



CHESS ASSOCIATION OF QUEENSLAND INC

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CAQ Tournament Officer
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Call for Tenders: 2027 CAQ Tournaments

Dear interested parties,

The Chess Association of Queensland (CAQ) invites interested parties to tender for the rights to organise and conduct the following events:

- 1 **Queensland Reserves Championships**
- 2 **Queensland Open**
- 3 **Queensland Junior Championships**
- 4 **Queensland Junior Blitz Championships**
- 5 **Queensland Blitz Championships**
- 6 **Queensland Teams Championships**
- 7 **Queensland Seniors Championships**
- 8 **Queensland Championships**
- 9 **Queensland Womens and Girls Championships**

The rights will be issued for the 2027 year only, and will be subject to the following conditions:

- 1 Run according to the Chess Association of Queensland Tournament By-Laws*.
- 2 The tenderer must be able to demonstrate the ability to run the tournament to high standards, including but not limited to:
 - 2.a Providing a suitable venue, ideally including air conditioning and access to free water;
 - 2.b Suitable equipment, including clocks that can be changed as per FIDE laws of chess;
 - 2.c Suitably qualified arbiter(s) to ensure smooth running of the event; and
 - 2.d A plan for promotion of the event
- 3 Suitable prizes for each event
 - 3.a Any trophies must carry **only** the Chess Association of Queensland logo.
- 4 Submitted plan of events and budget to be approved by Chess Association of Queensland.
- 5 The CAQ will cover the costs of ACF and FIDE rating fees for the events, and events will be exempt from any CAQ fees.
- 6 Organisers must have a Child and Youth Risk Management Strategy that is current and valid; with all staff holding Blue Cards. Evidence of this must be provided to CAQ no later than one month prior to the event start date.
- 7 An advertising plan for the event must be submitted, with check-in updates required 3 months out, 2 months out, 1 month and two weeks out.
- 8 A tournament flyer must be submitted for addition to the CAQ website no later than two months prior to the event.
- 9 A list of arbiters for the event must be submitted to the CAQ by a month prior to the event. All players **MUST** be financial members of the CAQ by the start of Round 1. Failure to comply with this may result in the event not being rated, and financial benefits not being granted to the tenderer.

- 10 A report on the venue, addressing the various components of the tender must be submitted to the CAQ no later than one week after the event.

Should the CAQ be of the view that the tenderer will not meet their obligations in respect to running the event in the manner described in the tender document submitted to the CAQ, the CAQ reserves the right to:

- Withhold funding from the tenderer
- Withdraw the naming of the event (in the case of the QLD Open)
- Cancel the application of the tenderer, and re-award or re-tender for the event.

Priority will be given to affiliated clubs and organisations with an Australian Business Number.

*The Chess Association of Queensland reserves the right to amend the By-Laws as required.

Extra Information for each of the events:

1 Queensland Reserves Championships

No designated weekend for the event. The past 8 years have seen the event run in conjunction with the Gold Coast Tin Cup, in mid to late February. This event can also be run as a stand-alone event at another time. Please also read By-law changes relating to the QLD Reserves in covering email.

2 Queensland Open

No designated weekend. This event will often turn a regular weekender into the Queensland Open. For example, Queensland Open incorporating the Bundaberg Open. The Queensland Open has an extra \$500 funding allocated to it - specifically in order to boost the prize fund.

3. Queensland Blitz Junior Championships

No designated weekend. This event will often be run as a one-day event.

4. Queensland Junior Championships

This tournament is usually scheduled for the first week of Term 2 school holidays.

5. Queensland Blitz Championships

No designated weekend. This event will often be run as a one-day event. Run by ACE in 2025

6. Queensland Teams Championships

No designated weekend. This event will often be run as a one-day event.

7. Queensland Seniors Championships

No designated weekend. This event will often be run as a two-day event.

8. Queensland Championships

No designated weekend. This event has been run by Toowoomba Chess Club as part of the Byron Capital Darling Downs Open in 2025 and 2026.

9. Queensland Womens and Girls Championships

No designated weekend. Has been run by Somerville House for the last 3 events.

Successful tenders will be able to market their event as a CAQ Approved title event.

Those wishing to submit a tender for one or all of the events, should send in their submission to the CAQ Tournament Officer and copy to the Secretary, by 5 pm Friday 20 November 2026.

Tenders will be discussed at the next CAQ Council meeting held on the 6th December 2026.