



New Plymouth Chess Club

2026 TARANAKI OPEN

RAPID PLAY CHESS TOURNAMENT

Sunday 20th September 2026

Venue: Vogeltown Bowling Club rooms, 26 Norman Street, New Plymouth.

Format: Six-round open Swiss tournament - 25 minutes + 5 seconds per move. Article A.5 of the Laws of Chess will apply. NZCF* and FIDE rated where possible. A FIDE ID is required.**

*You must be an NZCF member to participate – add \$5 to your entry fee if you are not an NZCF member for 2026.

**A FIDE ID will automatically be assigned to any NZL player who does not have one (requires NZ citizenship, a resident visa or permanent resident visa), and non-NZL players must have or obtain FIDE ID from their national federation.

Entry Fee: \$60 Adults, \$45 Juniors Under 20 yrs (add \$5 if you are not an NZCF member)

Club account for payment: **15-3942-0001596-00** (state “RAPID” for **Particulars** and give last name and initials as **Reference**).

Minimum Prize fund of \$1,500, with first prize of \$350

(85% of income after expenses will be paid as prizes with a Minimum Prize fund of \$1,500 and a first prize of \$350)

Timetable: PLAYERS ARE ASKED TO REPORT BY 9.40.

10.00 - 11.00	Round 1	12.30 - 1.30	Round 3	3.25 - 4.25	Round 5
	Morning Tea Break		Lunch Break		Afternoon Tea Break
11.20 - 12.20	Round 2	2.15 - 3.15	Round 4	4.45 - 5.45	Round 6

Prize giving will commence as soon as possible after the final round. Morning and Afternoon Tea will be provided.

Online Entries: [Link to Google Form](#) **Or by Email to:** chessclubnp@gmail.com

Complete, scan and send the entry form below or provide the same information in your email.



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Name Date of Birth

Phone Email

NZCF ID FIDE ID

Entries close: Thursday 17th September. Late entries (payment by cash only) will be accepted up to 9.30 am on Sunday 20th September on payment of additional Late Fee of \$10.