



2026 5th & 6th September

Great Barrier Reef Chess Open

6 Round Swiss ACF and QJ Rated

Where: Newman Catholic College Smithfield
James Cook University Campus (JCU),
Cairns

When: Saturday 5th September
Sunday 6th September

Time Control: 60 min plus 10 sec per move
Forfeiture Time: 30 minutes from the start of each round

PRIZES:

1st: \$750, 2nd: \$500, 3rd: \$250
Best Adult Female: \$250
Best Senior >65: \$250
Best Junior Female:
\$50 & Friends in the Rainforest pass
Best Junior Male:
\$50 & Hartley's Crocodile Adventures
pass

Chief Arbiter: Daniel Hudson
Enquiries: CairnsChess@gmail.com

Location: Newman Catholic College Smithfield
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Dates & Schedule: Saturday 5 September
Register: 0830, Round 1: 0900, Round 2: 1200, Round 3: 1500
Sunday 6 September
Round 4: 0830, Round 5: 1130, Round 6: 1430, Prizes: 1730

Time Control: 60 min plus 10 sec per move.
Forfeiture Time: 30 minutes from the start of each round.

Requirements: All QLD entrants must be a member of CAQ.
Interstate entrants should be a member of their own state association.
Overseas entrants must advise of their home country and provide their Australian Visa subclass number.
Parents should ensure children are supervised between rounds.

Byes: A maximum of two half point byes only will be permitted for rounds 1- 5.
Advise by email to CairnsChess@gmail.com prior to start of round.

Prize T&Cs: Players can win only one prize. Prize money is shared for ties.
Junior prizes are not shared and will be determined via tie break.
Tie break will determine the title of event winner.

Entry Fees: \$60 entry fee for adults, \$40 entry fee for juniors. Free entry for IM's, GM's, WIM's and WGM's.

How to Enter: Direct deposit the Cairns Chess Club bank account:
BSB: 633 000 Account Number: 201750007. Use your name as the reference. Email CairnsChess@gmail.com when paid with:
Name; Date of birth; Mobile number; Email; Chess organisation membership number if known (e.g. CAQ).

Entry Cap: Entries are capped at 70 players, with entries closing 12 noon Friday 4th September 2026.

Contact: CairnsChess@gmail.com

Food

Eating is not permitted in the playing hall. Campus Shopping Village is a 5 minute walk via the underpass or a 2 minute drive.

Transport

Approximately 20 minutes drive north of Cairns City Center. The event venue is right on the doorstep of the JCU bus station. Approx. 30 minute bus ride on route 110 or 111 between Cairns City and JCU bus station. Buses also head north to the Cairns' Northern Beaches suburbs.

Parking

Parking is permitted in the school's 'Stop, Drop and Go' zone on the event weekend. Closest free parking at JCU is zone P2