

Croydon Chess Club – Notice to Parents of Beginners Change of Night

To: Parents of children in our Beginners Groups - Croydon Chess Club
Subject: Beginners chess groups - change to Monday nights (6:15pm to 7:15pm)
Date: Emailed 26/2/23

Dear Parent,

We have found it necessary to make a significant change to our junior chess program which will affect you and your child(ren).

Beginning Monday 6th March, our Beginners groups, currently on Tuesday and Thursday nights, will move to Monday nights - same venue, same time.

From March, we are hiring the hall for an extra night per week which will allow us to extend our junior program over 3 nights per week and so provide a better learning and teaching environment for everyone involved.

In detail, the main reasons for the change are:

1. Our Beginner's Coach, Richard, will not be available on Thursday nights from the end of term 1. Currently, we don't have a replacement coach, so we would not be able to continue our Thursday Beginners group. This change will now enable all the beginners to continue with the same coach and be instructed at an appropriate skill level for the remainder of the year.
2. Our Thursday night Junior Club currently has close to 50 children attending (as well as many parents). In a hall with timber floors, this can be quite noisy and distracting. The change will spread the numbers over more nights and help to improve the learning environment for all the children.
3. Our Tuesday night Beginners group is a carry-over from last year when we had a number of beginners who we could not accommodate on Thursday night. But this has meant Richard giving his time on two evenings per week to teach the children. By moving both Beginners groups to Mondays, he will only have to attend one night per week, which will be a relief to him and his family. Also, our Youth group (for teenagers) is continuing to grow and we would like to devote Tuesday nights to that group.

Difficulties for families

We are hopeful that this change will not be a problem for most families affected. However, we understand that the change of night may not be possible for some. **If you have a problem with the change, please contact me (by email) to see if something can be done. If we cannot come to a satisfactory arrangement, please accept our apologies, the club will refund membership fees as appropriate.**

As always, we try to provide the best chess experience we can for children, at an affordable cost for families. We really hope you will be able to join our little group on Monday nights.

Could you please assist me and let me know whether you will be able to attend on Monday nights or not?

Regards,

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