

# VANCOUVER CHESS SCHOOL

BETTER MOVES IN CHESS, BETTER MOVES IN LIFE.

**Camp #1**  
**March 17-21**  
Beginner, Intermediate  
& Advanced levels

**Camp #2**  
**March 24-28**  
Beginner, Intermediate  
& Advanced levels

**IN PERSON CHESS CAMPS**  
**AT VANCOUVER CHESS SCHOOL**



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**Spring Term Registration Open. Enroll Now!**





**FEATURED STUDENT: WYATT VELEZ**

We are proud to recognize Wyatt Velez as our Student of the Month. His unwavering commitment to our program is evident in his consistent participation in the Sunday chess club, camps, and both in-person and online tournaments, sometimes attending even while in a different time zone. Over the past few months, Wyatt has demonstrated remarkable growth, earning a well-deserved promotion to the Bishop class. Additionally, he was recently presented with a beautifully handcrafted wooden chess set in recognition of his outstanding performance. His enthusiasm for the game is infectious, and his competitive yet sportsmanlike approach serves as an inspiration to his peers. Wyatt’s passion and determination not only strengthen his own skills but also elevate those around him. Congratulations, Wyatt, on this well deserved achievement!

**A BIG CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL PARTICIPANTS IN OUR FEBRUARY TACTICS CONTEST!**

Stephanie Wu delivered an exceptional performance, securing first place in the competition! Isaac Yu followed closely in second, with Lahan Wickramasinghe, Dasha Doroshenko, and Fedor Chernovianov completing the top five in third, fourth, and fifth places.

A special shoutout to Sophia Doroshenko for winning the Top Female Prize and Emery Ning for claiming the Top U6 Player title! Both will receive extra Chess Heroes cards for their outstanding achievements.

We’re proud of everyone’s dedication—keep striving for excellence! See you at the next challenge!

**2025 ONLINE BC CHESS CHALLENGE. REGIONAL QUALIFIER #1**

We’re excited to announce an additional Online Qualifier on April 5th! If you haven’t secured your spot for the Provincial Championship or want extra practice, this is your chance!

April 5

Online

Qualifier for the Provincial Championship

Register now:

<https://www.vanchess.ca/tournaments/view/id/10932>

**VANCOUVER CHESS FESTIVAL #11!**

Get ready for an exciting weekend of chess at UBC’s Ponderosa Ballroom! Compete for a \$5,500 prize fund in the Vancouver Chess Festival #11, or test your speed in the Blitz Tournament. Open to all skill levels!

April 12-13

UBC Ponderosa Ballroom

\$5,500 in prizes (Festival), \$550 in prizes (Blitz)

CFC/CMA rated

Classical Tournament:

<https://www.vanchess.ca/tournaments/view/id/10796>

Blitz Tournament:

<https://www.vanchess.ca/tournaments/view/id/10797>

**2025 BC CHESS CHALLENGE - PROVINCIAL FINALS!**

The BC Chess Challenge - Provincial is coming! On April 13, top young players will compete for trophies and provincial glory in a K-12 Swiss tournament. Don’t miss this chance to shine!

April 13

UBC Ponderosa Ballroom

Trophies for top 3 in each grade

CMA rated

Register now:

<https://www.vanchess.ca/tournaments/view/id/10795>

**SUNDAY CHESS CLUB | WEEKLY**

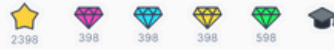
Every week, chess enthusiasts of all ages can enjoy casual games, solve tactical puzzles, and compete in thematic tournaments with expert insights. Test your speed in blitz events and enjoy free pizza while sharpening your skills!

Our Sunday Chess Club offers a fun and supportive environment, with FIDE Master Ethan Song volunteering his expertise to help students improve. Don't miss out—register now and be part of our thriving chess community!

Register now: [https://www.vanchess.ca/events?events\[0\]=19](https://www.vanchess.ca/events?events[0]=19)

EXCITING NEWS!

A COMPLETELY REDESIGNED **VANCHESS.CA** IS COMING SOON—FASTER, MORE INTUITIVE, AND PACKED WITH NEW FEATURES TO MAKE LEARNING CHESS EVEN MORE ENGAGING! STAY TUNED!



- Homework
- Practice
- Theory
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### GROUP CLASSES

#### Your Level Pre-Knight

0 FIDE | 0 CFC | 588 CMA | 600 VCS

88%

My Homework [do homework](#)

My Rating CMA **600/600**

Final Test TBA (required) closed

Your next level Knight

### CLASS SCHEDULE

#### Pre-Knight Group #2V

Monday at 9:00am - 10:15am

Jan 6, Jan 13, Jan 20, Jan 27, Feb 03, Feb 10, Feb 17, Feb 24, Mar 03, Mar 10, Mar 17, Mar 24

**You show results higher than 45% of students. Register for the next semester for more progress**

[Select Class](#)

#### Pawn Endgames Intermediate #1J

Thursday at 9:00am - 10:15am

Jan 2, Jan 09, Jan 16, Jan 23, Jan 30, Feb 6, Feb 13, Feb 20, Feb 27, Mar 06, Mar 13, Mar 20, Mar 27

#### Private Lessons

Next: 12:00pm Jul 22

### WORKSHOPS

#### Pawn Endgames Intermediate

62%

Workshop Homework [do homework](#)

Chess Heroes Challenge [start](#)

Final Test (required) [start](#)

### LEADERBOARD

#	Name	Positions
1	Emily Johnson	117
2	Mark Thompson	108
3	Robert Martinez	97
4	Michael Smith	89
5	Chris Anderson	76
6	David Brown	75
8	Sarah Davis	69
9	Jessica Wilson	65
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17	John Smith	29



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**VANCOUVER CHESS SCHOOL & MARSHALL CHESS CLUB RECIPROCITY AGREEMENT**

In a landmark collaboration bridging two of North America's most distinguished chess institutions, the Vancouver Chess School and the Marshall Chess Club in New York City have entered into a historic reciprocity agreement. Founded in 1915 by U.S. Champion Frank Marshall, the Marshall Chess Club has been a cornerstone of American chess history. The club has hosted legendary events, including Bobby Fischer's famous "Game of the Century" in 1956. Fischer also played in the 1965 Capablanca Memorial Tournament remotely from the club. The club's legacy includes chess greats like Garry Kasparov, Magnus Carlsen, and Hikaru Nakamura. Marcel Duchamp, the renowned artist, was also a devoted member. During the visit, WGM Carissa Yip and GM Awonder Liang were in attendance, along with Chief Arbiter Nebojsa Baralic. Productive meetings with club president Sarathi Ray and executive director Carlos Chavez were instrumental in fostering this collaboration. The agreement grants players from both institutions access to tournaments and waived membership fees, and is a testament to a shared commitment to the advancement of chess, fostering cross-border collaboration, and creating new opportunities for players at all levels.

**WALL STREET GAMBIT**

Cipriani Wall Street in New York hosted a prestigious event highlighting the intersection of chess and the corporate world, featuring business leaders, economists, professors and Grandmasters discussing strategic applications of chess in industry. Key speakers, including finance executives and AI pioneers, emphasized how chess principles such as structured decision making, pattern recognition, and risk assessment apply to business, technology, and economics. The event reinforced chess's growing influence beyond the board, demonstrating its relevance in shaping leadership, economic strategies, and artificial intelligence. Gyan Awatramani, whose expertise spans international finance and chess education, conveyed his appreciation for the exclusive invitation, acknowledging the event's far reaching significance. "This conference highlights the intellectual depth that chess brings to decision making and risk assessment, skills that resonate deeply in the corporate sphere. For chess educators, the discussions reinforced the game's role in cultivating analytical thinking and resilience, essential qualities for future leaders. Moreover, it affirmed chess as a timeless discipline that bridges strategic foresight with real world applications, shaping the next generation of visionaries and decision makers."

