

# 2018 SSCC Material Odds Tournament

*Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April & Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April*

A 'Material Odds' Tournament presented by Southern Suburbs Chess Club (affiliated with CAWA Inc.)  
[www.southernsuburbsschessclub.org.au](http://www.southernsuburbsschessclub.org.au)

- Venue:** Leeming Primary School (Meharry Rd, Leeming).
- Format:** 8 Round Swiss (dependent on entries) – 'Material Odds' chess.  
**Rules are provided on the next page: please read these before the tournament.**
- Time Control:** 20 minutes with an increment of 10 seconds per move (Fischer).
- Schedule:** Rounds 1-4: Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 7:30pm – 11:00pm  
Rounds 5-8: Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April 7:30pm – 11:00pm
- Entry Fee:** \$10. **All players must be current members of SSCC.**
- Organisers:** Andrew Hardegen [andrewhardegen@iinet.net.au](mailto:andrewhardegen@iinet.net.au) 0407 421 084  
Simon Ayling
- Prizes:** 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, plus a number of rating division prizes, depending on entries.
- Closing Date:** 7:15pm, Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April.

**If you wish to enter this event, advise the Organisers by the Closing Date.**

## Payment Options:

### Cash

Pay your entry fee to the Organisers in person, at any reasonable time prior to the start of the tournament.

### Bank Transfer

1. Pay your entry fee to Southern Suburbs Chess Club ( BSB: 066173, A/C: 10402128 )
2. Important: Email a copy of your payment confirmation to the Organisers, no later than Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April.

### Cheque

Cheques must be payable to 'Southern Suburbs Chess Club' and must be given in person to the Organisers. Cheques must be received before the start of the tournament.

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## 2018 SSCC Odds Tournament Entry Form

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

# ‘Material Odds’ Chess – Background

*Odds Chess* is a variant of chess, designed to enable a weaker player to have a greater chance of winning against a stronger one. There are many types of such handicaps to choose from. Time odds (where the stronger player starts with less time) are seen occasionally nowadays. Much less common today, but very popular in the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries, are *material odds* (where the stronger player starts without specified pawns or pieces) and *extra move odds* (where the weaker player starts the game by making a specified number of free moves). François-André Danican Philidor (1726-1795) and Paul Morphy (1837-1884), the best players of their respective eras, were two players who played a very high proportion of their games at such odds.

## The Rules

In the 2018 SSCC Material Odds Tournament, the odds used in each pairing will depend on the difference between the ACF Classic ratings of the two players.

As the nature of the odds determines the colours taken by each player, it will be possible for a player to have a higher number of blacks or whites than usual, or a long series of whites or blacks.

Rating Difference	Odds
1-100 points	<b>Two moves.</b> Lower-rated player plays White, and makes the first two moves of the game.
101-200 points	<b>Pawn for move.</b> Lower-rated player plays Black, and White’s f2 pawn is removed from the board.
201-300 points	<b>Pawn and move.</b> Lower-rated player plays White, and Black’s f7-pawn is removed from the board.
301-400 points	<b>Pawn and two moves.</b> Lower-rated player plays White. Black’s f7-pawn is removed from the board, and White makes the first two moves of the game.
401-600 points	<b>Knight.</b> Lower-rated player plays Black, and White’s b1-knight is removed from the board.
More than 600 points	<b>Rook.</b> Lower-rated player plays Black, and White’s a1-rook is removed from the board.