

NSW Chess Development Program Guidelines

1 Purpose of Funding

Funding under the NSW Chess Development Program (CDP) is intended to support:

- Increased participation
- Increased quality of events
- Development of clubs and organisers
- Long-term sustainability of chess in New South Wales

2 Forms of Support

- The NSWCA may provide funding in different forms, depending on the needs and nature of the event or activity, including but not limited to:
 - Direct grants to support events
 - Guarantees against loss, where appropriate, to reduce financial risk for organisers
- The form of support will be determined on application by the NSWCA Council on what best enables the event or activity to proceed at an appropriate standard.

3 Eligible Funding Criteria

- Funding is only eligible for non-for-profit organisations.
- For an event to be eligible for CDP funding, it must be an adult chess tournament. Events cannot be restricted to juniors only
 - Juniors are still eligible to participate in adult events.
 - Events that maximise player participation will be prioritised for funding.

1. Major Events

- Large scale events that attract significant participation, provide high-level participation, and contribute to the reputation of NSW Chess.
- These events must be FIDE and ACF rated for all players.
- These can include events where FIDE norms are available, or major open tournaments that attract national and/or international participation.

2. Weekenders

- These events must be ACF and/or FIDE rated.
- Adult open tournaments conducted over one or more consecutive days including:
 - Classical;
 - Rapid or;
 - Blitz events.

3. Regional and Rural Events

- Events conducted outside of metropolitan Sydney that support chess participation and development in regional areas.
- Clubs in regional and rural areas are also eligible for tournament infrastructure and equipment funding to run events independently.

4 Application Requirements

- Applicant Information
 - Name of organiser and organisation/club
 - Primary contact person
 - Primary contact details (mobile and email)
- Event Details
 - Name of event
 - Proposed dates
 - Location and venue
 - Brief description of the event
- Funding Request
 - Funding category (per Section 3)
 - Amount requested
 - Preferred form of support
- Purpose Statement
 - An explanation of how the funding will improve participation, event quality, or club sustainability, and how the activity contributes to chess in NSW.
- Indicative Budget
 - Applications should include a simple draft budget to outline expected revenue and expenses
 - Revenue sources include entry fees, sponsorships, and other relevant sources.
 - Expenses include remuneration for arbiters and/or organisers, prizes, and other costs.

The NSWCA may request additional information from the organiser if the Council is not satisfied with the initial proposal.

5 Timelines for Applications

- To allow for sufficient time for consideration and decision-making, applications should be given a reasonable time-frame. There are no set deadlines, but for larger or more complex events, earlier applications are encouraged.
- NSWCA council meetings are held monthly, and funding applications will be considered at the next available council meeting following submission, provided adequate notice has been given.