

# VANCOUVER CHESS SCHOOL

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## WINTER TOURNAMENT PACKAGE

**Includes 64 Tournaments  
Covers Quads, Regionals, Festivals  
and **Sunday Club****

**Time period: Jan 1 - Mar 31, 2025**

**Exclusive 75% Discount  
Regular Price: ~~\$1375~~**

**Now Only: \$350**



## Sign Up Now!

### **Winter Tournament Package - Limited Offer!**

This winter, boost your child's chess skills with our Winter Tournament Package, featuring 64 tournaments including 10 Sunday Club sessions (a \$400 value!) for only **\$350**—a 75% discount off the regular price of **\$1375!**

- 🕒 Limited availability - don't miss out!
- ✅ Includes Quads, Regionals, Festivals and Sunday Chess Club sessions
- 📅 Access from Jan 1 - Mar 31, 2025

You can purchase this package through your VCS parent account under Class Schedule & Registration—and it should be bundled with one or more group lessons. Secure your spot today and give your child the ultimate winter chess experience. [Register now!](#)





### FEATURED STUDENT: EDWARD YU

Edward Yu is lighting up the chess world with his exceptional talent and dedication. A standout in the pre-Bishop class, Edward's perfect score at the Regionals earlier this year was a triumph that culminated in the proud moment of presenting the school trophy to his principal. He followed this up with an undefeated performance at Vancouver Chess Festival #9, clinching a cash award in the highly competitive U1000 section. Known for his tireless practice and love for the game, Edward is poised for a well deserved promotion to the advanced Bishop class. With achievements like these, the chess community eagerly awaits his next move!

### A BIG CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL PARTICIPANTS IN OUR NOVEMBER TACTICS CONTEST!

Stephanie Wu delivered an exceptional performance to claim the top spot. Dasha Doroshenko followed closely in second place, with Sofia Vigurs, Fedor Chernovanov, and Ryder Hsu securing third, fourth, and fifth places, respectively.

We'd like to give special recognition to Sophia Doroshenko for winning the Top Female Prize and Eason Wang for being the Top U6 Player. Both have earned extra Chess Heroes cards for their remarkable achievements!

We're proud of everyone's hard work and dedication. Keep striving for excellence, and we look forward to seeing you at the next challenge!

## VCS CHRISTMAS CHESS CAMPS

Join Us for Christmas Chess Camps at Vancouver Chess School!

Get ready for an exciting holiday season filled with chess adventures! Vancouver Chess School is thrilled to present our In-Person Christmas Chess Camps, held at our main office in Jericho. With flexible options for full-day and half-day participation, these camps are perfect for all schedules.

### Camp Dates:

Camp #1: Dec 23rd - Dec 27th

Camp #2: Dec 30th - Jan 3rd

Camp #3: Jan 6th - Jan 10th

**What's in Store:** Skill-based groupings for optimized learning  
Daily complimentary pizza lunch, Fun tournaments, thematic games, and in-depth game analysis.

Explore new openings, sharpen tactics, and enhance endgame skills under the guidance of our expert coaches

This holiday season, let your child's chess journey take center stage. They'll improve their skills, make new friends, and have loads of festive fun. Don't miss out - [register online today](#) to secure your spot!

See you at the board this Christmas!

## VCS CHESS FESTIVAL #10 | FEB 8-9

Join us on February 8-9 at UBC! [Register early](#) to catch the early bird discount before December 31st.

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

## REGIONAL QUALIFIER #3 | FEB 9

We're thrilled to announce the third Regional Qualifier Tournament on February 9 at UBC's impressive Ponderosa Ballroom! 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.

**School team prizes** will be awarded, alongside individual trophies. Spots are limited, so don't miss the opportunity to compete in person. [Sign up online today!](#) 🧑

## SUNDAY CHESS CLUB | WEEKLY

Each week, players of all ages can enjoy casual games, tactical challenges, thematic tournaments with expert insights, and fast-paced blitz events. Free pizza is included! Whether you're improving your skills or connecting with fellow enthusiasts, our Sunday Chess Club offers a fun, pressure-free environment. Plus, FIDE Master Ethan Song is volunteering to help students excel. [Join](#) the fun—register now and be part of our chess community!



## Congratulations to Janak Awatramani on Winning the 2024 Chess.com Crazyhouse Championships

Competing against a highly talented field that included some of the brightest young Grandmasters in the world, Janak's achievement is nothing short of phenomenal. This win shared the spotlight and top billing on the [chess.com](https://www.chess.com) website and was featured alongside with the Ding Liren and Gukesh D's World Chess Championship match.

Crazyhouse chess has notable similarities to Xiangqi (Chinese Chess) and Japanese Shogi, and its theory is infinitely more complex than that of traditional chess. These games share the concept of reintroducing captured pieces back into play, creating dynamic and strategic opportunities. In Crazyhouse, when you capture an opponent's piece, it becomes part of your "reserve," and you can "drop" it back onto the board as your own piece in a future move. This mechanic mirrors the hallmark feature of Shogi and evokes the dynamic complexity seen in Xiangqi. Such reintroduction transforms the game into a highly unpredictable and creative battle, pushing the boundaries of conventional chess understanding.

Janak's mastery of this dynamic format, combined with his ability to thrive under the pressure of facing some of the world's top emerging talents, underscores his exceptional prowess and passion. Already an accomplished figure in chess variants, **Janak claimed victory in both the Bughouse and the Crazyhouse World Championship in previous years.** His continued success cements his legacy as one of the most innovative and accomplished players in the world of chess variants.

<https://www.chess.com/news/view/awatramani-wins-2024-crazyhouse-chess-championship#winner-final>



## Awatramani Wins 2024 Crazyhouse Championship



# Christmas Eve Blitz

**Dec 24th**  
**3:30 pm - 5:30 pm**



**BOXING DAY BUGHOUSE**  
**DECEMBER 26TH**  
**3.30 PM - 5.30 PM**