



Official Queensland Interschool Teams Chess Championships, 2011

[includes all regions of Queensland]



Official state-wide competition in 2011

which is organised by **Gardiner Chess** on behalf of the **Chess Association of Queensland**.

Regional qualifiers participate in the state-wide finals in Brisbane over the weekend of 22 & 23 October. State-wide winners will qualify to represent Queensland at the official national titles run by the **Australian Chess Federation** in December 2011.

Interschool competitions

are open to players of all ages and abilities. There are no 'knock-out' competitions—players play in every round of a tournament, win, lose or draw. Each event is a stand-alone, and as many teams or part-teams as you wish may be entered for any of the tournaments in your region.

The 2010 State-wide Finals

were held at the Marymac Centre, Annerley. It was great to see virtually every region in Queensland represented at the finals, with 14 teams in the secondary competition and 24 teams in the primary competition.

Congratulations to the 2010 winners, who were:

Secondary Open—*Somerset College, Gold Coast*
Primary Open—*Kings Christian College, Gold Coast*
Secondary Girls—*Somerville House, Brisbane*
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Congratulations to the Regional winners, who were:

Secondary Open—*Aldridge SHS, Wide Bay South*
Primary Open—*St Thomas' Mareeba, Far North QLD*

The 2010 National Finals in Perth

Four Queensland teams made the long trip to Perth for the Australian Schools Teams Finals over the first weekend of December. The highlight of the event for Queensland was **Somerville House's** dominating performance in the Secondary Girls event as they ensured a return of the trophy to Queensland.

Kings Christian College finished third in the Primary Open, whilst **Somerset College** represented Queensland in Primary Girls (5th) and Secondary Open (5th).



Australian Secondary Girls winning team Somerville House!



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Benefits of Interschool Chess

Interschool Chess brings benefits to those children participating in the events. Whilst inherently improving their logical and creative thinking, children learn to interact with new people, to win and lose with sportsmanship, and to stand up for themselves. Participants will also develop confidence from representing the school, winning games, and receiving prizes. Most of all, students will HAVE FUN!

2011 Interschool Chess Calendar

Can be found in the schools section of our website. The calendar has all the dates and venue for each tournament. It is important to check the calendar regularly as changes may occur from time to time.

How to Enter

There are two methods accepted for entering an Interschool Chess Tournament. **First** of these, is to fill out the entry form which can be found at the Gardiner Chess webpage.

The **second** method is to use the online entry portal which can also be found via the website.

Both of these links can be found on our schools' page:

<http://www.gardinerchess.com/schools/2011/schoolspage2011.htm>

We suggest you bookmark this URL for future use for each time you want an update on anything to do with schools' chess.

Entry Fee

The entry fee approved by the **Chess Association of Queensland** is \$15 per player (including GST) for each one day event. This is invoiced to each school after each event. It is not necessary to send payment in advance. A discount of 10% applies to entries of 10 teams (40 students) or more for a one day event.

Chess products

Gardiner Chess supplies a complete range of chess products at very competitive prices. Each term Gardiner Chess produces a schools specials list. This is sent by fax to all schools. Details of products can be found at http://www.gardinerchess.com/products/chess_shop.htm.

Which region is your school in?

To find out which region your school is in, please look in 'school regions' in <http://www.gardinerchess.com/schools/2011/schoolspage2011.htm>

Registration

All teams **must** register before the day of the event - as per "How to Enter". On the day, the teacher or parent in charge of each school group should register their players' names at the main desk, giving any changes to the original pre-registration names.

Lunch

We do not have official lunch breaks at our tournaments. There is normally plenty of time between games to eat lunch. Students should bring their own packed lunch. At most events canteen facilities are available.

Information and Rules

For tournament information, including rules and regulations, copies of school newsletters, the 2011 chess calendar, interschool results, school regions and entry forms, please go to our schools' chess webpage <http://www.gardinerchess.com/schools/2011/schoolspage2011.htm>

Queensland Junior Ratings List

All results from the Interschool Competitions are sent to the Queensland Junior Ratings Officer for rating. The rating for a player is an indication of their playing strength in comparison with over 2,000 other players on the list. We have found that playing in Interschool chess events and having a rating are two of the biggest motivators for juniors playing chess. The ratings officer produces an updated list every two months. The full ratings list, the top five for each region and an explanation of how ratings work can be found at <http://www.gardinerchess.com/ratings/ratings.htm>.

Chess Coaching

Gardiner Chess provides ongoing chess coaching services to schools working with school staff to develop a chess culture within each school. This service is currently available in South East Queensland coast regions, Northern Rivers NSW, and through our franchisee in Cairns and Townsville metropolitan areas.



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