

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, 2009/10.

Saturday afternoons

The club will be open every Saturday afternoon during term time at the **ETNA Community Centre, 13 Rosslyn Road, Twickenham TW1 2AR**, with the session running from 14.00 to 17.00. In view of the increased number of children attending these sessions, we will normally have 3 coaches present. I am delighted that Marie Gallagher will be joining James Coleman and me in regularly coaching at the Club.

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.

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. Parents are welcome to stay and observe the sessions, but please do not feel under any obligation to do so.

The first meeting of the club this academic year will be on **Saturday September 5th 2009**. Our dates will be as follows:

Autumn Term: September 5th 2009 to December 12th 2009
Spring Term: January 9th 2010 to March 27th 2010
Summer Term: April 24th 2010 to July 10th 2010

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

Autumn Term: September 26th 2009 and December 12th 2009
Spring Term: January 30th 2010 and March 6th 2010
Summer Term: May 15th 2010 and June 19th 2010

In the light of current economic circumstances, we have decided to keep fees at the same level as 2008/09. 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 (TPS)

The club also runs sessions on Tuesday evenings during the term time, taking place at: **Twickenham Prep School, Beveree, 43 High Street, Hampton, Middlesex TW12 2SA**. We meet from 17.30 to 19.00. The club is grateful for the considerable support we receive from Twickenham Prep School.

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.

Additionally in 2009/10 we will be hosting a **Schools League** at TPS, which will give children the chance of representing their school in a friendly competition. We will circulate more details about the Schools League in due course, but would welcome expressions of interest.

Autumn Term: September 8th 2009 to December 8th 2009 (not October 20th and October 27th)
Spring Term: January 12th 2010 to March 23rd 2010 (not February 16th)
Summer Term: April 27th 2010 to June 29th 2010 (not June 1st)

Fees for the Tuesday evening sessions will be £120 for the whole year, or £60 per term. Children attending TPS should contact the school directly to enroll.

Competitions

We know that many of our members enjoy representing the Club in team competitions. In 2009/10 we will be entering a number of such events.

1) **Junior Four Nations Chess League (4NCL)** – we will field teams in the Under 18, Under 11 and Under 9 competitions, which will be played at Wokefield Park (near Reading) on the weekends 28th/29th November 2009 and 27th/28th February 2010.

2) **English Primary Schools Chess Association (EPSCA)** – we will again enter the Under 9 and Under 11 competitions. We will circulate more information as and when we have it.

3) We also hope to arrange more ad hoc matches against other clubs or schools.

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.

More information on all the above activities is available on the Richmond Junior Chess Club web site, 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 2009/10

Fees for the 2009/10 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.

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. Please make cheques payable to RICHMOND JUNIOR CHESS CLUB.

RICHMOND JUNIOR CHESS CLUB HOME-CLUB AGREEMENT

RJCC is committed to the safety and welfare of the children in the club. All our coaches have been CRB (Criminal Records Bureau) checked.

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)