

FORMAT FOR THE 2023 SCHOOL CHESS LEAGUE (SCL)

General

- * All zonal tournaments to be completed prior to Monday 28th August.
- * Zonal tournaments will be played on weekends during school term.
- * There will be four zonal tournaments.
- * All students who are either enrolled in a WA school, or homeschooling in WA, may participate.
- * A school must accumulate a total of 10 SCL points from the 4 Zonal tournaments to qualify a team for the SCL Finals (see points allocation below).

Zonal Tournaments

- * There will be two divisions for each zonal event: a Primary Division and a Secondary Division.
- * Individual prizes and school prizes will be awarded for each of the Primary Division and Secondary Divisions, at each zonal event.
- * Trophies will awarded as follows. Separate trophies will be awarded for the Primary and Secondary Divisions. All awards are subject to there being at least 5 eligible players in the category.
 - * Individual – 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Best Girl
 - * School – trophy to be awarded to the school of the winning team
 - * School – individual trophies to the top 4 players from each the teams placing 1st, 2nd, 3rd
- * When players or schools share the same number of points, the tiebreak system specified by the Chief Arbiter will be used to decide the final placings.
- * Zonal events will be run in a 7 round Swiss format with barred same-school pairings.
- * The time control will be 15 minutes per player plus 2 seconds increment per move.
- * Each school's score is the sum of the scores of their top four players.
- * Schools may participate in as many Zonal events as they wish and may register as many players as they wish in each Zonal event.
- * Individuals may participate, and their points will count towards their school.
- * The Chief Arbiter has the right to change the format to accommodate any special issues, e.g., lockdown announcement or limited number of attendees.
- * Whenever possible, Zonal tournaments will be conducted over the board.
- * Once a Primary or Secondary school has accumulated 10 points they have earned the right to field a team of four players (plus one reserve) in the WA Schools Chess League Finals, scheduled for Monday 4th September.

School Points Allocation for Zonal Tournaments

- * 1st place = 12 points, 2nd place = 10 points, 3rd place = 8 points,
4th place = 6 points, 5th place = 4 points, 6th place = 2 points, other = 1 point

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