

# VANCOUVER CHESS SCHOOL

LETS MAKE SOME MOVES!

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Photo: VCS Alumni and Coach Stephanie Gu with Quads winners

## VCS Alumni Feature

Jason Qian, BC Provincial Champion for Grades 1, 2 & 3 moved back to Shenzhen a few years ago. He has since relocated to USA for further studies and recently played in a local tournament in New York and secured first place. Congratulations!



## VANCOUVER CHESS FESTIVALS | FALL 2023

VCS is delighted to announce the forthcoming Vancouver Chess Festivals scheduled to commence in Fall 2023! Anticipate engaging weekends brimming with intense competition, and an unwavering passion for the game of chess. The festivals will include classical time controls, a rapid event and a blitz, with sections for all levels. This event will be FIDE rated with high prizes, attracting experienced players. The following dates have been announced:

September Festival: Sep 16-17

October Festival: Oct 28-29

November Festival: Nov 11-12

December Festival: Dec 9-10

The event will take place at UBC's Ponderosa ballroom - registration is open [online](#) so save your spot now!

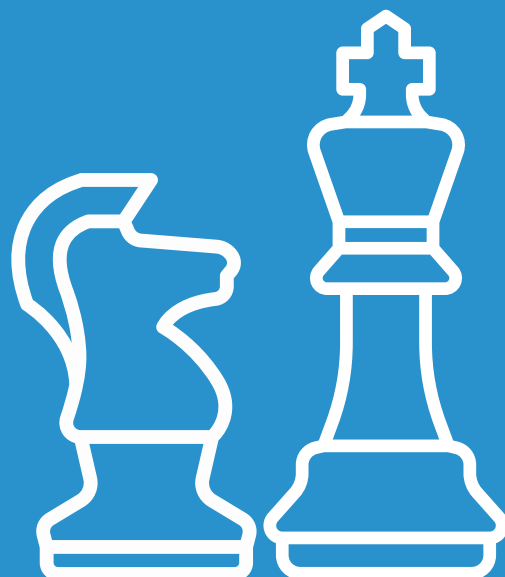


# THE NEXT GRANDMASTER COULD BE SITTING IN YOUR LIVING ROOM.

Let's make some moves.

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## Your One- Stop Chess Service!

We're thrilled to announce the launch of **VCS 2.0**, making us the all-in-one service for your chess needs, whether you're a casual player or a chess aficionado.

### For Casual Players:

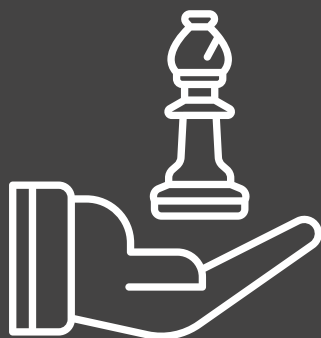
If your child enjoys the social aspects of chess and is looking to improve at their own pace, our regular group & private classes, tournaments, and Sunday club are just the ticket.

### For Serious Players:

If your child is passionate about chess and eager for rapid improvement, we offer a specialized path.

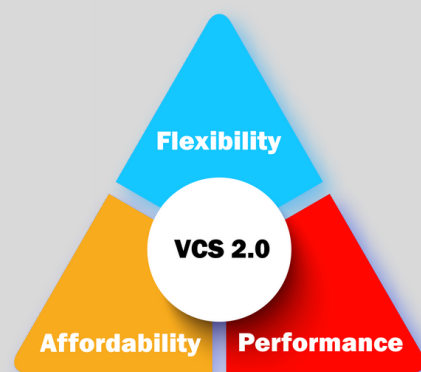
## RECIPE FOR SUCCESS

- 1-2 **group/private classes** from our comprehensive schedule.
- 1-2 specialized **workshops** per week.
- Exclusive 4-hour **Sunday chess club**.
- 1-2 quad **tournaments** per month
- Join the monthly **Chess Festival**.
- Complete **homework** and tests.



## The Payoff: 10+ hours of chess per week

Matching the weekly training time of young chess talents in leading chess countries like China, India, and Russia. The VCS 2.0 approach ensures this time is spent most effectively, maximizing your child's progress.



2023-08-17	Thursday Online Quads	3	3.0
2023-08-15	Tuesday Online Quads	3	3.0
2023-08-10	Thursday Online Quads	3	3.0
2023-08-03	Thursday Online Quads	3	3.0
2023-07-27	Thursday Online Quads	3	3.0
2023-07-13	Thursday Online Quads	3	2.5
2023-07-06	Thursday Online Quads	3	3.0
2023-06-29	Thursday Online Quads	3	3.0
2023-06-22	Thursday Online Quads	3	3.0
2023-05-25	Thursday Online Quads	3	3.0

## UNSTOPPABLE QUADS PLAYER!

Longtime VCS student Pengsen Fang is currently on fire at our weekly quads, with an unprecedented 30 straight wins. This amounts to winning 10 quad tournaments in a row with a perfect score. Unbelievable!



### FEATURED STUDENT: BURT JIANG

Burt Jiang is an enthusiastic and engaged student currently in the pre-Bishop class. His willingness to contribute and actively participate greatly enriches the learning environment for his peers. Burt's passion for the game is infectious and inspires those around him to push their own boundaries. He has displayed remarkable resilience and determination in his consistent participation in various chess tournaments and recently surpassed his all-time high rating. Given his dedication, we are confident that Burt will excel in his studies and will undoubtedly progress to the advanced classes in due course.

### RICHMOND BRANCH - NEW FALL CLASSES

Is Richmond more convenient for you? We are offering classes this fall in 5 levels - register [online](#)

### NATIONAL PREPARATION PROGRAM | SEPT 23

Our National Preparation program is gearing up again this fall - registration is posted online under [Groups](#). Secure this 3-hour weekly program for just \$250 (normally 500\$) when purchased in conjunction with a regular program.

### PRO-D DAY CAMP | SEPT 4, 22

Looking for a fun activity during this month's Pro-D days? VCS is hosting camps for all ages and levels twice in September at our Jericho office. Campers have the option of a half or full day and will receive a pizza lunch as well. Sign up [now!](#)

### SUNDAY CHESS CLUB | WEEKLY

VCS is excited to share with you the launch of our exclusive Chess Club, starting this September! Join us every Sunday for a jam-packed schedule of chess activities and tournaments. We've designed this club to offer a flexible, relaxed atmosphere, so students can join and leave at any point during the activities - giving them a chance to learn and enjoy at their own pace. More details to come shortly!

### ADVANCED IN PERSON CLASS | THIS FALL

We are delighted to announce the introduction of our new in person Advanced Chess Program, under the guidance of our Director, Maxim Doroshenko. This program has been meticulously tailored for students with CMA/CFC ratings 1000+. Details [online](#)

### INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATION - GO CANADA GO!



Team Canada is well represented by several strong BC juniors at the FIDE World Youth U16 Chess Olympiad, currently underway in Eindhoven, Netherlands.

Follow along with their results [here](#) - let's cheer on our BC players!



Siobhan & Elliot McCallum at the Pan-American Youth Chess Championship 2023 held in Chicago. Many congratulations!

# GRANDMASTER WORKSHOPS

Elevate your child's chess game this fall with VCS's online Grandmaster workshops!

Our six specially designed courses delve into openings, strategy, and endgames using our unique 'Power Replay Learning' concept. Get hands-on experience, complete online homework, tackle ChessHeroes challenges, and test your skills for a comprehensive learning journey. Book 1-2 workshops along with your regular classes for up to a whopping 50% discount! Limited spots - Sign up now and take your chess mastery to the next level.



## VCS PRESENTS SIX GRANDMASTER WORKSHOPS THIS FALL!

GM BORIS AVRUKH



1. Sicilian Defense for White  
Thursday 4 pm – 5:15 pm
2. Sicilian Defense for Black  
Thursday 5:30 pm – 6:45 pm

GM DMITRII KOMAROV



1. Pawn Endgames #1  
Saturday 9 am – 10:15 am
2. Rook Endgames #1  
Saturday 10:30 am – 11:45 am

GM NIKOLA NESTOROVIC



1. Secrets of Positional Sacrifice #1  
Monday 7 am – 8 am
2. The Power of Defence #1  
Wednesday 7 am – 8 am

Check out all the available workshops [here](#). Don't forget, with the purchase of two or more courses this Fall, you'll gain free entry to our exciting [Chess Festival](#) (Sep 16-17)!