



## Metro North Schools Chess Term 2 League Registration 2026

Registration link: <https://forms.gle/ucS2fcLpa9N7QeY67>

**Closing date for registration and payment: 27 March 2026**

Registration fee: **R600 per school**

EFT to:

**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 and School Name: e.g. NORTH Welgemoed

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

To confirm your school is in Metro North, click link below and search for your school:

<https://wcedemis.westerncape.gov.za/wced/findaschool.html>

## COMMUNICATION

Kindly join  **WhatsApp** Group for communication:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/BvSicjWeVqvJ7o1nkBFOWn>

## LEAGUE RULES 2026

- Schools will be divided into Primary School and Secondary/High School groups.
- Each district will then be divided into groups of 6 (six) or less schools each. This will be based on the circuit that the school is in, and the age group of teams available and the geographical location of the school.
- These schools will play a round-robin to determine the top schools for the group that will be invited to the Metro North Top Schools in term 3 (dates to be confirmed).
- The winners of the Metro North 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 mixed team (boys/girls born 2019 and later)
  - Under 7 girls team (girls born 2019 and later)
  - Under 9 mixed team (boys/girls born 2017 and later)
  - Under 9 girls team (girls born 2017 and later)
  - Under 11 mixed team (boys/girls born 2015 and later)
  - Under 11 girls team (girls born 2015 and later)
  - Under 13 mixed team (boys/girls born 2013 and later)
  - Under 13 girls team (girls born 2013 and later)
- High School teams
  - Under 15 mixed team (boys/girls born 2011 and later)
  - Under 15 girls team (girls born 2011 and later)
  - Under 17 mixed team (boys/girls born 2009 and later)
  - Under 17 girls team (girls born 2009 and later)
  - Under 19 mixed team (boys/girls born 2007 and later)
  - Under 19 girls team (girls born 2007 and later)

Example: u 9 players may not turn 10 during the year – even if they are 9 years old during the 2<sup>Nd</sup> term, but turn 10 at the end of the year they are under 11

## TEAM FORMAT

- A team consists of 6 **ranked players**. At least 4 players must be present at each match. Players must fill the boards from number 1 downwards. Absent players will forfeit the points.
- Players may only play for one team during the league (i.e. a player may not play for the under 11 girls team and under 11 mix team or the under 11 mix team and under 13 mix team)
- 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 can play for the high school they applied for. NB: this must be with the permission of the principal of the High School, the player must also attend all practice sessions and play offs 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. Results do not need to be submitted for B teams or friendly matches.

## MATCH RULES

- Only 'A' teams can qualify for Metro North Top Schools 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 remaining boards are set alternating between black and white (i.e. board 2 is black, board 3 is white, etc.).
- 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.

### 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 Knight against a King
  - a King and a Bishop against a King
  - a King against a King

### 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.

### OPTIONAL

- Notation is optional.
- Refreshments are optional.

## 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/9ittcz9mDK8vrmps5>

- 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 [metronorthchairperson@gmail.com](mailto:metronorthchairperson@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

- Schools' rules apply during league matches.
- Learners must wear school attire.
- Players and managers must please show courtesy and 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.

## ENQUIRIES

League Coordinator:		Cell no:	Email address:
Primary School:	Renee Prins	069 100 4781	<a href="mailto:chessnorthpslc@gmail.com">chessnorthpslc@gmail.com</a>
High School:	Perry Bellos	060 798 5220	<a href="mailto:p.bellosmetrochess@gmail.com">p.bellosmetrochess@gmail.com</a>