



2026 New Zealand Women's Championship

28 – 30 August 2026

Hosted by the Auckland Central Chess Club for the 3rd consecutive year.

Format: NZCF and FIDE-rated 6-Round Swiss.

Organisers: Auckland Central Chess Club.

Arbiters:

Chief Arbiter: IA Ying Wang

Deputy Chief Arbiter: NA Lahiru Weligamage

Time Control: 90 minutes plus 30 seconds
increment per move added from move 1.

Venue: Orakei Community Centre
156 Kapa Road, Orakei, Auckland 1071

Prize Fund: \$ 2,600

1 st Place	\$800
2 nd Place	\$600
3 rd Place	\$400
4 th Place	\$200
Grade Prize 1	\$100
Grade or Special Prize 2	\$100
Seniors Over 50 (2 prizes)	\$200 x 2

Only one cash prize per winner.

Notes:

The highest-placed New Zealand player shall be the 2026 New Zealand Women's Chess Champion.

The outright winner (if applicable) will be offered the official NZL place at the Oceania Women's Zonal in Christchurch in January 2027 (must be an NZL FIDE registered player).

Entry Fee:

Standard Fee for all: \$100

Family & +50 years: \$90 (Discount of \$10 per person)

Registration Payment to:

Bank account name: Auckland Central Chess Club

Bank account number: 38-9020-0207616-00

Reference: PlayerFirstName + FirstLetterOfSurname

Vega Link:

[Vega - WCC 2026](#)

Note: Entries will be added to the Vega link within 3 days.

Entry Form:

Use the [Online Entry Form](#) or submit the following Entry Form to contact@aucklandcentralchessclub.nz.

Last Name*: First Name*:
 NZCF ID: FIDE ID:
 Date of Birth: (if no NZCF ID or FIDE ID)
 Email*: Mobile No*:

Note: Entries close at 12 noon on Aug 28, 2026.

Schedule:

Details	Date	Time
Opening Ceremony	Friday, 28 August 2026	6:00 pm
Players Meeting*	Friday, 28 August 2026	6:15 pm
Round 1	Friday, 28 August 2026	6:30 pm
Round 2	Saturday, 29 August 2026	9:00 am
Round 3	Saturday, 29 August 2026	2:00 pm
Round 4	Saturday, 29 August 2026	7:00 pm
Round 5	Sunday, 30 August 2026	9:00 am
Round 6	Sunday, 30 August 2026	2:00 pm
Closing Ceremony & Prize Giving	Sunday, 30 August 2026	6:30 pm

* Players should check-in by arriving at the venue by 6:15 pm or inform the Arbiter Lahiru 022 650 3547. Players who have not checked in by 6:15 pm may not be paired for round one.

Half-Point Bys are available in Round 1 only. Please inform the organiser at the time of registration.

Donations to the Women's Championship can be made to the Club directly.



WIM Entry Free:

One (1) free entry is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please contact the organiser.

Note: Entry fee will be deducted from the winnings of the player.

Seniors (+50) Entry Free:

Two (2) free entries are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please contact the organiser.

Note: Entry fee will be deducted from the winnings of the player.

Website:

Entries, pairings, and results will be available as on the NZCF website at www.newzealandchess.co.nz and ACCC website www.aucklandcentralchessclub.nz.

Rating:

The tournament will be NZCF-rated and FIDE-rated. NZCF standard ratings will be used for pairings and prizes. Where players do not have a published NZCF or FIDE standard rating, the Chief Arbiter may assign a rating at their discretion.

Note: All players (foreign players excluded) must be a member of the New Zealand Chess Federation.

See www.newzealandchess.co.nz for further details on how to become a NZCF Member. Foreign players must have a FIDE ID prior to entering. NZ players without a FIDE ID will be assigned one by FIDE (date of birth required).

Accommodation: Please contact the organiser.

Parking: Available at the Venue – FOC.

Volunteers: If you are available to volunteer at the venue, please contact the Organiser.

Photography & Media:

Please note, event photos, including photos of the players, will be captured for informational purposes. Media may be present.

Sponsors:

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Fair Play:

All fair play measures apply to avoid cheating. Toilets are provided on the same floor.

Contact Details:

Chief Organiser - Stuart Vogel 027 915 9805 | Asst. Organiser - Manoj Asrani 020 4017 4519



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