



125th New Zealand Chess Congress

Monday 1st January 2018 to Friday 12th January 2018

Copthorne Hotel Palmerston North, 110 Fitzherbert Avenue, Palmerston North.

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Events:

- ◆ **NOP** MillenniumHotels.com New Zealand Open Championship. 1st - 9th January 2018
- ◆ **NMO** New Zealand Major Open. 1st - 9th January 2018
- ◆ **NJO** New Zealand Junior Open . 2nd - 4th, 7th - 9th January 2018
- ◆ **PKO** Palmy Knights Open. 2nd - 4th, 7th - 9th January 2018
- ◆ **MRP** Manawatu Rapid. 5th - 6th January 2018
- ◆ **AGM** NZCF Annual General Meeting. 3rd January 2018
- ◆ **WBL** TAB Terrace End World vs NZ or TransTasman Blitz Match. 7.30pm, 5th January 2018
- ◆ **Banquet Dinner and Prize Giving.** 9th January 2018
- ◆ **NRA** D&D New Zealand Rapid Championship. 10th - 11th January 2018
- ◆ **NBL** New Zealand Blitz. 11th January 2018
- ◆ **GMS** GM Fabien Libiszewski Simultaneous in Town Square. 12pm to 3pm, 12th January 2018

Timetable:

Date (Jan 2018)	8.30am	9am	2pm	2.30pm	7.30pm
Mon 1 st			NOP, NMO	NOP, NMO	
Tue 2 nd	NJO, PKO	NJO, PKO		NOP, NMO	
Wed 3 rd		NJO, PKO		NOP, NMO	AGM
Thu 4 th		NJO, PKO		NOP, NMO	
Fri 5 th	MRP	MRP		NOP, NMO	WBL
Sat 6 th		MRP		NOP, NMO	
Sun 7 th		NJO, PKO		NOP, NMO	
Mon 8 th		NJO, PKO		NOP, NMO	
Tue 9 th		NJO, PKO		NOP, NMO	Banquet
Wed 10 th	NRA	NRA	NRA	NRA	
Thu 11 th	NRA	NRA	NBL	NBL	
Fri 12 th		GMS	GMS	GMS	

Tournament Details Summary:

Tournament	Eligibility	Format	Time Control	Prize Fund	Entry Fee
NOP	Open	9 rounds	90/40+30,30	\$5300, GP-S	Free, (W)GMs \$180, 2000+ \$200, 1500+ \$250, 1000+ \$350, rest
NMO	under2100	9 rounds	90/40+30,30	\$1400, GP-S	\$100
NRA	Open	9 rounds	25,5	\$1400, GP-1	\$60
NBL	Open	9 rounds	3,2	\$600	\$30
NJO	Junior	6 rounds	90,30	\$700, GP-1	\$50
PKO	Adults	6 rounds	90,30	\$700, GP-1	\$50
MRP	Open	6 rounds	25,5	60%	\$30
WBL	2 per team	Match	3,2		Free
GMS	20 players max	Simultaneous			\$50

Accommodation at Venue



Special rate of \$90.45 incl GST per night valid from 30th December 2017 to 13th January 2018.
Rate covers accommodation for one or two people, unlimited WiFi, and continental breakfast.

To book accommodation at special rate:

Visit Millennium Hotels website www.millenniumhotels.com select Cophorne Palmerston North, choose dates of stay, and enter code NZCHESS18 into the group/promo code section.

NOP MillenniumHotels.com New Zealand Open Championship. 1st - 9th January 2018



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**SUPER
Class
Event**

Eligibility: Open to all players who have FIDE ID.

Format: 9 round Swiss tournament, NZCF and FIDE rated where possible.

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an addition of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

Schedule:

Players meeting	2pm	Monday	1 st	January	2018
Round 1	2.30pm	Monday	1 st	January	2018
Round 2	2.30pm	Tuesday	2 nd	January	2018
Round 3	2.30pm	Wednesday	3 rd	January	2018
Round 4	2.30pm	Thursday	4 th	January	2018
Round 5	2.30pm	Friday	5 th	January	2018
Round 6	2.30pm	Saturday	6 th	January	2018
Round 7	2.30pm	Sunday	7 th	January	2018
Round 8	2.30pm	Monday	8 th	January	2018
Round 9	2.30pm	Tuesday	9 th	January	2018

Prizefund: 1st \$1,800 2nd \$1,000 3rd \$800 4th \$600 5th \$400 6th \$200

Tournament winner will be 2018 New Zealand Open Champion.

Top New Zealand players(s) will be crowned 2018 New Zealand Champion(s).

Outright New Zealand Champion is guaranteed selection for New Zealand Olympiad team.

An Outright NZ Champion is going to be guaranteed \$500 as their minimum prizefund.

Entry Fee:

GM and WGM titled	Free
FIDE rated 2000 and above	\$180
FIDE rated 1500 - 1999	\$200
FIDE rated 1000 - 1499	\$250
All Others	\$350

NMO New Zealand Major Open. 1st - 9th January 2018



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Eligibility: Open to all players rated below 2100 who have FIDE ID.

Format: 9 round Swiss tournament, NZCF and FIDE rated where possible.

Time Control: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves followed by 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an addition of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

Schedule: Same schedule as

NOP MillenniumHotels.com New Zealand Open Championship. 1st - 9th January 2018

Prizefund: 1st \$600 2nd \$400 3rd \$200
Plus 6x books or chess stock to a total value of \$200.

Top New Zealand players(s) will be crowned 2018 New Zealand Major Open Champion.

Entry Fee: \$100

NJO New Zealand Junior Open. 2nd - 4th, 7th - 9th January 2018



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**Class
One
Event**

- Eligibility:** Open to players under the age of 20 on 1st January 2018 and have FIDE ID.
Format: 6 round Swiss tournament, NZCF and FIDE rated where possible.
Time Control: 90 minutes with an addition of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.
Schedule:
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|-----------------|--------|-----------|------------------------------|
| Players meeting | 8.30am | Tuesday | 2 nd January 2018 |
| Round 1 | 9am | Tuesday | 2 nd January 2018 |
| Round 2 | 9am | Wednesday | 3 rd January 2018 |
| Round 3 | 9am | Thursday | 4 th January 2018 |
| Round 4 | 9am | Sunday | 7 th January 2018 |
| Round 5 | 9am | Monday | 8 th January 2018 |
| Round 6 | 9am | Tuesday | 9 th January 2018 |
- Prizefund:** 1st \$300 2nd \$200 3rd \$100
Plus 3x books or chess stock to a total value of \$100.
Entry Fee: \$50

PKO Palmy Knights Open. 2nd - 4th, 7th - 9th January 2018



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**Class
One
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- Eligibility:** Open to players over the age of 20 on 1st January 2018 and have FIDE ID.
Format: 6 round Swiss tournament, NZCF and FIDE rated where possible.
Time Control: 90 minutes with an addition of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.
Schedule: Same schedule as

NJO New Zealand Junior Open. 2nd - 4th, 7th - 9th January 2018

- Prizefund:** 1st \$300 2nd \$200 3rd \$100
Plus 3x books or chess stock to a total value of \$100.
Entry Fee: \$50

MRP Manawatu Rapid. 5th - 6th January 2018

- Eligibility:** Open to all players who have FIDE ID.
Format: 6 round Swiss tournament, NZCF and FIDE rated where possible.
Time Control: 25 minutes with an addition of 5 seconds per move starting from move one.
Schedule:
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|-----------------|---------|----------|------------------------------|
| Players meeting | 8.30am | Friday | 5 th January 2018 |
| Round 1 | 9am | Friday | 5 th January 2018 |
| Round 2 | 10.15am | Friday | 5 th January 2018 |
| Round 3 | 11.30am | Friday | 5 th January 2018 |
| Round 4 | 9am | Saturday | 6 th January 2018 |
| Round 5 | 10.15am | Saturday | 6 th January 2018 |
| Round 6 | 11.30am | Saturday | 6 th January 2018 |
- Prizefund:** 60% of entry fees would be paid out as prizes.
Entry Fee: \$30

NRA D&D New Zealand Rapid Championship. 10th - 11th January 2018



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**Class
One
Event**

Eligibility: Open to all players who have FIDE ID.

Format: 9 round Swiss tournament, NZCF and FIDE rated where possible.

Time Control: 25 minutes with an addition of 5 seconds per move starting from move one.

Schedule:

Players meeting	8.30am	Wednesday	10 th January 2018
Round 1	9am	Wednesday	10 th January 2018
Round 2	10.15am	Wednesday	10 th January 2018
Round 3	11.30am	Wednesday	10 th January 2018
Round 4	1.30pm	Wednesday	10 th January 2018
Round 5	2.45pm	Wednesday	10 th January 2018
Round 6	4pm	Wednesday	10 th January 2018
Round 7	9am	Thursday	11 th January 2018
Round 8	10.15am	Thursday	11 th January 2018
Round 9	11.30am	Thursday	11 th January 2018

Prizefund: 1st \$500 2nd \$300 3rd \$200

Two \$100 Grade prizes.

Plus 6x books or chess stock to a total value of \$200.

Top New Zealand players(s) will be crowned 2018 New Zealand Rapid Champion.

Entry Fee: \$60

NBL New Zealand Blitz. 11th January 2018

Eligibility: Open to all players who have FIDE ID.

Format: 9 round Swiss tournament, NZCF and FIDE rated where possible.

Time Control: 3 minutes with an addition of 2 seconds per move starting from move one.

Schedule: Players meeting 2pm Thursday 11th January 2018

All rounds commencing as soon as possible

Expected finish 5.30pm Thursday 11th January 2018

Prizefund: 1st \$250 2nd \$150 3rd \$100

Plus 3x books or chess stock to a total value of \$100.

Top New Zealand players(s) will be crowned 2018 New Zealand Blitz Champion.

Entry Fee: \$30

WBL TAB Terrace End World vs NZ or Trans Tasman Blitz Match. 7.30pm, 5th January 2018

Venue: Copthorne Lounge. All are welcome to watch.

Eligibility: 2 non-NZL players versus 2 NZL players .

Format: Match.

Time Control: 3 minutes with an addition of 2 seconds per move starting from move one.

Entry Fee: Free

Nibbles are free of charge for guests in the bar watching the match.

Banquet Dinner and Prize Giving. 9th January 2018

Venue: Millennium Copthorne main restaurant.

Schedule: 7.30pm onwards.

Format: Buffet style dinner.

A traditional Kiwi style roast dinner with 2 meats – Champagne ham with either a roast lamb or roast beef, accompanied with traditional roast vegetables, salads, desserts, etc.

Price: \$30 per person.

GMS GM Fabien Libiszewski Simultaneous in Town Square. 12pm to 3pm, 12th January 2018

Venue: Palmerston North Square.

Eligibility: First 20 players registered. List of players will be published online.

Format: Simultaneous match. GM versus 20 players.

Entry Fee: \$50.

Event Information, Rules, and Regulations

- All tournaments NZCF & FIDE rated where possible.
- Non-NZL players must have FIDE ID issued by their chess federation.
- Entries to all tournaments need to be submitted and paid by 1st December 2017. Late entry fees apply after that date. No new entries accepted from day a tournament starts.
- No player may claim more than one monetary prize per tournament.
 - In the event of a tie, prize money will be shared.
 - Players eligible for multiple prizes would receive the highest monetary value prize only.
- Championship titles (eg. NZ Champion) will be awarded jointly where permissible.
- Ratings to be used are prioritised in the following order:
 1. FIDE ratings.
 2. NZCF ratings.
 3. National ratings of other countries.
- Tournament administration and pairing software used is Vega.
- Tiebreaks utilised for indivisible non-monetary prizes in accordance with: FIDE Competition Rules. Annex 3: Tie-Break Regulations. G. (c)
 1. Direct Encounter.
 2. The greater number of wins.
 3. The greater number of games with Black.
 4. Buchholz Cut 1.
 5. Buchholz.
 6. Sonneborn-Berger.All are calculated and sorted according to Vega's system.
- Default time for all tournaments is 30 minutes.
- Appeals.
 1. The Appeals Committee is Chaired by the Chief Organiser.
 2. The Chief Organiser will appoint the remaining two members of the Appeals Committee.
 3. If required, the Chief Organiser may appoint replacement members of the Appeals Committee.
 4. A player may appeal against the decision of an arbiter.
 5. Appeals must be lodged in writing before the end of a round with an appeal fee of \$100 that would not be refunded unless the appeal is successful.
- Tournament Officials:
 1. Chief Organiser FM Mark Noble
 2. Deputy Organiser CM Jack James
 3. Chief Arbiter IA Keong Ang
 4. Deputy Arbiter FA Martha Calitz
- Tournaments with less than 20 players may be merged with a tournament in the same time slot. Tournaments that may be affected:
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- All tournaments are hosted by the Manawatu Knights Chess Club (manawatuknightschessclub.blogspot.co.nz) on behalf of the New Zealand Chess Federation.
- **More information and updates available from newzealandchess.nz/2018/congress.html**

Entry Form

Club account for payment: **01-0755-0222242-00** (state name & "Cngrs")
Email entries to: Mark Noble <manawatuknights@xtra.co.nz>
Mark Noble <xn7223@paradise.net.nz>
Make cheques payable to: **Manawatu Knights**
Entries by post to: Mark Noble, 101 Sherwill Street West, Feilding 4702, New Zealand.

Name:	_____	NZCF/FIDE ID (if known):	_____
Address:	_____	Total Entry Fee(s):	\$ _____
Email:	_____	NZCF Registration Fee:	\$ _____
Phone:	_____	Donation towards costs:	\$ _____
Date of Birth:	_____	TOTAL:	\$ _____

Tournaments Entered:

To Select

<input type="checkbox"/>	NOP	MillenniumHotels.com New Zealand Open Championship. 1st - 9th January 2018
<input type="checkbox"/>	Free NOP	GM or WGM titled only
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$180 NOP	FIDE rated 2000 and above
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$200 NOP	FIDE rated 1500 - 1999
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$250 NOP	FIDE rated 1000 - 1499
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$350 NOP	All Others
OR		
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$100 NMO	New Zealand Major Open. 1st - 9th January 2018

<input type="checkbox"/>	\$50 NJO	New Zealand Junior Open . 2nd - 4th, 7th - 9th January 2018
OR		
<input type="checkbox"/>	\$50 PKO	Palmy Knights Open. 2nd - 4th, 7th - 9th January 2018

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\$20 NZCF Registration fee if not paid in 2017.
Foreign players who are not New Zealand citizens or residents are not required to pay this fee.

\$20 Late entry fee if not paid by 1st December 2017. No entries accepted from day a tournament starts.

No Entry will be considered accepted until payment is received. All entries will be confirmed by Email and listed online.