

CHESS ASSOCIATION OF QLD COUNCIL NEWS

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Tournament organizers please note that the CAQ has new minimum ratios required for the number of Arbiters needed at weekend tournaments.

For South East Queensland ACF rated events, a minimum of 1 non-playing arbiter per 50 players is required, with a preferred ratio of 1 non-playing arbiter per 40 players.

For South East Queensland FIDE rated events, a minimum of 1 non-playing arbiter per 40 players is required, with a preferred ratio of 1 non-playing arbiter per 30 players.

Regional Event organizers are reminded that there should be a non-playing arbiter too, unless as an absolute last resort and then only with approval by the CAQ Council.

Events that involve multiple rooms must have an arbiter in each separate room.

Gardiner Chess will run the combined Queensland Reserves /Tin Cup for players rated under 1750 ACF on Saturday February 20 and Sunday February 21.

Hughston Parle and Peter Xing will run the 2021 Queensland Junior Chess Championships from Tuesday July 6 to Friday July 9.

Shaun Curtis will organize the 2021 Queensland Open at the Trinity Anglican School in Cairns on Saturday August 14 and Sunday August 15.

Gardiner Chess will run the Queensland Junior Blitz Chess Championship in late October, with a Brisbane v Gold Coast Junior match held on the same day.

In other important news for Tournament Arbiters from the ACF, Swiss Perfect will no longer be accepted as the pairing program used for ACF rated events from June 1. Vega or Orion are the pairing programs that will be accepted so tournament arbiters will need to be familiar with one of these programs by the end of May. The actual wording of the ACF Motion is:

“From 1st June 2021 only tournaments that have been paired and submitted using either Vega or Orion will be accepted for FIDE or ACF rating. Any exemption is at the sole discretion of the ACF National Ratings Officers.”

Regards Mark C Stokes CAQ President