

## **QUEENSLAND JUNIOR RATING LIST**

### **FAQs for players/parents**

#### **1. What do I have to do to get a rating?**

Simply play in events which are rated. There are many many events rated each year – a list is available at the bottom of each rating list. You do not need to pay a rating fee or be a member of any specific organization to qualify. Just play chess.

#### **2. Why do I not have a rating?**

The most common reason is that the performance ratings of the events you played in were below 500. The low limit for the list is 500. Play over 500-strength and you will go on the list. The other reason is that the events you play in either were not rated (sent to me) or were not rated in the current list (but will be in the following list). If you think despite this I have made a mistake feel free to check with the event organizer or send me an email.

#### **3. Why did I lose points when I won lots of games?**

Read the section on how QJ ratings are calculated. You may have won 4/6 games but if you played players with much lower ratings than you, you may have been expected to score more than 4/6.

#### **4. Why is my rating change different to what was on the Swiss Perfect rating calculations at the end of the event?**

The Swiss Perfect rating calculations may or may not include games against unrated players. They also may or may not have the correct K factor and 'ceiling' applied (these can be changed). They don't include the '3% rule'. Performance ratings from tournaments with few rated players will be unreliable.

#### **5. The information on the list is incorrect or I do not want it there for privacy reasons.**

Please send me an email with the correction/request and I will change/remove the information on the next list. There are 120,000 games played in over 1200 events each year. To some degree I rely on club/school organizers to notify me of changes to schools etc... I would personally only check for change of school information (eg. primary to high school) a few times a year. Whilst this information is useful its primary purpose is for those running events and myself to identify the correct player when we have several by the same name which is a very common occurrence.

If for privacy reasons your child (or certain data) needs to stay off the list please let the event organizer know and also send me an email.

Data from the list may be used for research purposes to university researcher(s) subject to data being de-personalised prior to analysis and ethical approval being provided by that institution.

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