



129th New Zealand Chess Congress

2nd – 12th January, 2022

Riccarton Park (www.riccartonpark.nz),
165 Riccarton Racecourse Road, Sockburn, Christchurch

**Prize
Fund of
\$10,000**

NZ Championship & Major Open

2-10 January, 1 round per day in the afternoon

NZ Junior and Age Group Championships & Canterbury Open

3-9 January, 1 round per day in the morning

Banquet Dinner & Prizegiving

10 January in the evening

NZ Lightning Championship

11 January in the morning

NZ Rapid Championship

11 January in the afternoon and 12 January

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Prizes

NZ Championship

First	\$1,500
Second	\$1,000
Third	\$800
Fourth	\$600
Fifth	\$300
<2200	\$300

Major Open

First	\$1,000
Second	\$750
Third	\$500
<1700	\$200
<1400	\$200

NZ Lightning

First	\$300
Second	\$200
Third	\$100
<2000	\$50
<1700	\$50
<1400	\$50

2022 New Zealand Championship and Major Open

2 – 10 January

Format: 2 separate 9 Round Swiss tournaments.

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an additional 30 seconds per move from move one.

Registration: Players must register between 10:00am and 1:00pm on the 2nd of January either in person or by text message to the organiser or not be paired in the first round.

Players Meeting: 1:30pm on Sunday 2 January

Round Times: 2:00pm every day

Entry Fees

	Before 1 Nov	20 Dec or later
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NZ Championship	\$200	\$250
Major Open	\$120	\$200

Rating Requirements: Players must have an NZCF rating below 2100 to enter the Major Open. The NZ Championship is open to all players but an additional fee of \$100 applies for entries with an NZCF rating below 2000 and a FIDE rating below 2100, or \$150 for players with no published NZCF or FIDE rating. These fees do not apply to the defending NZ, Major Open, North Island, South Island or Junior Champions.

Prizegiving will be at approximately 8:00pm after the banquet dinner.

Open to entries from players of all nationalities. The highest-placed NZ players in each tournament will be the 2022 New Zealand Champion and Major Open Champion.

Final Banquet for Players and Accompanying Persons

10 January

Time: 6:30pm, Monday 10 January

Venue: Riccarton Park Events Centre (same venue as Congress)

Tickets: \$40 per person

Attendance must be confirmed by 5 January.

Prizegiving will follow at 8:00pm

2022 New Zealand Lightning Championship

11 January

Format: 9 Round Swiss tournament

Competition Rules: Article B.4 of the Laws of Chess will apply.

Time Control: 3 minutes for the game with an additional 2 seconds per move starting from move one.

Players Meeting: 8:45am on Tuesday 11 January

Round Times: First round at 9:00am, subsequent rounds will be paired after the last game finishes. Prizegiving will follow round 9 at approximately 11:30am.

Entry Fee: \$35. No late fee – entries accepted until 8:30am, 11 January.

Open to entries from players of all nationalities. The highest-placed NZ player will be the 2022 New Zealand Lightning Champion.

Prizes**NZ Rapid**

First	\$400
Second	\$300
Third	\$150
<2000	\$100
<1700	\$100
<1400	\$100

NZ Junior and Age Groups

First	\$300
Second	\$200
Third	\$100
U16	\$50
U14	\$50
U12	\$50
U10	\$50
U8	\$50
Best Girl	\$50

Canterbury Open

First	\$250
Second	\$150
Third	\$100

2022 New Zealand Rapid Championship*11 – 12 January***Format:** 9 Round Swiss tournament**Competition Rules:** Article A.4 of the Laws of Chess will apply.**Time Control:** 25 minutes for the game with an additional 5 seconds per move starting from move one.**Playing Schedule**

Tuesday 11 January		Wednesday 12 January	
Entries Close	11:45am	Round Five	09:00am
Players Meeting	1:00pm	Round Six	10:15am
Round One	1:30pm	Round Seven	11:30am
Round Two	2:45pm	Lunch	12:45pm
Round Three	4:00pm	Round Eight	1:30pm
Round Four	5:15pm	Round Nine	2:45pm

Prizegiving will follow round 9 at approximately 4:30pm.

Entry Fee: \$60. No late fee – entries accepted until 11:45am, 11 January.

Open to entries from players of all nationalities. The highest-placed NZ player will be the 2022 New Zealand Rapid Champion.

2022 New Zealand Junior and Age Group Championships and Canterbury Open*3 – 9 January***Format:** 2 separate 7 Round Swiss tournaments**Time Control:** 60 minutes for the game with an additional 30 seconds per move starting from move one.**Players Meeting:** 8:30am on Monday 3 January**Round Times:** 9:00am every day

Entry Fees	Before 1 Nov	20 Dec or later
NZ Junior Championships	\$70	\$100
Canterbury Open	\$50	\$75

Prizegiving will be held after the last game on Sunday 9 January at approx. 12:30pm.

Minimum Entries: If 8 entries are not received to a tournament, the organiser reserves the right to cancel the tournament (entry fees will be refunded).

Open to entries from players of all nationalities. The NZ Junior and Age Group Championships are open only to juniors i.e. players born on or after 1/1/2002. All other players are eligible to play in the Canterbury Open.

The highest-placed NZ player in each age group will be the 2022 New Zealand Champion for that age group, enrolled at and attended primary or secondary school in 2021 the 2022 NZ Schoolpupil Champion, and highest-placed overall the 2022 New Zealand Junior Champion.

Age group eligibility is based on the player's age on 31 December 2021, and only in the age group closest to the player's age e.g. a 13 year old player is eligible for the under 14 title but not the under 16 title.

Event Sponsors

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- Kiwi Gaming Foundation
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- Christchurch City Council
- Nail Perfect NZ
- Racecourse Hotel & Motor Lodge
- Chessventures

Tournament Regulations

NZCF and FIDE Rating: Tournaments will be NZCF-rated and FIDE-rated where possible except that the Canterbury Open will not be FIDE-rated.

Pairings and Rating-Based Prizes: NZCF ratings will be used for pairings and rating-based prizes except for the NZ Lightning Championship which will use FIDE blitz ratings. Players without ratings may be assigned a rating by the Chief Arbiter. The most recently-published rating lists will be used (November for NZCF, January for FIDE).

NZ Player: Per NZCF regulations, NZ citizen or a player who is normally resident in New Zealand and has been resident in New Zealand for at least one year prior to Congress.

Multiple Prizes and Tiebreaks: Players may not win more than one cash prize in a tournament – the highest cash prize will be paid and other prizes will be passed down to the next highest-placed player. Per NZCF regulations, titles and cash prizes will be shared by eligible players on the same score and ties will not be broken.

Defaults: Per NZCF Regulations, default time is 30 minutes after the start of the round.

Appeals: A player may appeal against a decision of the Arbiter in a tournament other than the NZ Lightning Championship (no appeals allowed). Appeals Committees for each tournament will be appointed by the Organiser from the players. Appeals must be lodged in writing within 30 minutes of the end of the game (10 minutes for the NZ Rapid Championship). A fee of \$50 will apply, to be refunded if the appeal is successful or otherwise at the discretion of the Appeals Committee.

Mobile Phones / Electronic Devices: During a game, players are forbidden to have a mobile phone, electronic means of communication or any device capable of suggesting chess moves on their person in the playing venue. Such devices may be stored in a player's bag or jacket, which is to be left under their table or the back of their chair during the game unless permission is given by the Arbiter. Such devices are to be switched off and are not to make any noise. Breaches of this rule will result in loss of game unless the Arbiter decides otherwise. This includes smart watches but not standard analogue or digital watches.

Photos: Spectators may take photos during the first 5 minutes of a round.

Small Entry: If fewer than 40 total entries are received in the NZ Championship and Major Open, the events will be combined with a combined prize fund as follows: 1st \$1400, 2nd \$900, 3rd \$700, 4th \$500, 5th \$300, Under 2100 \$300, Under 1900 \$300, Under 1700 \$300, Under 1400 \$300. The Major Open Champion will be the highest-placed NZ player with either NZCF or FIDE rating below 2100.

Small Entry to NZ Championship: Per NZCF Regulations, if fewer than 20 players enter the NZ Championship, players will be asked to move up from the Major Open.

Covid-19: Congress will only go ahead if Christchurch is at Orange or Green in the Covid-19 Protection Framework but will be completed if play commences as scheduled.

Refunds: If a player withdraws prior to 2 January, their entry fee will be refunded. If a player is removed from a tournament or otherwise unable to play or continue on or after 2 January, no refund will be paid. NZCF, Canterbury Chess Club or any organiser or arbiter will not be liable for any consequential loss if the tournament is cancelled or a player withdraws or is subject to any action or penalty under NZ Law, the Laws of Chess, NZCF or FIDE Rules or Regulations, or these tournament regulations.

Cancellation: If any tournament is cancelled after 50% of the scheduled rounds have been completed, prizes and titles will be awarded based on the standings up to that point and entry fees will not be refunded. If the tournament is cancelled before that, entry fees will be refunded to the maximum extent possible after covering costs and no prizes awarded. Completed games will be submitted for rating in either case.

Contact

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Carparking

There is plenty of carparking freely available directly outside the venue.

Rooms for Congress

The Playing Room is the Nightmarch Room and the Analysis Room is the Phar Lap Room.

Tournament Regulations (continued)

Unwell Players and Spectators: Players should not enter or attend if they are or become unwell and should inform an Arbiter of non-attendance as soon as practical. Players who are disturbing other players e.g. with repeated sniffing, coughing, sneezing may be subject to the penalties outlined in the Laws of Chess. Spectators may be expelled and/or banned from the venue.

Covid Precautions: Players should not enter or attend if they are awaiting the results of a Covid test, have been asked to isolate, have one or more Covid symptoms, have Covid, or are not willing to follow requirements of Covid legislation e.g. vaccine passes and QR scanning. Where the Chief Arbiter believes that any of these apply, the Chief 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 Chief Arbiter. If a player refuses to follow arbiter direction on these, they may be expelled from Congress. Spectators may be expelled and/or banned from the venue.

Covid Hygiene:

- Hand sanitiser will be provided – clean hands frequently using hand sanitiser if hands are not visibly soiled, or soap and water when hands are visibly soiled
- If coughing or sneezing, cover nose and mouth with flexed elbow or paper tissue, dispose of tissue immediately after use and cleanse your hands. Refrain from touching your face until you have thoroughly washed your hands.
- Masks are recommended but not required to be worn
- Handshakes before and/or after the game are not required
- Equipment will be sanitised between rounds
- If necessary, restrictions may be placed on numbers of spectators in the playing venue and numbers of people in particular areas within the playing venue

CVC Compliance: In line with current NZCF and venue policy, the banquet and all tournaments at Congress are CVC-compliant. This means all attendees including players, arbiters and spectators must provide a valid vaccine pass, exemption from the Ministry of Health, or be under the age of 12 years 3 months.

AGM and Workshops

The AGM will be held at 9pm on 11 January. There will be two workshops prior to AGM. The first will start at 7pm and be on the topic of the strategic plan. The second will start at 8pm and be on the topic of the Tournament Regulations and related issues. Workshops are open to NZCF Councillors and AGM delegates, and are free to attend – please register with the Congress organiser or NZCF. AGM is open to all, but only delegates from affiliate members may vote. These will be held in the Phar Lap Room.

Accommodation

Congress is proudly sponsored by the Racecourse Hotel, ideally located directly across the road from the venue. Special rates for Congress – \$120/night for a twin share room, \$19 for English breakfast or \$14 for continental breakfast. More information on their website: <https://racecoursehotel.co.nz/>

To book, call (03) 342 7150 or email enquiries@racecoursehotel.co.nz and mention that you are playing in the chess tournament. If considering dining at the restaurant during your stay, please advise the hotel of potential restaurant reservations when booking to help them be prepared.

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Name		Phone No.	
Email		Date of Birth	
NZCF ID		FIDE ID	
NZCF Rating		FIDE Rating	

Tournaments	Entry Fee (\$)
NZ Championship	
<2000 / Unrated Player Surcharge	
Major Open	
NZ Rapid Championship	
NZ Lightning Championship	
NZ Junior & Age Group Championships	
Canterbury Open	
Banquet	
Donation (always appreciated!)	
Total	

NZCF ID and ratings are available at <http://newzealandchess.co.nz/ratings.html> and FIDE ID and ratings at <https://ratings.fide.com/>. NZ citizens and residents without FIDE ID numbers will have them issued by NZCF (please provide date of birth). Foreign players must provide a FIDE ID number.

When filling in entry fees above, please include the correct entry fees based on the date of entry and rating surcharges (if applicable) for the NZ Championship.

NZ players who play in 2 or more NZCF-rated tournaments in a calendar year must be a member of a chess club which is an NZCF affiliate or associate member.

If paying by internet banking, please complete the entry form above and email it to canterbury@chess.org.nz. Payment should be made via internet banking to 03-0802-0093915-00 – please include your surname and ‘Congress’ as references.

If paying by credit card, please go to <https://www.trybooking.co.nz/HPL> (additional credit card/booking fee applies of 3% and 30c per event entered) and complete the online entry form.

As our bank (Westpac) does not accept cheques, entry fees may not be paid by cheque.

Entries are not confirmed until payment is received. Confirmed entries will be listed online at www.newzealandchess.co.nz in the Calendar section.