

# Croydon Chess Club 2024 – 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](http://www.croydonchess.com) Our website has club news, tournament results, calendars, links and Senior club games.

**Meeting times:** We only operate during Victorian government school terms.

Beginners - 6:15pm to 7:15pm every Monday (mainly early Primary school age)

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 Monday nights. We focus on this age group as they need support to learn the rules, acquire skills and develop good chess 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 (Beginners, 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 (2024) our Club meets at the [Croydon RSL hall](#). The hall and surroundings are due for re-development over the next few years, so please check the News section of our website for venue changes.

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

## Annual Club Membership (2024 fees)

For those joining early in the year and paying direct to our bank account:

- \$60.00 Individual membership (child, student or adult)
- \$40.00 for the next family member under 18
- \$0 for additional family members under 18.

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

To reduce administration, it is best if all fees are paid direct to our bank account. If you wish to pay your membership fee in cash (we don't accept cheques or credit cards) then there will be a \$10 surcharge. A receipt will be issued on request.

Bank: Bendigo Bank, Mooroolbark

Account name: Croydon Chess Inc.

BSB: 633 000

Account Number: 133 628 222

Reference : *the member's name*

## Benefits of membership

Junior (under 18) membership allows free participation in our Beginners, Junior and Youth Programs, and also in the Croydon Junior Open held during the first term school holidays. Capable 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 Senior 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-\$20 depending on number of rounds (5 to 7) and sometimes whether cash prizes are offered. Games are published on our website.

## Casual Play & Senior Coaching

-- \$5.00 for visitors

## Joining

If you're thinking about joining the club, then please email the Secretary with details :

Name, date of birth, level of the club (Beginners, Juniors, Youth or Seniors)

You will be emailed a membership application and placed on a wait list. Please don't pay any fees until requested to do so.

**Email:** [secretary@croydonchess.com](mailto:secretary@croydonchess.com)