

2026 NSW Open

The NSW Chess Association has great pleasure in inviting entries to the NSW Open, the premier weekender in NSW. There are outstanding prizes on offer, with the Minor boasting the richest prize-pool for U1600s in Australia. We look forward to seeing you there!

Where: Novotel Sydney West HQ
55 Sherbrooke St, Rooty Hill NSW 2766

When: Friday 5 June, Saturday 6 June, Sunday 7 June & Monday 8 June 2026

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| Schedule: | Friday | Saturday | Sunday | Monday |
| | 7:30pm Round 1 | 10:30am Round 2 | 10:30am Round 4 | 10:30am Round 6 |
| | | 3:00pm Round 3 | 3:00pm Round 5 | 3:00pm Round 7 |

Prize fund: \$14,700 (all prizes guaranteed)

Open: 1st \$2400 2nd \$1600 3rd \$1100 4th \$900 5th \$650

Rating divisions: U2000-1800, U1800 - 1st \$500 2nd \$300 – in each division

Minor (U1600 ACF): 1st \$1600 2nd \$1000 3rd \$800 4th \$650 5th \$550 Unrated \$250

Rating divisions: U1400-1200, U1200 - 1st \$500 2nd \$300 – in each division

Time control: 90 minutes plus 30 seconds per move

Open entry fees if registered by 3 June: Standard: \$120 Concession: \$102

Open entry fees if registered on 4 June: Standard: \$145 Concession: \$120

Minor entry fees if registered by 3 June: Standard: \$110 Concession: \$92

Minor entry fees if registered on 4 June: Standard: \$135 Concession: \$110

- The Open Division and U1600 Division will be FIDE and ACF rated. Players **who are not Australian citizens or have a permanent residency visa** must have a **FIDE ID number**. This can be obtained from their national federation.
- **All players under 13 years of age must have a parent or guardian on the premises at all times.**
- **Entry in the Open section is restricted to players with an ACF standard rating of at least 1400 or a FIDE standard rating of at least 1600. Entry to the U1600 section is restricted to an ACF standard rating of 1600. If the player has no ACF rating, their FIDE must be below 1600. Players who are ACF and FIDE unrated can only play in the U1600 section. Entry to the respective sections is based on June 2026 FIDE and ACF ratings.**
- You need to register **and pay** by 3 June to be eligible for the early entry fee.
- **Absolutely no entries will be accepted on the day.**
- **For Concession discount**, a Healthcare Card, Pensioner Concession Card or a National Assistance Card must be produced on the day of the tournament otherwise the applicable Standard entry fee will be charged.
- Exemption from entry fees: FIDE titleholders – GM, IM, WGM, WIM. Entry must be received **by the early entry cut off date** of 3 June or full entry fees must be paid.
- Players are eligible for one prize only. Rating prizes are based on ACF ratings. **Unrated players are not eligible for rating-restricted prizes, including 1st-5th prizes in the Minor.**
- **Forfeit times:** Any player who arrives at the chessboard more than **30 minutes** after the start of the session shall lose the game unless the arbiter decides otherwise.
- All NSW resident players must be full members for 2026 of (or join) the NSWCA or the NSWJCL.
- By entering the event players acknowledge that the decision of the organiser (NSWCA) is final.
- For further information contact e-mail tournaments@nswca.org.au or visit the NSWCA website: www.nswca.org.au
- Players may request up to two half point byes prior to the start of the round before the bye is needed. Half point byes are not available in the last two rounds.

- All prizes not redeemed within 3 months will be treated as donations to the next Olympiad.

2026 NSW Open Entry Form

First name: _____ Surname: _____

Rating: _____ Phone: _____ Date of birth: ____/____/____

Address: _____ Postcode: _____

Email: _____

Please tick the box appropriate to your entry:

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Open entry fee on 4 June

Standard: \$145 Concession: \$120

Minor (U1600 ACF) entry fee by 3 June

Standard: \$110 Concession: \$92

Minor (U1600 ACF) entry fee on 4 June

Standard: \$135 Concession: \$110

Please note: to be eligible for the early entry fee your entry **and payment** MUST be received by 3 June 2026. You can pay your entry fee the following ways:

- 1) Pay by direct deposit. Commonwealth Bank BSB 062-181 A/C 1011-6372. Please ensure the player's name appears in the description on the direct deposit details to identify your payment and then send an email to tournaments@nswca.org.au or this entry form to the NSWCA PO Box.
- 2) Pay by PayPal/Credit card via the NSWCA website www.nswca.org.au

Healthcare Card, Pensioner Concession Card or a National Assistance Card number: _____

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I submit \$ _____ as entry to the 2026 NSW Open

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Signed: _____

Date: _____