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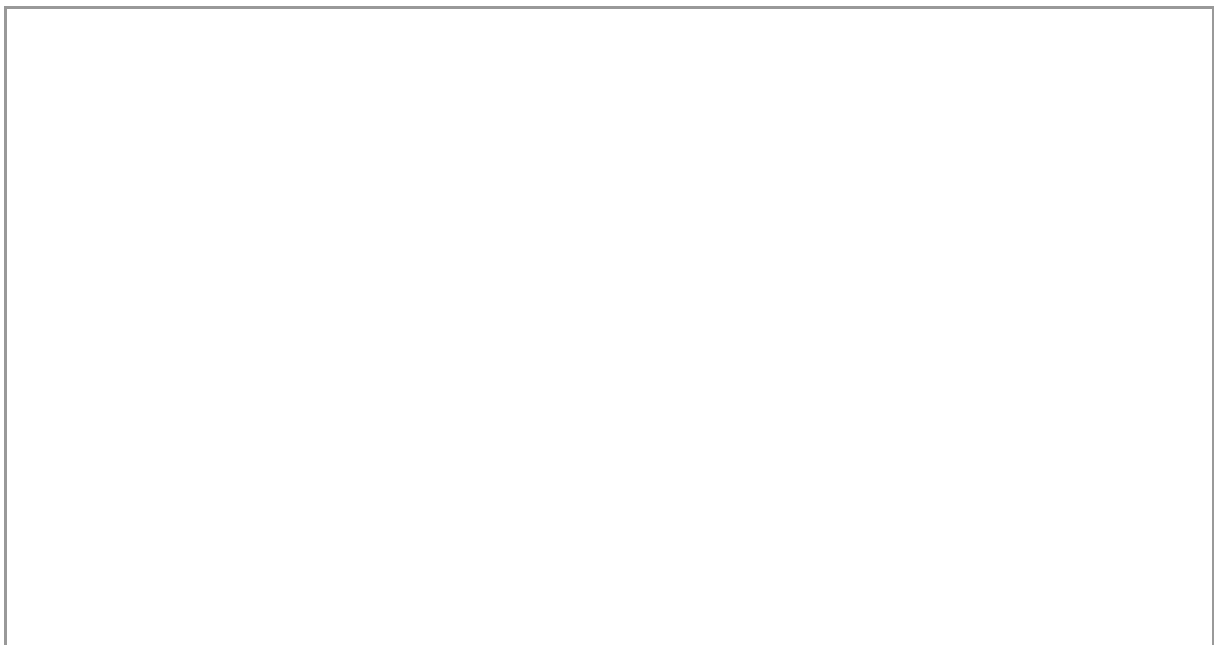


AUSTRALIAN  
JUNIOR CHESS LEAGUE



## 2015 Australian Junior Chess Championship Canberra, January 17-25

This superbly organised tournament, run by Alana Chibnall and Jenny Mason as chief organisers and their team of players, parents, sponsors, organisers, arbiters, volunteers and spectators took place in the third week of January. Please find below some of the highlights, adventures and results.





The tournament was held on the beautiful grounds of the Canberra Grammar School in Red Hill.



With plenty of great trophies up for grabs, it was no wonder competition was fierce.



A fire alarm and full evacuation of the building 15 minutes before the second round on day 5 caused a bit of excitement. It appears to have been a false alarm and everyone was fine.



Congratulations to the 2015 Australian Junior Chess Champion and Australian Junior Blitz Chess Champion Yi Liu from Queensland! And a very notable mention to Pengyu Chen (NSW) and Michael Kethro (ACT)

**The Prize winners for the 2015 Australian National Champions:**

1<sup>st</sup> U18 Open – Yi Liu (QLD)

2<sup>nd</sup> U19 Open - Pengyu Chen (NSW)

3<sup>rd</sup> U18 Open - Michael Kethro (ACT)

Performance Prize (Doeberl Cup Book) - Cedric Koh (NSW)

1<sup>st</sup> U18 Girl – Kristine Quek (NSW) 6.5/8

2<sup>nd</sup> U18 Girl – Zoe Harrison (VIC) 5.5/8

3<sup>rd</sup> U18 Girl – Alanna Chew Lee (VIC) 5/8

1<sup>st</sup> U16 Girl – Denise Lim (VIC) 6/8

2<sup>nd</sup> U16 Girl – Zhi Lin Guo (VIC) 5.5/8

3<sup>rd</sup> U16 Girl – Susanne Wells (SA) 4/8

1<sup>st</sup> U16 Open – Patrick Gong (WA)

2<sup>nd</sup> U16 Open – Tom Maguire (QLD)

3<sup>rd</sup> U16 Open – David Cannon (VIC)

Performance Prize (Doeberl Cup Book) - Oscar Herrmann (SA)

1<sup>st</sup> U14 Open – Haran Salasan (VIC)

2<sup>nd</sup> U14 Open – Ray Yang (VIC)

3<sup>rd</sup> U14 Open – Ethan Lim (VIC)

Performance Prize (Doeberl Cup Book) - David Liu (QLD)

1<sup>st</sup> U14 Girl – Cassandra Lim (VIC) 8.5/9

2<sup>nd</sup> U14 Girl – Fiona Shen (NSW) 7/9

3<sup>rd</sup> U14 Girl – Nina Tchitaev (QLD) 5.5/9

1<sup>st</sup> U12 Girl – Jody Middleton (VIC)

2<sup>nd</sup> U12 Girl – Eva Ge (NSW)

=3<sup>rd</sup> U12 Girl – Saffron Archer (ACT)

Katherine Pan (NSW)

1<sup>st</sup> U12 Open – Jason Wang (QLD)

2<sup>nd</sup> U12 Open – Matthew Clarke (NSW)

=3<sup>rd</sup> U12 Open – Brendan Zou (VIC)

Michael Ostapenko (QLD)

Michael Jiang (VIC)

Performance Prize (Doeberl Cup Books) - Michael Jiang (VIC) and Henry  
Menzies (NSW)

1<sup>st</sup> U10 Open - Christopher Lim (VIC)

2<sup>nd</sup> U10 Open - Ruicheng Wang (VIC)

3<sup>rd</sup> U10 Open - Benjamin Hurst (WA)

1<sup>st</sup> U10 Girl - Jennifer Zhang (NSW)

2<sup>nd</sup> U10 Girl - Myiesha Maunder (VIC) (Prize money sponsored by Shelley  
McKenzie)

3<sup>rd</sup> U10 Girl- Niamh Bridgeman (SA) (on tie-break from Jasmine Lane (NSW) )

1<sup>st</sup> U8 Girl - Ellie Choemuku-Huang (VIC)

2<sup>nd</sup> U8 Girl - Abigail Lee (ACT)

3<sup>rd</sup> U8 Girl - Katherine Pan (NSW)

1<sup>st</sup> U8 Open - Atlas Ballieu (VIC)

Please find below a snapshot of the Championship. A full list with all results can be found on the Australian Junior Chess Championship website by [clicking here--<](#), while all the photo's from the Championship can be found by [clicking here --<](#)





# 2015 Johns-Putra Australian Junior Elite Training Squad (JETS)

The Australian Junior Chess League is pleased to invite applications from talented Australian juniors (U/18) for the national junior training squad! Find full details on how to qualify and where to register [here --<](#) Applications close **February 20**

## 2015 International Junior Events

Applications are now open and can be made using the same online application form as above. Information about some of the tournaments is available at <http://www.fide.com/calendar.html> The deadline for applications for the World Schools Individual Championship, the Asian Schools and the ASEAN Age Group events is **28 February**.

If you have any queries about the International Selection process, please feel free to email Tristan Boyd on [tristan.s.boyd@gmail.com](mailto:tristan.s.boyd@gmail.com)

### Upcoming Events

Below are the tournaments organised up till June this year. A full list can be [found here --<](#)

#### Australian Junior Tournaments

- [Gold Coast Junior Masters](#), Gold Coast QLD; 7-8 March
- [City of Adelaide Junior](#), Adelaide, SA; 16-17 April
- [Gold Coast Junior Championships](#), Gold Coast, QLD; 2-3 May
- [Autumn Weekender](#), Canberra, ACT; 23-24 May
- [ACT U/8 Championship](#), Canberra, ACT; 28 June

#### Junior International Tournaments

- World Schools Individual Championships, Pattaya, Thailand; 6-15 May
- Asian Schools Individual Championship (U/7 – U/17), Singapore; 30 May – 8 June
- ASEAN+ Age Group Championships, Singapore; 8-17 June

#### Australian Weekenders & Major Tournaments

- ANU Masters and Challengers, Canberra, ACT; 11 February – March 25

- Perth Open, Perth, WA; 14-15 February
- Mackay Open, Mackay, QLD; 21-22 February
- Begonia Open, Ballarat, VIC; 7-9 March
- Tasmanian Championships, Hobart, TAS; 7-9 March
- March Open, Rothwell, Redcliffe, QLD; 14-15 March
- Dubbo RSL Open, Dubbo, NSW; 21-22 March
- O2C Doeberl Cup, Canberra, ACT; 2-6 April
- Wendy Terry Memorial, Rothwell, Redcliffe, QLD; 6-8 June
- Tasmanian Open, Burnie, TAS; 6-8 June
- NSW Open, Sydney, NSW; 6-8 June
- Victorian Open, Melbourne, VIC; 6-8 June
- South-West Open, Bridgetown, WA; 13-14 June
- Gold Coast Open; Gold Coast, QLD; 27-28 June

## What is the Aus JCL?

The Australian Junior Chess League (AusJCL) operates under the Australian Chess Federation (ACF), and is responsible for managing the national and international affairs of Australian junior chess.

### **The committee for 2015 is as follows:**

President: Charles Zworestine

Vice President: Peter Tsai

Treasurer: Tania Simmonds

Secretary: Alana Chibnall

Selections Coordinator: Tristan Boyd

Junior Development Coordinator: vacant

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Email Bulletin editor: Sabrina Koetsier

Tasmanian Representative: vacant

South Australian Representative: Alan Goldsmith

Western Australia Representative: Tristan Boyd





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