



On behalf of the team at Chess Power I want to wish you a very warm welcome to the

# **Chess Power**

## **Champions Trophy 2021**

### **Chess Championship**

#### **OPEN**

This year has been extremely challenging and disruptive for everybody. Just six weeks ago we were still hopeful that we could hold the Team Nationals and the Champions Trophy as onsite events. We put a lot of effort into securing a new venue as the previously planned venue was no longer available. As we edged closer to the date and to our dismay it became very clear that an onsite event was not going to be safe due to COVID.

Fortunately last year we created online event options to cope with COVID concerns. So we were prepared and we could run everything online.

Thank you for adapting to changing plans amidst what could only be described as chaos. And mostly, thank you for supporting our tamariki and giving them the opportunity to enjoy a truly memorable and unique experience. We truly appreciate it.

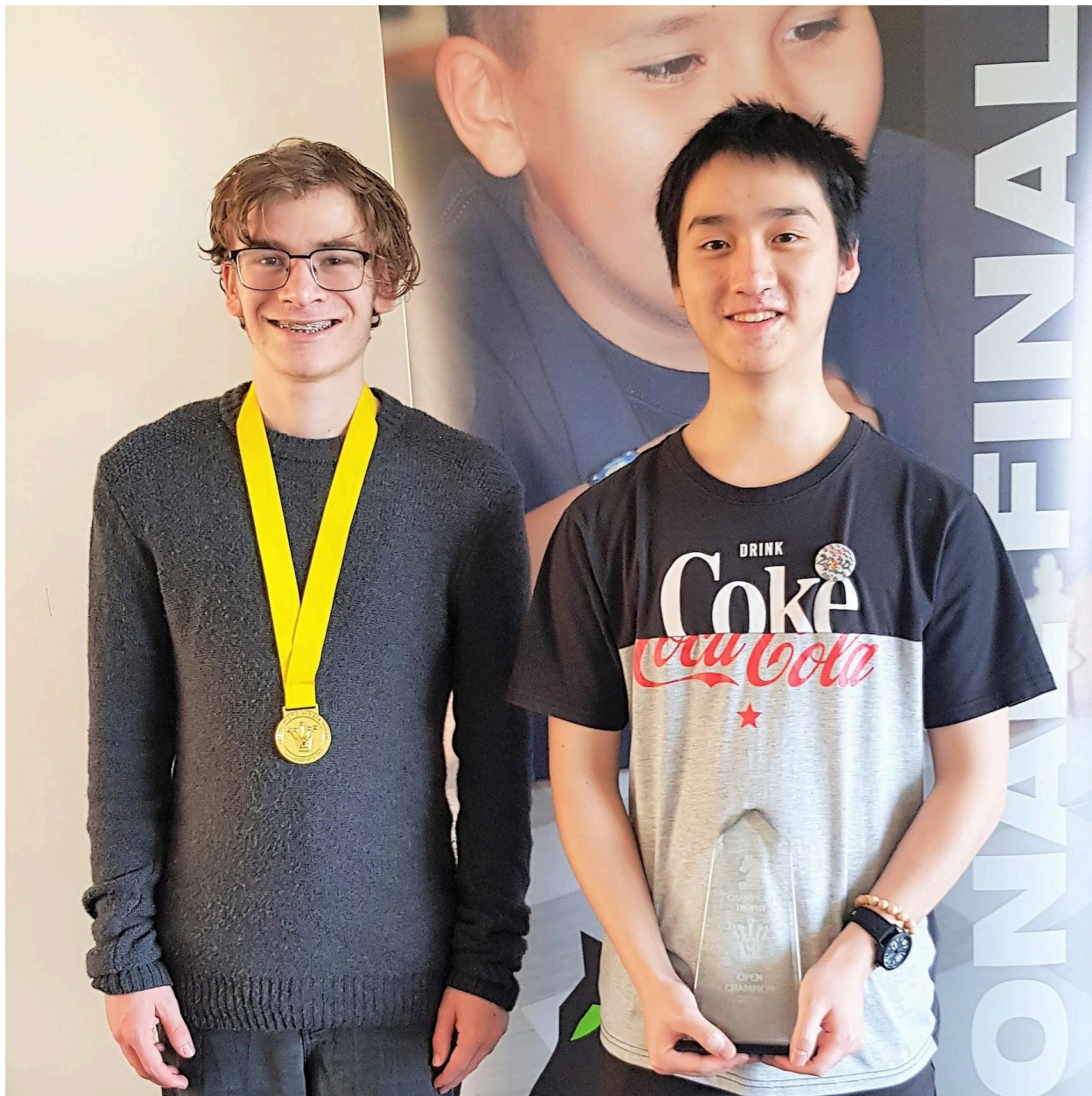
A link to this newsletter is also available on the [Chess Power Online Champions Trophy 2021 OPEN event page](#).

You can read the welcome letters for the other National events below:

[Online Team Nationals 2021 Junior & Intermediates welcome letter](#)

[Online Champions Trophy 2021 Junior & Intermediates welcome letter](#)

[Online Team Nationals 2021 Seniors welcome letter](#)



Onsite Champions Trophy 2020 OPEN Division Champions  
From left: JM Euan McDougall, JM Michael Lin (JM Rohit Mudaliar not pictured)

The top players in the Online Champions Trophy for 2020 OPEN were JM Saahir Saheb, Philip Brand and Alexandre de Maupeou d'Ableiges.

We have started to see some degree of certainty in this new COVID world and I am hopeful we can all enjoy a wonderful time with friends and family as the country re-unites without borders once more.

As I write, I am delighted to say we have **85 players** registered for this event. We are excited and can't wait for the event to start and see the ultimate individual battle with the best chess players across the country for 2021!

I wanted to give you some pointers about the day to help ensure everything runs as smoothly as possible for you.

## **DATE**

The date of the event is this **Thursday 16 December 2021**.

## **VENUE**

This event and prize-giving is being held online.

## **PARENTS/TEACHERS BRIEFING**

[A briefing for teachers, parents and players](#) covering both the Team Nationals and this event was held on Tuesday 14 Wednesday 6:30 - 7:30pm. We highly recommend you [view this briefing](#) to become familiar with how the event will run. The password is "Nationals2021!"

## **TECHNOLOGY**

There will be three main technologies you will be using.

1. Zoom for video, voice and chat.
2. Tornelo for checking in, playing your games, viewing others' games and viewing the standings
3. [Google drive](#) for entry forms and photos.

## **GOOGLE DRIVE**

All Team Nationals 2021 resources are on Google Drive. You can access them here.

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1LqI-HQ0NzbLdIG7QDW8L9xj9fzvsWb5L?usp=sharing>

## **NEW FAIR PLAY RULES**

We have [new rules for online events](#).

To help ensure the Champions Trophy is played fairly by everybody, we need to know which students will be playing on school premises. Students that are not participating at school premises have additional fair play requirements - see below.

All schools that will have students participating in the Champions Trophy on school premises will need to complete the [Students at School form](#). This form should be completed by the teacher in charge of the school chess team.

We also ask teachers to ensure students participating at school are playing fairly. Specifically this means, during game time, students are:

1. Not getting assistance from parents, teachers or other students
2. Not getting assistance from chess software

The main rule change that will affect this event is that any player participating in any environment other than school **will need to have a camera behind them**, connected to Zoom with video turned on. The camera should have full visibility of the whole player and the screens they are using.

## **You cannot get assistance from anyone or from any software during your game**

A player participating outside of school that doesn't have a video feed of their game play will **not be allowed to play**.

Our suggestions for this camera are:

- A web camera connected by USB cable to the main device used to play
- A mobile phone
- A tablet
- Another device

We highly recommend this device is powered. If that isn't possible, ensure it is fully charged and recharged between rounds. The back-camera's audio should be muted.

### **REPORTING SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY**

If you do notice suspicious activity where you feel a player might not be playing fair you can report it, confidentially through our [Suspicious Activity Report form](#). Only ChessPower staff will review the information you provide.

### **CHECKING YOUR TECHNOLOGY WORKS**

We recommend you check your technology is working correctly in the days leading up to the event. Here are some steps to check everything is working.

1. Click the Zoom link <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/6150964422> and download any required software
2. Once Zoom has started, click the small arrow next to the Mute button. In the popup menu, press Test Speaker & Microphone.
3. Check to make sure you can hear and your microphone is working

4. If you are required to have a back-camera, check the video is working and positioned so you are fully visible.

### ARRIVAL TIME AND CHECKING IN

From 7am on the morning of the event, you will be able to check-in to the tournament lobby. We recommend you aim to connect to Zoom no later than 8:00am to enjoy a stress-free arrival.

To check-in, go to the website

<https://tornelo.com/chess/orgs/nzjunior/events/chess-power-online-champions-trophy-2021--2/summary>

Watch this video to learn how to check-in and play your games. Sign in, and then click the Check-In checkbox.

Note if you are using a teachers email address to sign-in, you will need to click the grey man icon on top-right and click **Switch Active Profile** and **change your profile to your name**.

### CONNECTING

To connect to the audio/video feed for the event, click the Open Zoom Room button in Tornelo. Alternatively, you can use the following link <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/6150964422>. You do not require a login for Zoom and should join as an attendee.

### TECH SUPPORT

If you are having technical issues (such as problems with logging in on Friday morning), click the **Open Zoom room button** in Tornelo to open the Tech Support Zoom room. Here is a direct link to the Tech Support room <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/4250061935>.

If you cannot connect to the internet, please text Paul on **021 0271 5577** with the player's name and school. We can offer one half point bye for the current round.

### LATE ARRIVAL?

If you are going to be late, please text us on 021 0271 5577 with your school name, player names that will be late and expected time of arrival. We will give a half point bye for players that miss round 1 as long as you text ahead of time. Byes will not be available for later rounds.



## EVENT SCHEDULE

Each player will play 9 rounds of chess. The time control is 15 minutes per player. There is no bonus time.

8.30am *Guests connecting online*

9.30am *Opening Announcements*

10.00am Start Round1

10.35am Start Round2

### **11.00am MORNING TEA BREAK**

11.20am Start Round3

11.55am Start Round4

12.30pm Start Round5

### **1.00pm LUNCH BREAK**

1.30pm Start Round6

2.05pm Start Round7

### **2.30pm AFTERNOON TEA BREAK**

2.50pm Start Round8

3.25pm Start Round9

4.15pm *Fun Activity!*

4.30pm *Prize Giving*

5.30pm *Tournament Close and Farewell*

## FAIR PLAY, WHAT TO EXPECT AND TOURNAMENT RULES

We have put together a guide of [what to expect at the Online Champions Trophy](#) and the rules that will govern the event. There is detailed information on how to use Tornelo and Zoom and how the event will work. It is very important that you read this so you will be prepared for the event properly.

We want to stress the importance of **Fair Play**. Essentially this means that you cannot gain assistance during your games in any way. You can read more about how we protect players in the guide.

## TOURNAMENT PROGRESS

Results of games for all divisions will be recorded live and are available on the website

<https://tornelo.com/chess/orgs/nzjunior/events/chess-power-online-champions-trophy-2021--2/summary>

You can also use this link to see the other players that will be participating in your division.

As a parent, teacher or supporter, you can use this website link to:

- Watch games in progress
- View team standings
- View individual standings

## UNIFORMS

As this is an individual event, school uniforms are not required. Video for your back camera is required to be turned on at all times so people can see you. We recommend you come well dressed but also comfortable.

## PRIZES

### Trophies

The winning player in each division will be crowned the **Chess Power Champions Trophy OPEN Champion**. The trophy will be engraved and couriered to the winners.

### Junior Master Titles

The top individual player will receive the Junior Master title, a framed certificate and enter the **Chess Power Hall of Fame**.

### Medals

The top six (6) players overall will be awarded a top place medal.

The top players in the following age groups (below the overall division winner) will receive a special Champions Trophy age group medal.

- 14 and under
- 16 and under
- 18 and under

Medals will be couriered to the winners after the event. Note: Players will only be awarded one medal in the case they win both a place award and an age group award.

### Certificates

Each player will be sent an electronic certificate based on their final placing as follows:

- *Merit* 4 points or below
- *Credit* 4.5 or 5 points
- *Excellence* 5.5 or 6 points
- *Distinction* 6.5 points or more

### Special Awards

The Chess Power badge system will also be running throughout the event so you can earn and collect badges.

In addition, prizes will be awarded for the biggest upsets and the biggest rating gainers.

### **Fun Activities**

A bunch of fun activities are available during the event and you can win prizes for completing them! [View our Fun Activities page](#) for details on each activity and how to enter.

### **Supporter of the Year**

Each year we recognise a special individual that has supported chess in their school and community. The winner of the supporter of the year will be announced the day before at the Team Nationals Senior event prize giving.

### **Additional Activities**

Our expert Chess coaches will be analysing games throughout the day. If you want your game analysed just fill in the [Game Analysis Request form](#) and we will do our best to review your game during the day (subject to time constraints).

### **PRODUCTS**

A good selection of chess products will be available for purchase through the day including **chess sets, clocks, and cool stuff!** If you order on the day of Nationals you get **10% of everything!**

Just order online at [ChessCity.nz](#) and enter the special code "NATIONALS2021" when checking out. We will courier your products to you. You can pay via Credit Card or bank transfer.



## CLOSING NOTE

I personally wish you and your team the very best of success at the Champions Trophy OPEN 2021. I am confident you will be challenged at the highest level and will thoroughly enjoy a rewarding life experience.



The Chess Power team

Yours in Chess,

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'P. Macdonald'.

Paul Macdonald

CEO

Chess Power