



## METRO SOUTH SCHOOLS CHESS LEAGUE REGISTRATION 2026

Registration link: <https://forms.gle/4GcfirFLf7BKbo5s6>

Closing date for registration & payments: **27 March 2026**

Join **Whatsapp** group for communication:

- ❖ Primary School: [https://chat.whatsapp.com/BCrG8hm4FUBELpsAgbCFZS?mode=gi\\_t](https://chat.whatsapp.com/BCrG8hm4FUBELpsAgbCFZS?mode=gi_t)
- ❖ High School: [https://chat.whatsapp.com/EVnDRk3HYQ6l0J5jVVgHak?mode=gi\\_t](https://chat.whatsapp.com/EVnDRk3HYQ6l0J5jVVgHak?mode=gi_t)

Registration fee per school: **R600**

### **BANKING DETAILS:**

Account Name: Western Province Schools Chess

Account Number: 62 33 55 43 204

Account Type: Cheque

Bank: First National Bank

Branch: Parow

Bank Code: 200510

Reference: District-School Name: **e.g. South-Heathfield High**

Email proof of payment to: [districtsouthschoolsches@gmail.com](mailto:districtsouthschoolsches@gmail.com)

## LEAGUE REGULATIONS

### **GENERAL**

- Schools will be categorized into Primary School and Secondary/High School groups, with each group assigned its own coordinator per district. Results must be submitted to the respective league coordinators for each group.
- Each group will then be subdivided into clusters of six (6) or fewer schools, based on the circuit the school belongs to and the age group teams available.
- Schools within each cluster will compete in a round-robin format to determine the top-performing schools for the circuit, which will qualify for the Metro South Top Schools in term 3.
- The winners of the Metro South Top Schools will represent the Metro at the Western Cape Top Schools taking place in August/September 2026 (to be confirmed).



## AGE GROUPS

- **Primary School teams**

- Under-7 Mix Team: Boys/girls born 2019 & later
- Under-7 Girls Team: Girls born 2019 & later
- Under-9 Mix Team: Boys/girls born 2017 & later
- Under-9 Girls Team: Girls born 2017 & later
- Under-11 Mix Team: Boys/girls born 2015 & later
- Under-11 Girls Team: Girls born 2015 & later
- Under-13 Mix Team: Boys/girls born 2013 & later
- Under-13 Girls Team: Girls born 2013 & later

- **High School teams**

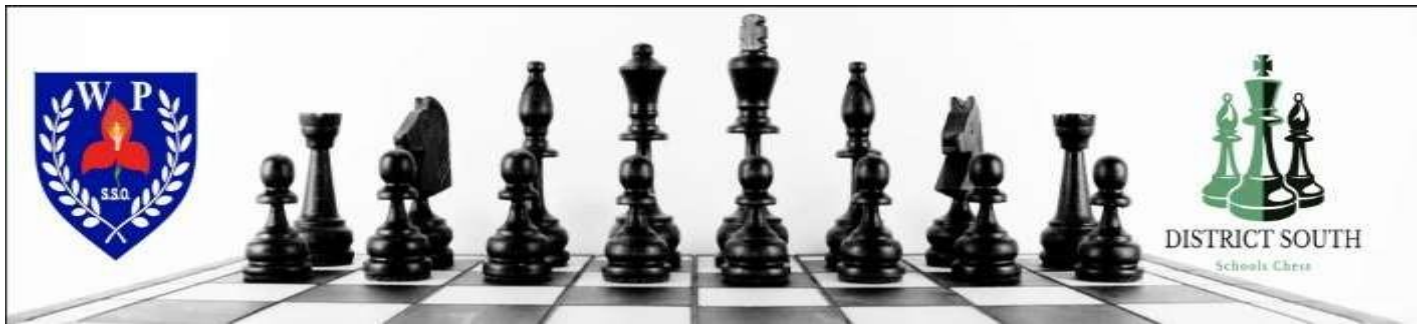
- Under-15 Mix Team: Boys/girls born 2011 & later
- Under-15 Girls Team: Girls born 2011 & later
- Under-17 Mix Team: Boys/girls born 2009 & later
- Under-17 Girls Team: Girls born 2009 & later.
- Under-19 Mix Team: Boys/girls born 2007 & later
- Under-19 Girls Team: Girls born 2007 & later

• **A player must remain at a specific age for the entire duration of the year to qualify to play in that age group.**

**Example: Under-9 players may NOT turn 10 during the year. Even if they are 9 years old for the duration of the league, if they turn 10 during the year, they will be considered Under-11.**

## TEAM FORMAT

- A team shall consist of 6 ranked players, with at least 4 players required to be present at each match. Players must fill the boards from number 1 downwards. Absent players will forfeit their points. Reserves are mandatory at Provincial and National levels.
- All team members must be enrolled at the specific school.
- Open Teams, meaning they are not restricted by age or gender, but must adhere to a maximum age limit.
- Players must remain in the same team they played for during the qualifying leagues for Top Schools. For example, if Under-11 players played in the Under-13 team during the league in the second term, those players cannot move back to the Under-11 team for the Top Schools playoffs.
- Players **turning 14 years old during the year** cannot play for the **Under-13 team**. They may play for the high school they applied to, but this requires permission from the principal. The player must also attend all practice sessions and playoffs at the high school.
- High School Teams: All players must be 19 years or younger and may not turn 20 during the year.



## MATCH CONFIRMATION

- **Match Days:** All matches must be played on a **FRIDAY**. The away team must confirm the fixture or arrange an alternative date at least one week in advance.
- **Postponements:** A school requesting a postponement must consult with the opposing school to agree on a new date. The district coordinator must be notified via email if a match is postponed.
- **Rescheduling:** Matches may be rescheduled to a different day of the week if both teams agree.
- **Abandoned Matches:** Forfeited games will be treated as defaulted matches, with points recorded as +/- instead of 6-0
- **Additional Teams:** Schools may arrange additional teams by mutual agreement. All match results must be submitted, with a clear distinction if a B team participated (e.g., two Under-13 teams).

## MATCH RULES

- Only 'A' teams are eligible to qualify for the playoffs.
- The duration of a league match is 1 hour (60 minutes), with each player having 30 minutes (30:30).
- The home team's board one players will play with the white pieces.
- The visiting team must inform the home team of their expected arrival time. If a team fails to arrive within 30 minutes after the expected time and has not notified or made arrangements with the opponent, the home team can claim the match (+/-).

**All FIDE rules will be applied as this is a qualifying event for Western Cape Top School.**

## REGULATIONS

### CLOCKS

- The use of clocks in the league is not mandatory; however, they must be permitted if a player or school provides their own clocks.
- It is however advised that players and schools who have clocks must bring their clocks since games are 60 min. This prevents unfair game decisions. Even 1 or 2 clocks for last 10 min. Please advise your players to bring their own clocks. Announce at the beginning of the match if and when clocks will be used.
- Where players are totally unfamiliar with clocks, the supervisor must advise and assist the player on how to use it.

### ENDING OF GAMES WHEN TIME RUNS OUT

- If no clocks are available, the teachers/coaches from both schools must agree in advance on how to handle game decisions when time is running out. The chosen method considered, must be mutually agreed upon, and clearly communicated to the players.
- Alternatively, a clock can be set for the final 10 minutes (5 minutes per player). Players must be informed of this arrangement before the match. If no checkmate is achieved within this timeframe, the agreed-upon rule will apply.



### ILLEGAL MOVES

- In the event of an illegal move, the player must be promptly informed, and the touch-move rule should be applied; the game should then continue. Once a player makes two illegal moves, the game will end, and the point will be awarded to the opponent.

### DRAWS

- Stalemate
- Threefold repetition
- 50 Move rule
- Insufficient material:
  - a King and a Bishop against a King
  - a King and a Knight against a King
  - a King against a king

## RECORDING & SUBMISSION OF RESULTS

- All results must be clearly recorded during the match by both schools on the prescribed results form for 2026, including the full details of each player (i.e. name, surname and date of birth).
- Both schools should sign and retain a copy of the prescribed results form for 2026.
- The result for each match must be submitted before 17:00 on the Monday following the match via the following Google Form:  
<https://forms.gle/yWJQES8NHfjghzFC7>
- An image or scan of the signed results form must also be uploaded to the above Google Form. If you are unable to upload the image or scan, please email this to [districtsouthschoolsches@gmail.com](mailto:districtsouthschoolsches@gmail.com)
- Failure to submit the result and upload/email the result sheet will result in a score of 0-0 being awarded.
- Match results and league standings will be posted on Chess Results. The links will be posted on the above WhatsApp group.

## CODE OF CONDUCT

- School rules are applicable during league matches.
- Learners are required to wear their school attire.
- Players and managers must demonstrate courtesy, respect towards their opponents, and uphold good sportsmanship at all times.

## LEAGUE DATES

- Primary Schools:

Match Day 1	17 April 2026	Match Day 4	22 May 2026
Match Day 2	08 May 2026	Match Day 5	29 May 2026
Match Day 3	15 May 2026	Spare Match Day	05 June 2026

- High Schools:

Match Day 1	17 April 2026	Match Day 4	22 May 2026
Match Day 2	08 May 2026	Match Day 5	29 May 2026
Match Day 3	15 May 2026	Spare Match Day	05 June 2026

- All matches must be completed by Friday, 05 June 2026.

## LOC

Metro South League Coordinators		Cell no	Email address
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