



## Letter from CWP Youth Director

Dear Parents, Guardians & Teachers

By way of introduction, my name is Paul Wilson and I was elected as the Chess Western Province Youth Director for 2021. It is a great honour and privilege to be entrusted with this important role.

Since my election I have consulted with a number of stakeholders including experienced coaches, arbiters, CWP Exco members and many more to better understand the CWP Youth Commission and role it must play.

I attach hereto my 2021 Youth Strategy which details how we propose to meet our objectives for 2021 which are to increase the number of youth chess players actively and regularly participating in chess activities and to identify, train and develop promising youth chess players.

I am also excited to announce our inaugural tournament series starting on 17 April 2021 which will comprise a combination of online and hybrid qualifying tournaments culminating in an over-the-board tournament in May 2021 (*Note: Dates are provisional and subject to change*).

Linked with these events we will launch a number of structured training initiatives as we ultimately seek to use these tournaments to select our initial training squads to commence training in June 2021.

No initiative of this size and nature will be without challenges, but I know with the support and assistance of parents, coaches and administrators we can make this a major success. With this mind, per the Youth strategy there are a number of ways you can get involved:

- Volunteer to be a Covid-19 officer at our events.
- Assist with securing venues for hybrid online events.
- Financial assistance towards chess development (i.e. data assistance).
- Sponsorship of events or prizes.
- Promote chess and participation in CWP events within your communities.

Should you want to get involved or have any comments, suggestions and queries in this regard, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kindest regards



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