

Capital Chess Classic

Dates: Saturday 25 – Monday 27 October 2025

Format: 6-round Swiss, FIDE & NZCF-rated

Time Control: 90 minutes per player per game, with 30-second increment from move 1

Venue

Strathmore Park Community Centre (Te Tūhunga Rau)

108 Strathmore Ave, Strathmore Park, Wellington 6022

Organiser / Director of Play

The tournament is organised by **Wellington Chess Club**.

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Entry Details

- **Entry fee:** \$70
 - **Entries limited to 64 players.** Additional entries will be placed on a waiting list in case of withdrawals.
 - **How to enter:** Email gordon.lyall@outlook.com
 - **Payment:** Wellington Chess Club, a/c # 06-0582-00096726-000
 - Please include your **name** and **Classic** as the payment reference.
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Tournament Regulations

- **Ratings:** While the tournament will be FIDE-rated, pairings and rating-based prizes will be based on **NZCF ratings**. Players without NZCF ratings may be assigned a rating by the Arbiter.
- **Defaults:** Default time is **30 minutes** after the scheduled start of each round, per NZCF regulations.
- **Electronic devices:** Mobile phones and other electronic devices capable of suggesting moves are not permitted on a player's person during play. Devices may be stored in bags/jackets under the table or on the back of chairs, switched off, and silent. Breaches will normally result in loss of game. This includes smartwatches, but not standard analogue or

digital watches.

- **Half-point byes:** Players may request **one half-point bye** in any of the first four rounds. Requests must be made before the end of the previous round, or by email for round one.
 - **Access:** Only players and officials will be permitted in the playing hall.
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Schedule

Saturday 25 October

- Check-in: 8:30am – 9:00am
- Players' Meeting: 9:00am
- Round 1: 9:30am
- Round 2: 2:30pm

Sunday 26 October

- Round 3: 9:30am
- Round 4: 2:30pm

Monday 27 October

- Round 5: 9:30am
 - Round 6: 2:30pm
 - Prizegiving: After Round 6
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Prizes

(Assuming 64 entries, total prize fund: **\$1,000**)

Open

- 1st: \$300
- 2nd: \$200
- 3rd: \$100

Grade Prizes (based on ratings of entries)

- 1st: \$175
- 2nd: \$125
- 3rd: \$100

Prizes will be shared among players on the same score (no tie-breaks). Players may not win more than one open or grade prize.