

VANCOUVER CHESS SCHOOL

BETTER MOVES IN CHESS, BETTER MOVES IN LIFE.

Camp #1
Nov 11th-15th

Camp #2
Dec 23rd-27th

Camp #3
Dec 30th-Jan 3rd

Camp #4
Jan 6th-10th

**IN-PERSON CHESS CAMPS
AT VANCOUVER CHESS SCHOOL**



Winter Term Registration Now Open!

Not sure about your level or curious to see if our classes are the right fit for you?

Take our free online level tests here <https://www.vanchess.ca/programs> and find out where you stand! Once you've got your results, contact us at info@vanchess.ca to let us know which group you'd like to try for your free trial class.

Don't miss this chance to discover the exciting world of chess and improve your skills with us!





FEATURED STUDENT: KEVIN TAIKAI LIU

Huge congratulations to Kevin Taikai Liu for winning first place in Grade 4, in the BC Chess Challenge Regional Championship Qualifier held at UBC. His impressive streak of victories across multiple tournaments reflects his dedication and passion for chess. Kevin is not only a talented player but also a kind and committed competitor who always demonstrates great sportsmanship, both on and off the board. Currently, in pre-Bishop group, Kevin consistently participates in tournaments and camps, and his promotion to the advanced class is just around the corner. Keep pushing the boundaries, Kevin. Your chess journey is only beginning.

SEPTEMBER TACTICS CHALLENGE WINNERS ANNOUNCED!

A big congratulations to all the participants in our September Tactics Contest! Stephanie Wu's outstanding performance earned her the top spot, with Sophia Doroshenko securing a solid second place. Dasha Doroshenko, Fedor Chernoiyanov, and YouJia Ye demonstrated great skill to take third, fourth, and fifth places, respectively.

We'd also like to give special recognition to Eason Wang, our top U6 player, and Chelsea Tang, the top female competitor—both earning extra Chess Heroes cards for their remarkable achievements! We're proud of everyone's dedication and hard work. Keep striving for excellence, and we'll see you at the next challenge!

VCS CHESS FESTIVAL #9 | NOV 23-24

Chess Festival #8: A Resounding Success!

A huge thank you to everyone who participated in making Chess Festival #8 unforgettable, with 264 players across three tournaments! Check out the outcomes [here](#).

Join us on November 23-24 at UBC! [Register early](#) to catch the early bird discount before October 15th.

Great news: The Open section of Chess Festival #9 will be **FIDE rated** (in addition to CFC/CMA)!

We can't wait for more chess action with you!

REGIONAL QUALIFIER #2 | NOV 24

We're excited to announce the second Regional Qualifier Tournament on November 24 at UBC's impressive Ponderosa Ballroom! After the success of the first event, which attracted 100 players, we're expecting an even larger turnout this time. This is your chance to secure a spot in the prestigious 2025 BC Chess Challenge, taking place in Spring 2025. Players who score 2.5/5 points or more will automatically qualify for the provincial event, with trophies awarded to the top three players in each grade. Spots are limited for this highly anticipated tournament, so don't miss the opportunity to compete in person. [Sign up](#) online today and join the excitement!

SUNDAY CHESS CLUB | WEEKLY

Each week, players of all ages and abilities can enjoy a variety of exciting activities, including casual games, tactical challenges, thematic tournaments with expert insights, and fast-paced blitz events. Plus, free pizza is available for all participants! Whether you're looking to improve your skills, connect with fellow chess enthusiasts, or simply enjoy a fun and competitive environment, our Sunday Chess Club offers something for everyone—without the pressure of rated games. We're also thrilled to have newly awarded FIDE Master Ethan Song volunteering to help our students sharpen their skills and reach new heights. [Join](#) the fun—register now and become part of our vibrant chess community!

FALL PRO-D CAMPS | OCT 14, 25, NOV 11, 22

Our Pro-D Camps offer students a fantastic opportunity to spend their Pro-D day engaged in fun and educational chess activities. Players will be grouped by skill level to enjoy tailored lessons, exciting tournaments, themed games, and in-depth game analysis from our expert coaches. We also conduct level tests, giving students the chance to earn promotions to the next level in their chess journey. And to top it all off, everyone gets free pizza to make the day even more enjoyable! Don't miss out—[register now](#) to secure your spot!

Welcoming Eric Jiang: A Champion's Insight at VCS Chess Camps

We were delighted to welcome Eric Jiang to VCS as an assistant volunteer coach at our Summer and Fall Chess Camps. As an exceptionally talented and mature player, Eric has an impressive track record of participating in and winning numerous tournaments both in Canada and internationally. During his time with us, Eric shared his expertise with our students by presenting a selection of his games from the Nationals, which was met with great enthusiasm and appreciation. His insights and experiences were truly valuable to our young learners. We also appreciate the ongoing support of his mother (Cathy Rui Lan Zuo), a long-time advocate for the VCS chess community.

