2020 Victorian Country Chess Championship

Promoted by the Victorian Rural Chess League

Sponsored by Geelong Short Stays

Dates	Saturday 5 and Sunday 6 December 2020
Venue	St Mary's Terrace Community Hub, 192 Myers St, Geelong.
Round Times	Saturday 5 Round 1 9.30 am Round 2 1.00 pm Round 3 4.00 pm Sunday 6 Round 4 9.30 am Round 5 1.00 pm Meeting 3.45 pm Round 6 4.00 pm A forfeit will be awarded if a player is 30 minutes late for a game
Covid 19 Safeguards and Restricted Entries	Given the current government Covid 19 restrictions on public gatherings for indoor events, there will be a maximum of 28 entries accepted. The event will be played in 2 separate rooms with tables spaced at appropriate distances and other Covid safe procedures will be in place. A Covid Safe Monitor will be appointed to ensure they are followed.
Entry Fees	$80 Adult $60 Concession Concession applies to Pensioners, Unemployed and Full-Time Students. Present concession card at the tournament. Payment can be made by EFT to the bank account of Ballarat Chess Club Inc BSB 182 512 number 963 263 561. If you decide to pay on the day at the event, then you may miss out due to Covid 19 restrictions on entries. If the event is cancelled due to Covid 19 then entry fees will be refunded.
Eligibility	The Victorian Country Chess Championship is open to all Victorian players whose main place of residence is outside a 50 km radius from the Melbourne GPO.
Entries & Inquiries	Given the Covid 19 restriction entries will be accepted in order from players who make payment by EFT to the bank account as detailed. Email entries to **kevinp@ppt.com.au** or **n.barrow@latrobe.edu.au** or post to VRCL at PO Box 500 Ballarat Vic 3353. Telephone Kevin Perrin on 0418 533 517 or Nigel Barrow on 0421 674 869 for inquiries.
Rate of Play	All moves in 60 minutes per player plus an increment of 30 seconds per move from move 1. All moves of each game should be recorded.
Half Point Bye	A player may request a single Half Point Bye in rounds 1 to 4. This must be done in writing, email or text message prior to the tournament or before the start of the previous round.
Prizes	All entry fees will be distributed in prizes after deduction of expenses in conducting the event. Prizes will be awarded to the first three players in the Championship and Reserve sections. If there is a tie for a title then joint champions will be declared and prize money divided equally. All players will compete in a single tournament. The prize pool will be allocated 75% to the Championship and 25% to the Reserve.
Reserve Champion	The title of Reserve Champion will be awarded to the leading player(s) in the bottom half of the field based on rating or seeding by the Arbiter.
Accommodation and Sponsorship	We appreciate the sponsorship of Geelong Short Stays and suggest that they be contacted for all accommodation requirements. Telephone 0407 711 707, email **accom.in.geelong@outlook.com** or visit their website at **www.geelongshortstays.com.au**
General	All games will be submitted for ACF rating through Chess Victoria. The Arbiter for the event will be Nigel Barrow. A players committee will be elected prior to the start of the tournament to review any appeal to a decision made by the Arbiter. We acknowledge the support of the Geelong Chess Club and thank them for hosting the championships.

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Entry Form

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