



4th NZ Fischer-Random Championship

Saturday 28th November 2026

Takapuna War Memorial Hall, 7 The Strand, Takapuna

Tournament Format

There will be two six-round Swisses. The A-grade is restricted to players familiar with Fischer-Random (Freestyle Chess or Chess 960) rules; the B-grade is open to less experienced players (the Organisers reserve the right to move a player to an appropriate section, or to refuse entries). We are using FIDE rapid ratings for seeding, and will apply FIDE rapid chess rules (eg 2nd illegal move loses the game).

The time control is 25 minutes for the game with 5 seconds increment per move from move one. Positions will be drawn at random and displayed. Players will be expected to set up the boards themselves, and there will be 5 minutes between the start of the round and the start of the clocks, for players to study the position (without moving any pieces).

Timetable

Saturday, 28th November

Players' Meeting	11:00 am
Round 1	11:20 am
Round 2	12:40 am
Lunch break	
Round 3	2:30 pm
Round 4	3:50 pm
Round 5	5:10 pm
Round 6	6:30 pm

The prizegiving will take place as soon as possible after the conclusion of the last round.

Enquiries

Please check the website www.northshorechess.org.nz or email heligan@heliganchess.nz.

Entries

Entries and payment must be received before Friday 27th November (ie midnight of the 26th).

Entry fees:

A-grade	\$30.00
B-grade	\$20.00
GMs and IMs	Free

Prize Fund

We thank a generous anonymous sponsor for a massive contribution to the prize fund! The guaranteed fund of \$3,240 will be allocated as follows:

	A-grade	B-grade
First	\$600	\$300
Second	\$400	\$200
Third	\$300	\$150
Grade prizes	2 x \$150	
Age prizes		3 x \$80

Players may only win one of the prizes listed above. They may in addition win one of the following prizes, which will be awarded in the A-Grade:

Highest-placed eligible player(s) will be the 2026 NZ Fischer-Random Champion(s) and will hold (or share) the trophy for one year.	\$150
NZ Fischer-Random Women's Champion	\$150
NZ Fischer-Random Junior Champion	\$150
NZ Fischer-Random Senior Champion	\$150
NZ Fischer-Random Veteran Champion	\$150

There will also be book prizes.

I wish to enter the 4th NZ Fischer-Random Championship: A-grade B-grade (please tick)
 Full NameNZCF Code No.FIDE ID.....
 Telephone and/or email address:.....
 Entry Fee \$ _____

Online entry

Entries may be registered online at the dedicated webpage for this event: see www.newzealandchess.nz/nz-fischer-random-championship-2026/

Please pay online to the North Shore Chess Club, Inc., bank account 12-3008-0301266-00, giving the reference FR A (or B as appropriate) and the name(s) of the player(s).

You may also hand this form in at the North Shore Chess Club or scan it and email to Helen Milligan, heligan@heliganchess.nz.