VANCOUVER CHESS SCHOOL

MAKE THE MOST OF SUMMER PROGRAMS AND CAMPS

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Trophy Pickup

Trophies will be available for pickup on Saturday Aug 13 and Aug 20 from 1-4pm, for winners of the tournaments below:

- Provincial Championship, 2022
- Regional Qualifier Championship #5, 2022
- Monthly Class Championships, 2022
- All Girls Championship, 2022
- Individual Championship, 2022
- Promotional Qualifier Series, 2022



END OF YEAR BLITZ TOURNAMENT | AUG 28

VCS is excited to host a fun blitz tournament to celebrate the end of the summer before the start of the new school year in September. Blitz games are fast time controls where players ability to calculate quickly is tested. The tournament will consist of 7 rounds of 3+2 games with medals awarded to all the winners. This is a great chance to play friendly games, test out new openings, and play chess in a more relaxed environment than a typical tournament. Blitz events are often our most popular tournaments so register soon <u>online</u> to play!





Summer camps are continuing every week of August both online and in-person at our Jericho office. If you're looking for a fun and educational summer activity, this is the event for you! Sign up <u>online</u> to reserve your spot



FEATURED STUDENT: SOFIA VARMA-VITUG

Sofia has participated in many chess competitions where she had enormous success. She is scheduled to be promoted to the pre-Bishop class. Some of her notable chess accomplishments include:

- BCCC Regional Qualifier #3, 2021 3rd
- BCCC Regional Qualifier #4 3rd
- VCS Individual Championships (Girls) 2022 3rd
- VCS Individual Championships (Open) 2022 2nd

At the recent BC Games, she won Gold in the triple jump event and set a new personal best record! She was also the recipient of the prestigious BC Games Leadership Bursary Award. "The bursary is intended to recognize athletes who have achieved in sport and education, but more importantly, go above and beyond in their communities through leadership and volunteer activities." Congratulations Sofia!

NATIONAL PREPARATION PROGRAM | SEPT 17

The NPP camps will continue in the fall term with specialized training for each level taught by national champions. Tailor your opening repertoire to your strengths, train your tactical vision, and analyse your games. New this fall, the NPP will also incorporate our Pawn Endgame Series #1 lessons for approximately 35% of the NPP. This endgame series includes thematic endgame tournaments, dynamic lessons and puzzle solving. Register <u>here</u>

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MONTHLY CLASS CHAMPIONSHIP | AUG 13

The next monthly class championship is taking place on Aug 13, 2022. Students will play 5 rounds of G20+5 games against opponents of a similar level, giving everyone good tournament experience in longer time controls. This tournament is an excellent chance to gain rating points and earn a promotion to the next level. Details can be found online - sign up <u>now</u>!

PROMOTION QUALIFIER | AUG 21

Our next promotion qualifier is taking place on Aug 21 and is an event designed to help students gain the necessary experience and rating points needed for a promotion to the next level. Participants will play 7 rounds, giving a unique chance to play more than 5 games against players of a similar strength. Registration is available <u>online</u>.

JULY IN REVIEW

Monthly Class Championship

Congratulations to Raphael Ng who scored a perfect 5/5 to finish in first place against a strong field of 14 players. Lucas Chen finished in clear second while James Hong won on tiebreaks in a 5-way tie for 3rd place.

Promotion Qualifier Series

Raphael Ng achieved another impressive result winning the July Promotion Qualifier with a convincing 6.5/7 against a field of 9 participants. Linden Leung and Elliott McCallum won second and third place respectively, each taking home a medal. Congratulations to all players!



FALL TERM REGISTRATION OPEN

New Jericho groups available - inperson classes <u>added</u>

Legendary in-person <u>Quads</u> returning Sept 16!