

2020 SCL West Zone

The School Chess League West Zone Competition was held on the 27th September at Nedlands Primary School. The event attracted 58 players representing 17 different schools.

The Primary School division saw a tie for first place between Aarnav Gupta and Issa Majidi, both scoring 6.5/7. After a blitz playoff match between the two, Issa was awarded the primary school division first place trophy with Aarnav receiving the second place trophy. There was a tie for third place between Emily Zhang and Anthony Nguyen, both scoring 5.5/7. After countback was taken into consideration, Emily was awarded the Primary School third place trophy

The winning Primary school was Nedlands Primary School, finishing 3 points ahead of second placed Rosalie Primary School. Christ Church Grammar School finished third place, only half a point ahead Victoria Park Primary School who came fourth.

The Secondary School division was won by Alex Pimenov with a perfect score of 7/7. Shannon Koh came second with 5/7, with Anoushka Gupta gaining third on 4.5/7.

The Secondary School division saw Perth Modern School win in a landslide victory ahead of their rivals. Methodist Ladies' College finished in second place, 2 points ahead of third placed Wesley College.

List of prize winners:

1 st Primary	Issa Najidi – First place trophy.
2 nd Primary	Aarnav Gupta – Second place trophy.
3 rd Primary	Emily Zhang– Third place trophy.
1 st Secondary	Alex Pimenov – First place trophy.
2 nd Secondary	Shannon Koh – Second place trophy.
3 rd Secondary	Anoushka Gupta – Third place trophy.

Gold medals: Issa Majidi, Emily Zhang, Nizam Majidi, Aidan Khew, Alex Pimenov, Anoushka Gupta, Ram Soni, Rayan Jape.

Silver Medals: Oliver Tran, Paula Gruber, Kobe Wu, Jeremiah Ng, Starcya Khew, Teresa Elizabeth Chacko, Ruhi Bhandari, Priyanka Muthukattu.

Bronze Medals: Jayden Arav, Nathan Arav, Callan Arav, Rohan Shetty, Shannon Koh, Nicholas Ng, Anthony Nguyen, Timothy Kaempf.

Full tournament results can be accessed at:

<https://torneo.com/chess/orgs/lakner-chess/events/2020-wa-scl-west-zone/pairings>

Up-to-date School Leaderboards can be viewed at:

<https://sites.google.com/view/2020-wa-school-chess-league/leaderboards>

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