

# **RICHMOND JUNIOR CHESS CLUB**

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Dear Parents, Children and Tournament Players,

We are pleased to inform you of the Club's plans for the coming year.

## **Saturday afternoons**

The club will be open every Saturday afternoon during term time at the ETNA Centre, with the session running from 14.00 to 17.00, led by James Coleman and myself. Our aim will be to provide an educational, stimulating and enjoyable experience through a mixture of coaching and playing activities. The session will be suitable for children of all ages, but participants should know the rules of the game and be playing regularly either at school or at home to obtain the maximum benefit. Additional coaches will be available depending on numbers.

We recognise that a 3-hour session can be quite demanding, particularly for younger children. We take a relaxed attitude to time-keeping, so please feel free to arrive a bit later or leave a bit earlier. As a rough guide, the first hour is usually devoted to coaching, the second hour to playing a serious game, and the final hour to fun activities.

The first meeting of the club this academic year will be on **Saturday September 6<sup>th</sup> 2008**. Our dates will be as follows:

<b>Autumn Term:</b>	<b>September 6<sup>th</sup> 2008 to December 13<sup>th</sup> 2008</b>
<b>Spring Term:</b>	<b>January 10<sup>th</sup> 2009 to March 28<sup>th</sup> 2009</b>
<b>Summer Term:</b>	<b>April 25<sup>th</sup> 2009 to July 11<sup>th</sup> 2009</b>

In addition, we intend to run two **blitz tournaments** each term, on Saturday mornings. Marie Gallagher will be the main organiser. The dates will be confirmed in due course, but are likely to be as follows:

<b>Autumn Term:</b>	<b>September 27<sup>th</sup> 2008 and December 13<sup>th</sup> 2008</b>
<b>Spring Term:</b>	<b>January 31<sup>st</sup> 2009 and March 14<sup>th</sup> 2009</b>
<b>Summer Term:</b>	<b>May 16<sup>th</sup> 2009 and June 20<sup>th</sup> 2009</b>

Fees for the Saturday afternoon sessions will be **£160 for the whole year, or £80 per term, or £10 per session**. Participation in the blitz tournaments will incur an additional fee.

## **Tuesday evenings – Richmond Junior Chess Club at Twickenham Prep School**

We recognise that Saturday afternoons is far from ideal for everyone, so we will be running additional club sessions on Tuesday evenings during the Autumn term, and hopefully in the Spring and Summer terms as well.

These sessions will take place at: **Twickenham Prep School, Beveree, 43 High Street, Hampton, Middlesex TW12 2SA**. The club is grateful for the considerable support we have received from Twickenham Prep School in setting up this venture.

Each session will be divided into two groups, one for **Advanced** players and the other for **Improvers**. Admission to the Advanced group will be limited to children who are regularly taking part in competitions and will be aimed at helping these players advance to a level of at least 100 grade. Children attending the Improvers group should once again know the rules and be playing regularly. The Advanced group will run from 18.00 to 19.30 and the Improvers group from 17.30 to 19.00.

The dates will be: **September 9<sup>th</sup> to December 9<sup>th</sup>, except for a half term break on October 21<sup>st</sup> and October 28<sup>th</sup>.**

Fees for the Tuesday evening sessions will be £60 for the Autumn term.

### **Competitions**

One of the highlights of the 2007/08 season was winning the Under 9 section of the English Primary School (EPSCA) competition.

**In 2008/09 we will again enter Under 9 and Under 11 teams in the EPSCA event.** A number of children who played for our Under 11 team in 2007/08 are now too old to compete in this event, so **we are considering entering the Southern Counties Chess Association (SCCU) Under 14 competition.** More details on this can be found on the web site [www.sccu.ndo.co.uk/jun.htm](http://www.sccu.ndo.co.uk/jun.htm).

The club still maintains connections with the Richmond Rapidplay tournaments and would encourage all club members to consider playing in these events. More details can be found at [www.surreyrapidchess.org](http://www.surreyrapidchess.org). Additionally, we are supporting the Richmond Junior Congress, a qualifying tournament for the London Junior Championships, taking place on **Sunday October 12<sup>th</sup>**.

More information on all the above activities is available on the Richmond Junior Chess Club web site, [www.rjcc.org.uk](http://www.rjcc.org.uk).

I'd like to thank everybody for their support last year and I hope that the club will continue to go from strength to strength. If anybody has any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to be in touch.

With best wishes for a successful season

Peter Sowray  
On behalf of the Committee of Richmond Junior Chess Club

## RICHMOND JUNIOR CHESS CLUB MEMBERSHIP FORM 2008-09

Fees for the 2008-09 season are as follows:

**Annual Membership: £160.00**

**One Term Membership: £80.00**

Membership will entitle children to attend Saturday afternoon sessions at the Club. We may impose a limit on the number of members accepted due to the space constraints at the ETNA Centre. Should space permit, non-members can attend at a fee of £10 per session.

**RJCC at Twickenham Prep School (Tuesday evenings): £60.00**

These sessions are open to club members and non-members alike. Children attending Twickenham Prep School should contact the school directly if they are interested in attending.

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Name of child .....

Date of Birth .....

School .....

Address .....

Post Code .....

Phone .....

Email .....

My child is / is not (*please delete as applicable*) interested in playing for the club in team competitions.

I enclose my cheque payable to **Richmond Junior Chess Club** (NOT Peter Sowray, please)

for £\_\_\_\_\_ including a donation of \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

If your children have any health problems or special needs which you think we should know about, please give details below.

**Please return completed forms / cheques to: Peter Sowray, 62 Latymer Court, Hammersmith Road, London W6 7JE**

# **RICHMOND JUNIOR CHESS CLUB HOME-CLUB AGREEMENT**

## **THE CLUB WILL:-**

- Provide sets, boards, clocks and other material necessary for the playing of Chess.
- Provide an atmosphere conducive to the playing and study of Chess at a level appropriate to the age and ability of the Member.
- Oppose behaviour by anybody in the Club that limits the ability of others to play and enjoy their chess, and seek to create an environment that is disciplined and supportive and in which individuals respect each other.
- Oppose and address bullying, harassment or abuse whether motivated racially or in any other way.
- Contact parents with regard to any problems concerning their children's behaviour or attitude.
- Be available at all times to speak to parents/guardians with regard to their children's progress and ability at chess, and all other matters concerning their Club membership.
- Maintain a Child Protection Policy and appoint Child Protection Officers. The CPP and contact details of the CPOs will be available on the Club website.

## **AS A PARENT/GUARDIAN I WILL:-**

- Guarantee that my Child is aware of the importance of a high standard of behaviour and the need to respect other people, and the Club premises and equipment.
- Encourage my Child by providing the opportunity to play and study Chess regularly, to compete in tournaments and to represent the Club in team competitions if selected.
- Support the Club's disciplinary requirements as a necessary backdrop to the successful teaching of Chess in a Club environment.
- Accept reasonable sanctions and disciplinary measures taken by the Club in the event of a misdemeanour involving my Child.

## **AS A CLUB MEMBER I WILL:-**

- Discuss the Home – Club Agreement with my Parent/Carer: my signature below shows that I support the statements contained in it.
- Work hard and play hard to improve and enjoy my Chess, accept the discipline and uphold the standards of the Club, respecting other people and looking after the Club equipment and environment.

Signed by:- \_\_\_\_\_ (Club Member(s))  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/Guardian)