

2024 SCHOOLS CHESS LEAGUE FINALS

Tournament Format

- Two divisions: Open Primary and Open Secondary.
- Schools bring teams of 4 players.
- The event will be played with a team format.
- Schools must submit their team order prior to the start of the event, with the strongest player on board 1, second strongest on board 2, etc. These will be reviewed by the tournament organisers for accuracy.
- Schools may bring 1 reserve player to substitute in the team at their discretion. However, players must remain in the same order of playing strength, e.g. if a player from board 1 is substituted, the team's board 2 player moves up to board 1, the team's board 3 player moves up to board 2, etc.,.
- The time control is 15 minutes plus 2 second increments.
- The tournament will be run as a round robin event for both divisions.
- The organisers retain the right to change the time limit and round format subject to the number of school entries.
- There is no fee for participation in the Finals.

Scoring

- Players will score one (1) point for a win, a half point (1/2) for a draw and zero (0) for a loss.
- The team score for each round is the scores for all four players in that team added together.
- For each round, each team will play a match against another team. The winner of each match will be the team with the highest team score.
- Teams will score one (1) match point for a win, a half point for a draw and zero (0) match points for a loss.
- If a team receives a bye, they will receive a half (1/2) match point.
- The team with the greatest number of match points in the final standings is declared the Champion.

Ties

- If two or more teams score the same number of match points, the tie is broken as follows:
 - Total accumulated team score for the competition.
 - If still tied, the results of the matches between the teams involved in the tie.
 - If still tied, the teams will have a playoff match with a time limit of 8min + 2scc increment, played with opposite colours to their first match.
 - If still tied, the teams will have a playoff match with a time limit of 3min + 2sec increment, with opposite colours again. This step is repeated until there is a winner.

Prizes

- **Trophies for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd placed schools in each division.**
- **Medals for the players of the top three schools.**
- **Additional prizes may be awarded for outstanding individual performances.**
- **The top scoring Primary school will be awarded the title of 2024 Western Australian SCL Primary School champions.**
- **The top scoring Secondary school will be awarded the title of 2024 Western Australian SCL Secondary School champions.**
- **The winning school in each division qualifies to represent Western Australia in the 2024 Australian Schools Teams Finals.**