2025 Wellington Open

Easter Weekend, April 18th-19th, 21st

To be held at the Wellington Bridge Club, 17 Tinakori Road, Thorndon in Wellington from Good Friday, through Easter Monday but excluding Easter Sunday (18th,19th and 21st April 2025).

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 available on the Wellington Chess Club website wellingtonchess.club.

Entries close on Wednesday 16th April 2025, or earlier if the venue capacity is reached.

Summary

Schedule: 18th, 19th, 21st April, two rounds per day at 9:30am and 2:30pm

Players Meeting 9:15am Friday 18th

Note we are playing Easter Monday, but not playing Easter Sunday

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 \$80, Junior (born in 2005 or later) \$55

Arbiter: NA Gordon Lyall

Prizes: 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes in Open, B and C grades. Prizes will be

finalised and posted during the tournament. Minimum prize fund \$1500, may be increased according to entries received. Players may

only win one prize.

Parking: Some parking available on site. Street parking is not free or as

plentiful as in outer suburbs, so come early or use public transport

To Enter

- 1. Pay the entry fee by internet to the Wellington Chess Club bank account 06 0582 0096726 00. Put your name under 'particulars' and 'Easter' under 'reference'.
- 2. Follow up by sending an email titled "Wellington Open" to billforsternz@gmail.com. Include your name and FIDE id. If you do not have a FIDE id though, please include extra details (your date of birth and gender), you must be a NZ citizen or resident so we can automatically register you as a new New Zealand player with FIDE. Please confirm that your entry has been accepted by checking the tournament Vega page on our website.

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.