



The Otago Chess Club

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The 74th South Island Chess Championships

Including both Classical and Rapid play events

27th of September to the 1st of October 2023

At the Brydone Hotel, Oamaru



The 2023 South Island Chess Championships

27th to the 30th of September 2023.

Organised by: Quentin Johnson, 021 156 6789, otagochess@gmail.com
Oamaru players should contact: Greg FAMILTON, gregfam88@yahoo.com

Format: 8 round Swiss tournament, 2 games per day

Time Control: 90 minutes plus 30 seconds per move from move 1 (90|30)

| Entry Fees | Before 13 September | Late Entry after 13 September. |
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| Adult | \$90 | \$100 |
| Junior (U20 on 1 January 2023) | \$50 | \$60 |

Venue: The Brydone Hotel, 115 Thames Street, Oamaru.

Registration: Players must register in person or by text with organiser between 7:30am and the players' meeting at 8:30am on 27 September to be paired in the first round.

Schedule:

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| Registration | 7:30 a.m. | Wednesday, September 27 th |
| Players Meeting | 8:30 a.m. | Wednesday, September 27 th |
| Round 1 | 9:00 a.m. | Wednesday, September 27 th |
| Round 2 | 2:30 p.m. | Wednesday, September 27 th |
| Round 3 | 9:00 a.m. | Thursday, September 28 th |
| Round 4 | 2:30 p.m. | Thursday, September 28 th |
| Round 5 | 9:00 a.m. | Friday, September 29 th |
| Round 6 | 2:30 p.m. | Friday, September 29 th |
| Round 7 | 9:00 a.m. | Saturday, September 30 th |
| Round 8 | 2:30 p.m. | Saturday, September 30 th |

Ratings: The tournament will be NZCF-rated and FIDE-rated. NZ Master points awarded. For the purposes of pairings and grade prizes, NZCF standard ratings will be used. Where players do not have a published NZCF rating, the Chief Arbiter may assign a rating at his discretion. Please note that all NZ players must be registered with NZCF – unregistered players may register when entering or at the event for \$20. Non-NZ players must have a FIDE ID prior to entering.

Half-point byes: To give flexibility to chess enthusiasts combining the tournament with a holiday, any player may elect to take up to two half-point byes, to be taken no later than round four except that any NZ player who wishes to be eligible to win the South Island Championship title may only take one half-point bye. The Chief Arbiter must be informed before the end of the previous round or when entering for first round byes.

Pairings: Provisional pairings will be published as soon as possible after the preceding round. The arbiter will endeavour to finalise pairings 1 hour before play.

Prizegiving: At the venue as soon after Round 8 has been completed – approximately 7:30pm.

Prize Fund: \$1,750 minimum depending on entries

Eligibility: Open to entries from players of all nationalities.

The highest-placed South Island resident will be the 2023 South Island Champion.

Chief Arbiter: IA Craig Hall

The 2023 South Island Rapid Championships

1st of October 2023.

Organised by: Quentin Johnson, 021 156 6789, otagochess@gmail.com

Oamaru players should contact: Greg Familton, gregfam88@yahoo.com

Format: 6 round Swiss tournament

Time Control: 25 minutes plus 5 seconds per move from move 1 (25|5)

| Entry Fees | Before 13 September | Late Entry after 13 September. |
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| Adult | \$40 | \$45 |
| Junior (U20 on 1 January 2023) | \$25 | \$30 |

Venue: The Brydone Hotel, 115 Thames Street, Oamaru.

Registration: Players must register in person or by text with organiser between 8 am and the players' meeting at 9 am on 1 October to be paired in the first round.

Schedule:

| Sunday, October 1 st | |
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| Registration | 8:00 a.m. |
| Players Meeting | 9:00 a.m. |
| Round 1 | 9:15 a.m. |
| Round 2 | 10:30 a.m. |
| Round 3 | 11:45 a.m. |
| Lunch | |
| Round 4 | 1:45 p.m. |
| Round 5 | 3:00 p.m. |
| Round 6 | 4:15 p.m. |

Ratings: The tournament will be NZCF-rated and FIDE-rated.

Prizegiving: At the venue as soon after Round 6 has been completed – approximately 5:15pm.

Prize Fund: \$660 minimum depending on entries

Eligibility: Open to entries from players of all nationalities.

The highest-placed South Island resident will be the 2023 South Island Rapid Champion.

Chief Arbiter: IA Craig Hall

Entries

Please enter using the electronic entry form here: <https://forms.office.com/r/Xptmj1My98>

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.

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.

Payment should be made via internet banking to Otago Chess Club Inc 03-0905-0169820-00 – please include your surname and ‘South Island’ as references. Entries will be confirmed after payment is received.

Any questions can be directed to the organiser: Quentin Johnson, 021 156 6789, otagochess@gmail.com

Oamaru players should contact: Greg Familton, gregfam88@yahoo.com

Confirmed entries will be listed online at www.newzealandchess.co.nz in the Calendar section.

Accommodation

Hotel

The South Island Chess Companionship is being held at the Brydone Hotel
Special rates will apply for those staying at the Brydone for the duration of the tournament.

Bookings should be made under the group name SI Chess championships, #76955.
The room rate will be at a discounted rate of \$145.00 per room.

Individuals should contact the Brydone Hotel to book their room, quoting the above. They will take bookings at that rate up to a month before the tournament.

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| The Brydone Hotel | 115 Thames Street | 03 433 0480 |
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Motels

Closest to the Brydone Hotel

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| Bella Vista | 206 Thames Street | 03 434 2400 |
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| Alpine Motel | 285 Thames Street | 03 434 5038 |
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| Midway Motels | 289 Thames Street | 03 434 5388 |
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Backpackers

Closest to the Brydone Hotel

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| Empire Backpackers | 13 Thames Street | 03 434 3446 |
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| TOP 10 Holiday Park | 30 Chelmer Street | 03 434 7666 |
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Closest Airports

Either Dunedin airport (140 km south) or Timaru airport (96 km North).

Hire Plus Oamaru operate a shuttle service to take people to and from Oamaru and the airport. They state "We also offer a very affordable shuttle service to and from Dunedin, Queenstown, Timaru and Christchurch including the Airports and we can pick you up again when you get back. We can shuttle just one person or up to 32 with multiple shuttles available.

For more information or to make a booking, please call Trevor on 03 4345222 or 0275345222. We will go when you want to go and pick you up from wherever you are and drop you wherever you want to be dropped."

History

The South Island Chess Championships is one of New Zealand's premiere chess tournaments and has been held annually since 1950. In 2022 the tournament was held in Invercargill and attracted 73 unique players across the Classical and Rapid events, the largest field to date. Oamaru is proud to be the 2023 host and hopes that the numbers will increase again.

The South Island Chess Championships will be the first major chess tournament held in Oamaru since the town previously hosted the South Island Championships in 1957. The only other major chess tournament to be held in Oamaru being the New Zealand Chess Championships in 1905.

Disappointingly, in the 1905 Championships, the Oamaru representative finished 14th in a field of 14 players.

Tournament Regulations

NZCF and FIDE Rating: Tournaments will be NZCF-rated and FIDE-rated where possible

Pairings and Rating-Based Prizes: NZCF ratings will be used for pairings and rating-based prizes. ratings. Players without ratings may be assigned a rating by the Chief Arbiter. The most recently published rating lists will be used.

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. 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 South Island 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.

Covid-19: The 2023 South Island Chess Championships and 2023 South Island Rapid play Chess Championships will be played subject to any relevant Covid-19 legislation and or/guidelines which are in place at the time. These will be published once it is clear which, if any, legislation, and or/guidelines will be in place during the tournament dates.

Refunds: If a player withdraws prior to 13 September 2023, their entry fee will be refunded. If a player is removed from a tournament or otherwise unable to play or continue, after 13 September 2023, no refund will be paid. NZCF, The Otago 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.