event Calendar



PREMIER EVENTS

These events are the major ACT junior chess tournaments for the year. They are rated tournaments, played with long time controls and players are expected to record moves. These events are suitable for players with past tournament experience.

Autumn Junior Weekender
26-27 March

ACT Women's and Girls' Chess
21-22 May

ACT Junior Championships
3-5 October

ACT Under 14 Championship
29-30 October

MAJOR EVENTS

These are one-day tournaments, suitable for confident chess players of all standards. Any tournament titled "Reserves" is limited to unrated or lower-rated players, making it an ideal environment for younger players and those with limited experience. Under age events are based on the player's age at 1 January eg a child who *turns* 8 anytime in 2011 is still eligible to compete as Under 8 for the whole year.

ACT Lightning & Reserves
27 Feb

ACT Girls Allegro Championship
20 March

ACT Under 8 Championship
12 June

ACT Primary Allegro
19 June

ACT Fischer Random Chess
26 June

ACT Under 10 Championship
14 August

Under 12 Championship
21 August

ACT Rapid and Reserves
18 September

ACT Transfer Festival and Presentation
27 November

INTERSCHOOL CHESS

Primary and High School interschool team events are held during the year with Girls Primary & Secondary scheduled for Term 1 and Open Primary & Secondary in Term 2. Some dates and venues are still to be decided – these will appear on the website progressively as they are confirmed.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Chess Chicks
18-20 April

Winter Camp
11-13 July

All events are publicised as widely as possible. Within two weeks of the scheduled date, event information is distributed to schools and posted on the website www.acticl.org.au/acticl. You can make sure you never miss out on an event (or on any of our other coaching and club activities) by joining our google groups email list. Send an email to Mark at Mark.Kethro@yahoo.com.au

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