

## 2022 SCHOOLS CHESS LEAGUE FINALS

### Tournament Format

- Two divisions: Open Primary and open Secondary.
- Schools bring teams of 4 players.
- The event will be played with a team format.
- Schools must submit their team order prior to the start of the event, with the strongest player on board 1, second strongest on board 2, etc. These will be reviewed by the tournament organisers for accuracy.
- Schools may bring 1 reserve players to substitute in the team at their discretion. However, players must remain in the same order of playing strength, e.g. if a player from board 1 as substituted, the team's board 2 player moves up to board 1, the team's board 3 player moves up to board 2, etc.,.
- The team pairings will be decided by a Swiss system, with school seeding determined by the total number of SCL points accumulated throughout the year.
- The time control will depend on the number of teams entered, e.g., with 8 teams the control will be 15 minutes plus 2 seconds and with 4 teams the control will be 25 minutes plus 10 second increments.
- If there are insufficient teams in a division, that division will be run as around robin.
- This event is free.

### Scoring

- Players will score one (1) point for a win, a half point (1/2) for a draw and zero (0) for a loss.
- The team score for each round is the scores for all four players in that team added together.
- For each round, each team will play a match against another team. The winner of each match will be the team with the highest team score.
- Teams will score one (1) match point for a win, a half point ½ match point for a draw and zero (0) match points for a loss.
- If a team receives a bye, they will receive a half (1/2) match point.
- The team with the greatest number of match points in the final standings is declared the Champion.

### Ties

- If two or more teams score the same number of match points, the tie is broken as follows:
  - Total accumulated score for the competition.
  - If still tied, the results of the matches between the teams involved in the tie.
  - If still tied, the teams will have a playoff match with a time limit of 8min + 2sec increment, played with opposite colours to their first match.
  - If still tied, the teams will have a playoff match with a time limit of 3min + 2sec increment, with opposite colours again. This step is repeated until there is a winner.

## **Prizes**

- **1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> placed trophies for the top 4 scoring students from the top 3 schools.**
- **1<sup>st</sup> place trophy for the winning schools.**
- **Additional prizes may be awarded for outstanding individual performances.**
- **The top scoring Primary school will be awarded the title of 2022 Western Australian SCL Primary School champions.**
- **The top scoring Secondary school will be awarded the title of 2022 Western Australian SCL Secondary School champions.**
- **The winning school in each division qualifies to represent Western Australia in the 2022 Australian Schools Teams Finals.**

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