2026 BCC FIDE Blitz Tournament

Thursday 10 December 2026 · Queensland Contract Bridge Club, Woolloongabba

Event details

Date	Thursday 10 December 2026
Registration	From 7:00 pm, closing at 7:30 pm
Start / finish	Round 1 starts at 7:45 pm. Expected finish by 10:00pm (110:30 pm at the latest), followed by prize giving.
Venue	Queensland Contract Bridge Club (QCBC), 67 Ipswich Rd, Woolloongabba QLD 4102
Format	7-round Swiss
Time control	3 minutes + 2 seconds per move from move 1 (Fischer)
Rating	FIDE Blitz, ACF Quick and Queensland Junior (QJ) rated
Eligibility	Open to all players, with no rating limits. All players must be current CAQ members.
Places	Limited to 70 players
Venue facilities	Wheelchair access, ambulant toilet, kitchen and a separate analysis area. Limited on-site parking, with more parking in the surrounding streets.

Entry fees

Entry type	**Fee**
BCC members	$20
Non-members	$25
GM, WGM, IM and WIM	Free
Late entry on the night **(for existing BCC members only)**	$25

- Online entries close at **11:59 pm on Wednesday 9 December 2026**.
- Late entries on the night are accepted from existing BCC members only, until 7:30 pm, and only while places remain.
- Please include your FIDE ID and/or ACF ID when booking. Players without a FIDE ID must read section 3 of the Terms and Conditions before entering.

Prizes

Place	**Under 50 entries**	**50 or more entries**
1st	$150 + gold medal	$200 + gold medal
2nd	$100 + silver medal	$150 + silver medal
3rd	$50 + bronze medal	$100 + bronze medal
Rating group prizes (x 2)	$50 each	$75 each

Prizes will not be split. Rating groups will be set once entries close and announced before round 1. See section 8 of the Terms and Conditions for tiebreaks and eligibility.

Organisers and arbiters

Role	**Name**
Organiser	Ben Martin
Event Manager	Chris Connell
Chief Arbiter	NA Jonathan Jones
Deputy Arbiter	NA Chandy Dai

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Terms and conditions

By entering the 2026 BCC FIDE Blitz Tournament you agree to the following terms.

1. Entries and payment

- All entries must be made and paid through TryBooking. Entry fees exclude TryBooking processing fees.
- Online entries close at 11:59 pm on Wednesday 9 December 2026, or earlier if all 70 places are filled.
- Late entries on the night are accepted from existing BCC members only, at $25, until 7:30 pm, while places remain.
- Titled players (GM, WGM, IM, WIM) enter free through Trybooking.
- All players must be current members of the Chess Association of Queensland (CAQ).
- The organisers reserve the right to refuse any entry.

2. Refunds and withdrawals

- Full refunds, less TryBooking processing fees, are available on request until 7:45 pm on Tuesday 8 December 2026 (48 hours before round 1). Contact the Chief Arbiter by email to request a refund.
- No refunds are given after this time, except if the event is cancelled by the organisers, in which case all entries will be refunded in full.
- Entries that cannot be accepted under section 3 (FIDE ID requirements) will be refunded in full.
- Players who need to withdraw during the event must tell an arbiter. Players who miss a round without notice may be withdrawn from the tournament.

3. Ratings and FIDE ID requirements

- The event is FIDE Blitz, ACF Quick and QJ rated. Results will be submitted to FIDE (through the Australian Chess Federation), the ACF and Queensland Junior Chess.

Players who already have a FIDE ID

- Enter your FIDE ID when booking. You will play under the federation shown on your FIDE profile.
- Federation transfers are a separate FIDE process and cannot be arranged by the organisers.

Australian citizens and permanent residents without a FIDE ID

- You can still enter. The arbiters will arrange a FIDE ID through the ACF FIDE Ratings Officer.
- When booking, you must provide your full name (as it appears on official ID), date of birth, gender and federation (Australia), and confirm that you are an Australian citizen or hold a permanent residency visa.
- Before round 1, the organisers must confirm that every player without a FIDE ID is an Australian citizen or permanent resident. You may be asked to confirm your status at registration.

Overseas players without a FIDE ID (players who are not Australian citizens or permanent residents)

- You must obtain a FIDE ID from your own national federation **before** entering. The ACF cannot register players from overseas federations.
- Entries from overseas players without a FIDE ID cannot be accepted, and will be refunded in full.

- Registration through a national federation can take some time, so please contact your federation well before entries close.

Accuracy of details

- Players must supply accurate details. Registering a player under the wrong federation can cause the event to be rejected for rating or lead to transfer costs later. Entries with incorrect or incomplete details may be refused or withdrawn.
- Questions about FIDE IDs can be directed to the Chief Arbiter.

4. Playing rules

- The tournament is played under the current FIDE Laws of Chess, including the Blitz regulations (Appendix B).
- 7-round Swiss. Time control: 3 minutes per player plus a 2-second increment per move, from move 1.
- Pairings are made by computer (Vega) and are final once published, except to correct an arbiter error.
- Byes: half-point byes are available until rounds 7 only if requested before commencement of the previous round.

5. Schedule and late arrival

- Registration opens at 7:00 pm and closes at 7:30 pm. The player briefing is at 7:35 pm and round 1 starts at 7:45 pm.
- The tournament is expected to finish by 10:30 pm at the latest, with prize giving immediately after the final round.
- A player who is not at the board when the round starts will have their clock started, and loses the game if their time runs out before they arrive.

6. Mobile phones and electronic devices

- Phones, smartwatches and all electronic devices must be switched off (not on silent) and stored in a bag away from the board, or at the arbiter's desk, for the whole game.
- If a player's device makes any sound in the playing area, or is found on their person during play, that player loses the game.

7. Conduct and fair play

- Players must not use notes, sources of information or advice during play, or analyse games in the playing area. The separate analysis area may be used once your game has finished.
- Spectators must stay silent, keep away from the boards and must not assist players in any way.
- Abusive, disruptive or unsporting behaviour will not be tolerated. The arbiters may penalise, default or remove any player or spectator.
- All decisions of the Chief Arbiter are final.

8. Prizes

- The prize pool is $400 with fewer than 50 entries, rising to $600 with 50 or more entries.
- Prizes are indivisible and will not be split. Ties on points are broken in this order: (1) Buchholz Cut 1, (2) Buchholz Total, (3) Direct Encounter, (4) Number of Wins, (5) drawing of lots.
- Each player can win one prize only: the highest-value prize they qualify for.
- Rating groups will be set once entries close and announced before round 1, based on FIDE blitz rating, or ACF Quick rating for players without one.
- Prize winners are encouraged to attend the prize giving. Prizes will be paid either in cash or electronically following the event.

9. Photos, results and privacy

- Players' names, ratings, federations, pairings and results will be published online, including on the Brisbane Chess Club website, Vega, CAQ, ACF and FIDE.
- Photos and video may be taken during the event and used by Brisbane Chess Club. Please tell an arbiter if you would prefer not to be photographed.

10. Juniors and venue

- Parents and guardians must supervise players under 18 when they are not playing. Everyone must follow QCBC venue rules, and personal belongings are left at the owner's risk.