

# 2023 Wellington Open

## Easter Weekend, April 7th-9th

To be held at the Wellington Bridge Club, 17 Tinakori Road, Thorndon in Wellington from Good Friday, through Easter Sunday (7th-9th April 2023).

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

Entries close on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2023, or earlier if the venue capacity is reached.

## Summary

Schedule:	7th-9th April, two rounds per day at 10am and 3pm
Format:	A Single 6 Round Swiss tournament
Time Control:	90 minutes for the game with an additional 30 seconds per move starting from move one
Rating:	FIDE and NZCF rated
Eligibility:	Open to all, except that non NZ residents must have a FIDE ID
Entry Fee:	Standard \$75, Junior (born in 2003 or later) \$50

## How To Enter

**New Zealand Citizens or Residents:** If you are on the [NZCF Active Rating List](#), simply fill out [this simple electronic form](#). Otherwise email the organiser Bill Forster, at [billforsternz@gmail.com](mailto:billforsternz@gmail.com), please use the title "Wellington Open 2023" and provide your name, date of birth and gender. Also provide NZCF and FIDE ID numbers if you have them.

**People who aren't New Zealand Citizens or Residents:** Email the organiser Bill Forster, at email [billforsternz@gmail.com](mailto:billforsternz@gmail.com), please use the title "Wellington Open 2023" and provide your name and FIDE ID number. Sorry, due to FIDE policies for FIDE rated tournaments, we cannot accept entries from foreign players who don't have FIDE IDs.

*All players should pay their entry fee to the Wellington Chess Club's bank account number 06 0582 0096726 00. Put your name under 'Particulars' and 'Easter' under 'Reference'. Your entry will appear on the dedicated [tournament page](#) on the Wellington Chess Club website once it has been processed and accepted.*

## Prize Fund

### Open

First	\$400
Second	\$200
Third	\$150
Fourth	\$100

### B Grade (based on rating)

First	\$160
Second	\$80
Third	\$50

### C Grade (based on rating)

First	\$120
Second	\$60
Third	\$40

<b>Best Junior</b>	\$100
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## Arbiter

The arbiter is NA Richie Christie.

## Accommodation

We recommend the Atura Wellington Hotel, 24 Hawkestone Street Thorndon.

## Special Covid Policies

Masking will be encouraged but will not be compulsory. This policy, and all Covid policies is subject to change during the tournament to enable maximum flexibility to deal with potential emergency circumstances.

Because there is an increased chance of unexpected and late withdrawals in Covid times, the draws made after each round will be provisional. Pairings will be considered final, i.e. published for the purposes of FIDE Regulations, 30 minutes before the round start time.

Players without games after a round starts may be paired against other players without games if they and the arbiter agree.

Players should not enter or attend if they have Covid, are awaiting the results of a Covid test, have been asked to isolate, or have one or more Covid symptoms. Where the Arbiter believes that any of these apply, the Arbiter may declare the game lost or exclude the player from one or more rounds. If a player is excluded pending a Covid test, one half-point bye may apply at the discretion of the Arbiter. If a player refuses to follow arbiter direction on these, they may be expelled from the tournament. Spectators may be expelled and/or banned from the venue.

## Final Details

- The player meeting will be held at 9:30am, 30 minutes before the start of the first round. Players who don't attend the player meeting risk being excluded from the draw for the first round.
- One player cannot win more than one cash prize.
- 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.
- Covid requirements for the tournament may change at any time in accordance with New Zealand Government regulations and level settings. In the unlikely event of Covid regulations making it impossible to run the tournament, entry fees will be refunded but the tournament organisers will not be responsible for any further compensation to affected players.
- Some on-site parking is available. Please be considerate to others. The Bridge club leases the car-parks Monday to Friday and so technically this includes Good Friday although most lease holders do not use their car parks on public holidays. Coupon street parking is free on public holidays and P120 on Saturday.
- The organisers reserve the right to make adjustments to the tournament conditions if necessary. If any significant changes occur, they will be prominently notified.