

2024 North Island Championship

The 2024 North Island Championship, will be held at the Alan Gibbs Centre at Wellington College, 15 Dufferin Street, Mt Victoria in Wellington over Easter (Friday to Monday) 29th of March through the 1st of April 2024.

The Wellington Chess Club is organising the event. The contact person is Bill Forster, email billforsternz@gmail.com, phone +64 21 357371. Up to date information about the event will be prominently displayed on the [Wellington Chess Club website](#) and on the [NZCF website](#).

Key Information

Format:	8 Round Swiss.
Schedule:	4 days, 29 th March 2024 to 1 st April, 2 rounds per day at 9:30am and 2:30pm
Rating:	NZCF and FIDE rated
Time Control:	90 minutes for the game with an additional 30 seconds per move starting from move one.
Eligibility:	Open to all players, non NZ residents must have a FIDE ID.
Entry Fee:	\$100, \$70 for Juniors (born 2003 or later)
Arbiters:	IA Ying Wang, NA Gordon Lyall

How To Enter

1. Pay your entry fee (\$100 or \$70 for juniors) to the Wellington Chess Club's bank account number 06 0582 0096726 00. Put your name under 'Particulars' and 'North Island' under 'Reference'.

2. Send an email with subject 'North Island 2024' to the organiser Bill Forster, at email billforsternz@gmail.com. If you are listed on the [NZCF Rating List](#) complete with your FIDE ID - then simply your name is sufficient. Otherwise please include all your details, Name, Gender, Date of Birth, FIDE ID if you have it, NZCF ID if you have it. If you don't have a FIDE ID please confirm you are a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident. (see Eligibility in the Key Information above).

That's it! You do not need to send proof of payment. You do not need to send anything else.

Once your entry has been processed (it might take a day or two) you'll receive a confirmation email. Please also check the player lists on the Wellington Chess Club's website [Tournament Page](#) to confirm you have been correctly entered.

Prize Fund

Guaranteed minimum prize fund \$1200. The Prize Fund will be increased if sufficient entries are received.

Final Details

- The highest-placed North Island resident (or residents in the case of a tie) will be the 2024 North Island Champion.
- Entries close two days before the start of the tournament, or when the venue capacity is reached, whichever comes first.
- Please note that New Zealand players who participate in two or more NZCF rated tournaments in a year are required to be a member of an NZCF Affiliate or Associate Chess Club.
- The Player Meeting will be held at 9am on the first day. An Appeals committee will be elected. Players who don't attend the player meeting risk being excluded from the draw for the first round.
- FIDE ratings will be used when possible for pairings and rating prizes.
- A player may only win one monetary prize.
- One half point bye is available in the first six rounds only, it must be requested at least two days in advance.
- Prizegiving will take place as soon as possible after the last round.
- Players should not enter or attend if they are or become unwell. Players who, in the opinion of the Arbiters, are visibly unwell, or disturbing other players e.g. with repeated sniffing, coughing, sneezing may have their game declared lost, be excluded from one or more rounds, or be expelled from the tournament.
- The organisers reserve the right to make adjustments to the tournament conditions if necessary. If any significant changes occur, they will be prominently notified.