

# VANCOUVER CHESS SCHOOL

THE CHESS CHALLENGE SERIES IS STARTING

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Sofia (R) and Ashiana (L) proudly donned their stylish jackets, a special honor bestowed upon them for finishing in the top three positions in the tournament points competition.

## Winter Term Registration Open

For faster promotion and better tournament results we recommend:

- Attend at least 2 group classes per week (group classes and/or workshops)
- Participate in our exclusive 4-hour Sunday chess club
- Engage in 1-2 quad tournaments per month and our monthly Chess Festival or Qualifier tournaments
- Complete assigned homework and tests



## REGIONAL QUALIFIER #1 | NOV 12

The Regional Qualifier tournaments are back in person this year, with the first one taking place at the fantastic UBC Ponderosa ballroom venue. All students are invited for the first chance to qualify for the 2023 BC Chess Challenge, taking place in April 2024. All players scoring 2.5/5 points or higher will automatically qualify for the provincial event, and the top three players in each grade will win trophies. This is one of the most popular events of the year and spots are limited in this in-person event. Sign up [online](#) to reserve your spot to compete.



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## VCS PLAYERS DOMINATE AT CHESS FESTIVAL

All three top spots went to VCS students at the October Chess Festival Blitz event. Congratulations to Dasha Doroshenko, Jaydon Yuan and Mark Karaivanov!

### SwissSys Standings. VCF 2 Blitz: U1400 (Standings (no tiebrk))

#	Name	Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Total	Prize
1	Doroshenko, Dasha	1128	W15	W16	L3	W20	W13	W10	W2	6.0	77.50
2	Yuan, Jaydon	1007	W18	W13	W8	W10	W3	W4	L1	6.0	77.50
3	Karaivanov, Mark	616	W14	W4	W1	D6	L2	W13	W10	5.5	45.00



### FEATURED STUDENT: THIAGO FERREZ

Tiago Ferraz, recently made waves at the Vancouver Chess Festival #2 where he tied for first place in the U1000 classical category, showcasing his brilliance on the board. Tiago regularly participates in VCS tournaments and is currently a student in the Pre-Bishop class, always eager to learn and improve. Tiago's unwavering passion for the game promises a bright future in the world of chess, and his recent success is just the beginning of what we can expect from this talented young player. We look forward to witnessing more of his impressive achievements in the future, both in chess and beyond.

### VCS CHESS FESTIVAL | NOV 11-12

VCS is delighted to announce the next Vancouver Chess Festival on the last weekend of October. The Festivals in September and October were a huge success and saw over 200 players from all over the lower Mainland participating in 5 sections. Anticipate an engaging weekend brimming with intense competition, and an unwavering passion for the game of chess. The event will take place at UBC's Ponderosa ballroom - registration is open [online](#) so save your spot now!

### PRO-D DAY CAMPS | NOV 13, 24

VCS is excited to present camps once again during the October Pro-D days, with full day camps taking place in person at the Jericho Office. Participants will be split into groups based on their levels, and will include lessons, fun tournaments, thematic games and game analysis with our coaches. If you're looking for a fun way to spend your Pro-D day this is perfect for you! Register [online](#).

### SUNDAY CHESS CLUB | WEEKLY

VCS launched our first Sunday Chess Club on Oct 1st which included free play, a tactics contest, a thematic rapid tournament 10'5 (3 games) + analysis, pizza and blitz tournament. Participants were from all levels and age groups and everyone had a great time together! Registration is open to all players of all ages and abilities - sign up [online](#) for a fun afternoon full of chess.

### CHRISTMAS CAMPS

VCS is very excited to host week-long camps once again this Christmas holiday, with full day camps taking place each week at our Jericho main office location. Participants will be split into groups based on their levels, and will learn new openings, tactics, and endgame technique. The camps will include lessons, fun tournaments, thematic games and game analysis with our coaches.

If you're looking for a fun way to spend your summer holidays, make some new friends and improve your chess skills, this is the perfect event for you! Details and registration are all [online](#).



The position reached between two VCS advanced players at VCF#2. Will Black win or will it be a draw?!