

14th Hawke's Bay Rapid

Sunday 15th February 2026

15 Cathedral Lane, Napier CBD, NAPIER

Organised by Hawke's Bay Chess Club Inc.

Format:

Three 6-round Swiss tournaments (A, B and Junior grades).

	Start time
Player's meeting	9:30am
Round 1	10:00am
Round 2	11:10am
Round 3	12:20pm
Lunch	1:20pm
Round 4	2:10pm
Round 5	3:20pm
Round 6	4:30pm
Prizegiving	ASAP after last round finishes

Time control:

25 minutes per player plus 5 seconds increment from move 1.

Entry fee:

A grade: \$55 B grade: \$45 Junior grade: \$25

GM's, WGM's, IM's and WIM's may enter for free – an entry fee of \$55 will be taken from any prizes won.

Prize Fund:

A minimum prize fund of \$1,320 plus award winning Hawke's Bay wine is guaranteed. Please see below for the cash prize distribution.

Prize	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
A grade	\$500	\$250	\$120
B grade	\$150	\$120	\$90
Junior	\$40	\$30	\$20

No player may win more than one prize.

Prizes and titles will be shared equally in the event of a tie.

The highest placed Hawke's Bay player in the A grade will win the title of Hawke's Bay Champion – this can be won in addition to other prizes.

Refreshments:

Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided at no charge throughout the tournament.

Player eligibility:

A grade: No restrictions

B grade: U1800

Junior grade: U20 as of 1 January 2026 and U1200

The organisers reserve the right to shift a player to a different tournament category.

Rating:

NZCF and FIDE rated where possible. Non-NZ players must have or obtain a FIDE ID issued by their national federation.

To enter:

Entry can either be done by the online entry form here <https://forms.gle/GaPpevrNo5iXSQ629> or by filling out this form and emailing to Matthew Ashton at hbchessrapid@gmail.com with the subject 'HB Rapid'.

Payment can be made to the Hawke's Bay Chess Club 03-0658-0245215-00 – please include your name and 'HB Rapid' as the reference.

A \$10 Late Fee applies if payment is not received by Wednesday 11th February 2025. Entries without payment are treated as late and can be paid in cash up to 9:30am 15th February 2025. New entries will be accepted on the day only at the discretion of the organiser.

Other information:

We may consider billeting options subject to availability – please let us know if you are interested.

For further enquiries please contact Matthew Ashton either at hbchessrapid@gmail.com or on 022 081 9831.

ENTRY FORM – 2026 Hawke's Bay Rapid

<u>Name:</u>	_____	<u>NZCF ID:</u>	_____
<u>Email:</u>	_____	<u>FIDE ID:</u>	_____
<u>Phone:</u>	_____	<u>Entry fee:</u>	\$ _____
<u>Date of birth*:</u>	_____		
<u>Tournament:</u>	_____		

*Date of birth only required if you do not have a FIDE ID.