
2026 Victorian Country Chess Championship

Promoted by the Victorian Rural Chess League Inc.

Hosted by Bendigo Chess Club Inc.

Dates	Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 October 2026					
Venue	The Nancy Long Dining Hall, building D1 on map provided. Latrobe University, Edwards Road, Bendigo Vic 3550. Access the venue through gate 8 on Sharon Street.					
Round Times	Saturday 10	Registration 9.15 am	Sunday 11	Round 4	9.30 am	
		Round 1 9.30 am		Round 5	1.00 pm	
		Round 2 1.00 pm		Meeting	3.45 pm	
		Round 3 4.00 pm		Round 6	4.00 pm	
	A forfeit will be awarded if a player is 30 minutes late for a game					
Entry Fees	Adult \$100, Concession \$80. Discount of \$10 if paid by October 2. Concession applies to pensioners, unemployed and full-time students.					
Registration and Payment	Registration and payment are preferred by card at the TryBooking link https://www.trybooking.com/DONWN subject to a small fee. Alternatively, by EFT to the bank account of Ballarat Chess Club Inc, BSB 182 512 number 963 263 561.					
Eligibility	The Victorian Country Chess Championship is open to all Victorian players whose main place of residence is outside a 50 km radius from the Melbourne GPO.					
Entries & Inquiries	Email entries to kevinp@ppt.com.au or n.barrow@latrobe.edu.au or send by post to VRCL, PO Box 500 Ballarat Vic 3353. Phone Kevin Perrin on 0418 533 517, Nigel Barrow on 0421 674 869 or Jack Smith on 0406 199 457 for inquiries.					
Rate of Play	All moves in 60 minutes per player plus an increment of 30 seconds per move from move 1. All moves of each game should be recorded.					
Half Point Bye	A player may request a single Half Point Bye in rounds 1 to 4. This must be done in writing, email or text message prior to the tournament or before the start of the previous round.					
Prizes	All entry fees will be distributed in prizes after deduction of expenses in conducting the event. Prizes will be awarded to the first three players in the Championship and Reserve sections. If there is a tie for a title, then joint champions will be declared and prize money divided equally. All players will compete in a single tournament. The prize pool will be allocated 75% to the Championship and 25% to the Reserve.					
Reserve Champion	The title of Reserve Champion will be awarded to the leading player(s) in the bottom half of the field based on rating or seeding by the Arbiter.					
Unrated Players	Any player who does not have an ACF or FIDE rating will be ineligible for the Reserve title or prizes. There will be separate prizes for unrated players depending upon the number of entries received.					
Accommodation	We suggest that you should book your accommodation in Bendigo well before the weekend. If assistance is needed, then search online as there are a wide range of options available.					
General	All games will be submitted for ACF rating through Chess Victoria. The Arbiter for the event will be NA Nigel Barrow. A players committee will be elected prior to the start of the tournament to review any appeal to a decision made by the Arbiter. We acknowledge the support of the Bendigo Chess Club Inc. and thank them for hosting the event. The VRCL website is at https://www.ballaratchess.com/vrcl/index.html					

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Entry Form

Name _____

Address _____

Date of birth _____

Rating _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

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