

Croydon Chess Club 2023 – Information for prospective members

Overview of our Programs : Croydon Chess Club offers a fun and family-friendly environment for chess players of all ages and skill levels. While casual play is welcome (bring a friend !), most of our members prefer the formal structure of tournament play. Tournament play usually requires players to play touch move and use a timer. In Senior Club events games are recorded. While this may seem intimidating at first, it soon becomes second nature. We are happy to assist any new member with this.

Website : www.croydonchess.com Our website has club news, tournament results, calendars, links and Senior club games.

Meeting times: We only operate during school terms.

Junior Club - 6:15pm to 7:15pm every Thursday (mainly Primary school age)

Youth Club - 6:15pm to 7:15pm every Tuesday (mainly Secondary school age)

Senior Club - from 7:30pm every Thursday (Adults and capable juniors)

Beginners : We currently have beginners groups for younger juniors on both Tuesday and Thursday nights. We focus on this age group as they need support to learn the rules, acquire skills and develop good etiquette.

Older children and adults, who are beginners, are able to learn more independently. There are many books and online resources available for older children and adults to access – there is a list in the 'Learn chess' section of our website.

Coaching: We have a weekly tiered coaching program for our junior players (Junior Club & Youth Club) and occasional coaching nights for our senior players.

Tournaments: We have regular tournaments for our Junior and Adult players ranging from fun events, such as Blitz (all moves in 5 minutes), through to more serious events such as the Croydon Open. Most of our open Senior Club tournaments are ACF rated. Please see the Activity Calendars posted on our website for more details.

Venues: Currently (2023) our Club meets at the **Croydon RSL**.

Chess Library: We have a small but varied library of chess books and DVDs from which members are welcome to borrow.

Annual Club Membership (2023 fees to be confirmed at our Annual General Meeting)

For those joining in February:

- Adults \$70.00 (concession \$60)
- Under 18 --- \$60.00 for 1st child in a family
 - \$40.00 for 2nd child
 - additional children free

Fees for those joining later in the calendar year are pro-rata (by term) plus \$5.

Benefits of membership

Junior (under 18) membership allows free participation in our Junior and Youth Programs, and also in the Croydon Junior Open held during the first term school holidays. Juniors may also participate in any of our Senior Club events by paying the member's entry fee.

While membership allows participation in our Senior Program, there are small additional fees for entry into each tournament. If you only intend to enter one or two tournaments then you may be better off paying the non-member entry fee rather than joining and paying member's entry fees.

Senior Club ACF-rated Tournaments

We normally have 5 or 6 Classic rated tournaments each year. Member's entry fees range from \$10-\$25 depending on number of rounds (5 to 7) and whether cash prizes are offered.

Casual Play

-- \$5.00 / visit (first time free)

Joining

If you're thinking about joining the club, then please come along and talk to one of our Committee or our Coaches. The first night is free of charge. If you decide to continue, please seek out the Secretary or the Treasurer. You will need to complete a

[Membership Application](#) and pay the Membership fee.

It is preferable that any fees be paid to our bank account below, however the club treasurer or secretary will accept cash payment of fees, if necessary. A receipt will be issued on request.

Bank: Bendigo Bank, Mooroolbark
BSB: 633 000
Account Number: 133 628 222
Account name: Croydon Chess Inc.

When depositing, please include your name in the description so we can identify you.

Email: secretary@croydonchess.com