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VANCOUVER CHESS SCHOOL

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BC CHESS CHALLENGE 2025



Winners of the BC Chess Challenge will form Team BC.

1 day event , K-12
Regular 5-round Swiss,
G25, CMA Rated

BC CHESS CHALLENGE. REGIONAL #3

Grade K-12
Date: FEB 9, 2025
Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

UBC PONDEROSA BALLROOM (6445 UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD)

SIGN UP NOW, THE SPACE IS LIMITED!

In the Final In-Person Regional Qualifier #3, in addition to individual trophies, we are excited to announce awards for the three best-performing elementary schools and secondary schools, determined by the combined top four scores of each team's players.

Details and Registration: [https://www.vanchess.ca/events?events\[0\]=9](https://www.vanchess.ca/events?events[0]=9)





FEATURED STUDENT: BEN KOHAVI

We are excited to announce that Ben Kohavi has been promoted to our Knight level class, a well deserved recognition of his dedication and growth as a chess player. Ben is a regular participant in tournaments, the Sunday Chess Club, camps and our group classes, consistently challenging himself and demonstrating his commitment to improvement.

What truly sets Ben apart, however, is his resilience. Through his experiences, he has come to understand the inevitable ups and downs of chess, especially the sting of losing. Instead of letting setbacks discourage him, Ben has developed a strong mindset, viewing losses not as failures, but as opportunities to learn and grow. He has shared his personal philosophy with his peers, emphasizing the importance of perseverance and mental toughness in the face of adversity. His perspective not only helps him bounce back stronger but also inspires others to embrace challenges with a positive attitude.

We look forward to seeing Ben continue to evolve as a player and leader, both in the classroom and on the tournament floor!

SUNDAY CHESS CLUB | WEEKLY

Every week, players of all ages can dive into casual games, tackle tactical puzzles, compete in thematic tournaments with expert feedback, and experience the thrill of blitz events. Enjoy free pizza while honing your skills and connecting with fellow chess enthusiasts! Our Sunday Chess Club provides a relaxed, supportive atmosphere, with FIDE Master Ethan Song volunteering his expertise to help students succeed. Don't miss out—[register now](#) and become part of our vibrant chess community!!

WINTER PRO-D CAMPS | FEB 14 & 17

We're thrilled to bring back our Winter Pro-D Day Camps at the Jericho Office! These camps are a fantastic way for students to make the most of their Pro-D days with engaging and educational activities. Participants will be grouped by skill level to enjoy interactive lessons, exciting tournaments, themed games, and in-depth game analysis led by our expert coaches. And to top it off, everyone gets free pizza to add to the fun! [Register today to save your spot!](#)

VCS SPRING CHESS CAMPS

Join us this March for an exciting chess adventure at our Spring Chess Camps, held in-person at our Jericho office. With options for full-day or half-day participation, these camps are designed to fit any schedule.

Camp Dates:

- Camp #1: Mar 17 - Mar 21
- Camp #2: Mar 24 - Mar 28

Highlights:

- Skill-based groupings for effective learning
- Daily pizza lunch included
- Fun tournaments, themed games, and in-depth game analysis
- Explore openings, sharpen tactics, and refine endgames with expert coaches

Let your child enhance their chess skills, make new friends, and enjoy a fun-filled holiday! Spaces are limited—[register online today to reserve your spot!](#)

A BIG CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL PARTICIPANTS IN OUR DECEMBER TACTICS CONTEST!

Stephanie Wu showcased an outstanding performance, earning the top spot in the competition. Isaac Yu followed with a strong showing in second place, while Fedor Chernov, Ryder Hsu, and YouJia Ye rounded out the top five in third, fourth, and fifth places, respectively.

A special shoutout goes to Sofia Vigurs for winning the Top Female Prize and to Misha Vornichesko for claiming the title of Top U6 Player. Both will be rewarded with extra Chess Heroes cards for their impressive achievements!

We're proud of everyone's dedication and effort. Keep aiming high, and we can't wait to see you at the next challenge!