

Dear parent/guardian/teacher

Wow, just wow: Last year when parents were concerned about rumours of a second SAJCC 2019 (one in Durban and one in Boksburg), the Youth Commission explained that the Boksburg one was the one that would actually happen and most parents committed their finances accordingly.

This year we have been hit by a pandemic, and have made the call that we will not be sending a team to play in SAJCC 2020. The reasons are numerous and include the unreasonable financial strain upon parents during these trying times, but just the risk involved in traveling and in being there was enough for us to decide that it wasn't worth it.

With the benefit of foresight, some decisions made last year have proven to be very prudent. The decision to embark upon an online training programme (ChessKid.com) stands out as being particularly fortuitous and we had no hesitation in renewing Gold Memberships for 200 WP youth. Due to some savings and good management of funds we were able to build some financial reserves which we are using to benefit the youth player. We are therefore offering the Gold ChessKid training program to our players without having to ask any parent to contribute towards it! Please see the attached Training document for those who are interested in more details with regards to training.

Regretfully, cheating has become a pandemic of its own. It might be necessary to clamp down rather harshly (life-time ban for first offenders) which was my initial reaction but I am prepared to consider sincere apologies and to give second chances now that I have consulted many concerned parties. Please see the attached Cheating document for more details.

There are a number of vacancies available on the Youth Commission. I invite interested parties to contact me or to nominate someone they feel would be suitable. See the attached Vacancies document for more details.

Chess Western Province have completely revamped their website and our [Youth page](#) will be used as a repository for communication as well as podcasts and surveys. We also have an exciting initiative from a parent which we are considering in addition to (or instead of) the CWP site as well as proposals with regards to training.

I would like to have a wall of remembrance on our site where we list our loved ones who have passed away. Our thoughts and compassion are with our entire WP family who have been affected by COVID-19. Please take good care of yourselves and all you come into contact with.

Warm regards



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"Tactics is knowing what to do when there is something to do; strategy is knowing what to do when there is nothing to do." – Savielly Tartakower (1887-1956)