

VANCOUVER CHESS SCHOOL

"THE RIGHT OPENING CAN DECIDE THE GAME EVEN BEFORE THE MIDDLE GAME STARTS."
BOBBY FISCHER, 11TH WORLD CHAMPION

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DOUBLE GOLD FOR CANADA AT THE U9 AND U7 FIDE RAPID WORLD SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2024!

We are thrilled to congratulate Elliot McCallum and Karson Lu on their incredible victories at the U9 and U7 FIDE Rapid World School Championships 2024 in Callao, Lima, Peru! Elliot secured the U9 title, adding to his previous triumph as the U7 champion last year. Both Elliot and Karson's wins in their respective categories showcase our young talents' exceptional skills and dedication.

The event saw 1,200 chess players from 26 countries competing, making their wins even more remarkable.

Their outstanding achievements continue to make us, and the entire nation of Canada, incredibly proud!

Enroll Now: Summer & Fall Terms
Registration Now Open!

VANCOUVER CHESS SCHOOL YEAR-END POTLUCK

Let's meet to celebrate our hard work, determination, and achievements in the 2024 academic year!

Saturday, Jun 29 2024
4pm-8pm

Jericho Shopping Centre

Bring: Potluck dish to share

Activities:

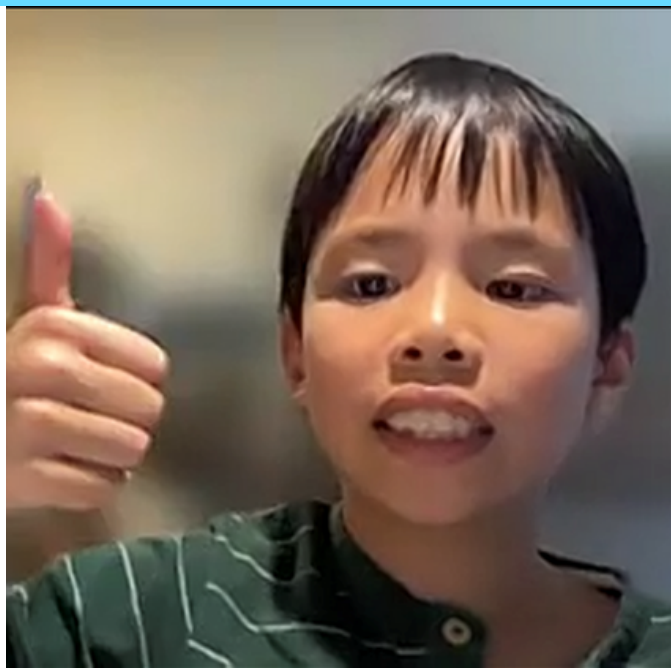
- 4 pm-5 pm Knockout Blitz and Student vs Coach time odds games
- 5 pm-6 pm Team BC vs ROTW (rest of the world) Rapid
- 6 pm-7 pm Family chess matches
- 7 pm-8 pm Bughouse



WE ARE THRILLED TO INTRODUCE OUR NEW FEATURE: THE VCS OPENING ZONE, LAUNCHING IN FALL 2024!

Opening preparation is one of the most important aspects of the game today. Each player needs an individual approach to build their opening repertoire based on their playing style. Usually, this requires extensive work with a private coach or a lot of self-study. We have worked diligently on this feature over the past years and are now ready to present a tool that helps build an individually customized opening repertoire with both white and black pieces for all VCS students (Pre-Knight level and up) in a group setting. Each student will be offered two repertoires for both white and black, including main and alternative options.

Our platform and content make this possible, providing students with the resources and guidance needed to enhance their opening strategies. The VCS Opening Zone is designed to empower our students, helping them to be well-prepared and confident in their games.



FEATURED STUDENT: ALEX PAN

Alex Pan is an inspiring example of how dedication and consistency can lead to remarkable success. His impressive first-place finish in the March monthly tactics challenge, followed by a strong second-place performance in April and May, highlights his commitment to regular practice and persistent effort in achieving his goals. He has been committed to playing tournaments regularly achieving the rating of CMA 600 a significant milestone for his Knight level promotion. Congratulations, Alex, on your well-deserved achievements, and may your continued dedication and passion pave the way for even greater success in the future.

MAY TACTICS CHALLENGE WINNERS ANNOUNCED!

Congratulations to the winners of our May Tactics Contest! Nathan Halim claimed first place with an exceptional performance. Alex Pan secured second place, while Stephanie Wu, Sophia Doroshenko and Alexander Ward took third, fourth, and fifth places, respectively. Special recognition goes to Khang Le, the top U6 participant, and Dasha Doroshenko, the top female competitor, both of whom earned additional Chess Heroes cards for their outstanding achievements.

48TH EDITION OF THE ANNUAL KERES MEMORIAL CHESS TOURNAMENT

The Keres Memorial, one of BC's most prestigious tournaments, saw over 200 players competing across five sections. Among them were many talented VCS students who achieved great results.

Our new World Rapid Champion, 6-year-old Karson Lu, fresh from his victory in Peru, scored 5/6 points in the U1300 section, securing 1st place and the U1300 section. Additionally, Pengsen Fang and YouJia Ye excelled in the U1600 section, each scoring 4.5/6 and gaining significant CFC rating points.

Huge congratulations to all!

SUMMER CAMPS | WEEKLY, JULY - AUGUST

VCS is excited to announce our series of in-person summer camps, held weekly at our Jericho main office. We offer both full-day and half-day options to accommodate all schedules. Each participant will enjoy a complimentary pizza lunch every day. Campers will be grouped by skill level to explore new openings, tactics, and endgame strategies. With engaging lessons, fun tournaments, thematic games, and game analysis led by our expert coaches, these camps are the perfect way to enjoy the summer while improving chess skills and making new friends. [Register online](#) to secure your spot!

EMPOWERING FAMILIES: SUMMER GROUP CHESS CLASS SUBSIDY AVAILABLE

We understand that financial challenges can make it difficult for families to participate in extracurricular activities. To support our community, we are offering a 25% subsidy on our chess group classes for the Summer term to families facing financial difficulties. A limited number of spots are available for this offer. If you are interested in this opportunity, please email us at info@vanchess.ca to inquire about eligibility and secure your spot. We are committed to making chess accessible to everyone and look forward to welcoming more students into our chess family.

CONGRATULATIONS TO TEAM BC FOR THEIR REMARKABLE PERFORMANCE AT THE 35TH CANADIAN CHESS CHALLENGE IN MONCTON, NEW BRUNSWICK!

AFTER THE SUCCESS OF THE 2024 PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP, OUR TOP PLAYERS REPRESENTED OUR PROVINCE WITH GREAT SKILL AND DETERMINATION:

**GRADE 1: JIMMY RAO
GRADE 2: JOSIAH LO
GRADE 3: MOSES LI
GRADE 4: AIDEN YIN
GRADE 5: ETHAN LOW
GRADE 6: NATHAN YI-HSIN YANG
GRADE 7: ETHAN LI
GRADE 8: LIAM TU
GRADE 9: JOEY XU
GRADE 10: AIDEN LEONG
GRADE 11: OWEN YUEN
GRADE 12: LUKA SPASOJEVIC**

TEAM BC SECURED AN IMPRESSIVE 2ND PLACE, DEFEATING SEVEN PROVINCIAL TEAMS, TYING WITH QUEBEC, AND LOSING TO THE TOURNAMENT WINNERS, ONTARIO.

A HUGE CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR PLAYERS FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS AND DEDICATION. YOUR HARD WORK AND PERSEVERANCE HAVE MADE US INCREDIBLY PROUD. GO TEAM BC!



Standings