

# VANCOUVER CHESS SCHOOL

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## ☀️ ALUMNI SUCCESS SPOTLIGHT: RYAN YANG & AIDEN LU SHINE AT CANADIAN OPEN

We're thrilled to celebrate the incredible achievements of two long-time members of our chess community, FM Ryan Yang and Aiden Hao-Ting Lu, at the prestigious 2025 Canadian Open Chess Championship in Surrey, BC!

♟️ FM Ryan Yang tied for 1st place in the highly competitive Open Section, finishing with a powerful 7.0/9 score. His outstanding performance earned him his first International Master norm, putting him one step closer to the IM title and placing him ahead of several Grandmasters.

🏆 Aiden Hao-Ting Lu topped the U2000 Section with a commanding 8.0/9, finishing clear first in a field of over 100 players. His disciplined and dynamic play captured the attention of everyone at the event.

Both Ryan and Aiden have grown with us over the years, and their success is a testament to the power of dedication, hard work, and a love for the game.

☀️ Congratulations to Ryan and Aiden — we're proud to be part of your journey!



## Fall Term Registration Open.

## Enroll Now!





### FEATURED STUDENT: RYAN LI

Ryan Li is a standout in our Knight-level class. His promotion to pre-Bishop is fast approaching, marking the next step in his steady rise. Currently sitting at the top of the tournament points leaderboard, he has demonstrated remarkable consistency and competitive spirit. Committed to both online and in-person tournaments, Ryan has amassed an impressive collection of medals and is a frequent participant in our seasonal camps. With aspirations to become both a grandmaster and a lawyer, he approaches the game with rare focus and ambition. The strategic thinking and discipline honed through chess may well serve as a powerful foundation for success in both the courtroom and beyond.

### AUGUST BLITZ AND BUGHOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP| AUGUST 24

Open to K-12 players, CFC Quick & CMA rated. Fast games, sharp tactics, and a fun challenge await. 🌟 Light snacks & refreshments provided. Limited spots—register now!

### NEW PRE-QUEEN LEVEL GROUPS LAUNCHING THIS FALL!

We're excited to announce the launch of new Pre-Queen Level groups for Fall 2025, personally led by VCS Director Maxim Doroshenko.

🕒 **Schedule:** Mondays & Wednesdays, 4:00 PM – 6:30 PM

🏆 **Who Can Join:** Players with an official rating of 1600+

📅 **Options:** Register for 1 or 2 sessions per week

Join a group of strong, motivated players who challenge and inspire each other to grow.

Limited spots available – [register now!](#)

### STILL TIME TO JOIN OUR EXCITING SUMMER CHESS CAMPS!

Looking for a fun, educational, and action-packed experience for your child?

Our in-person chess camps offer the perfect blend of skill-building, creativity, and excitement – ideal for Beginner, Intermediate, and Advanced players!

☀️ **What's Included:**

- ✓ Group lessons by skill level
- ✓ Daily chess training & game analysis
- ✓ Friendly tournaments
- ✓ Super Chess Trivia & themed challenges
- ✓ Fun puzzles, games, and team activities
- ✓ Pizza lunch included every day! 🍕

🏆 **Students take a level test at the end of the week and receive a certificate – many complete a full level in just one camp!**

✅ **3 camps completed with great success – 5 more to go!**

Don't miss your chance – [register now!](#)

### 🏆 DAILY PUZZLE LEADERBOARD – JUNE 2025

Congratulations to all our top solvers for their dedication and consistency throughout the month!

🏆 **Lahan Wickramasinghe takes 1st place with an incredible 2643 points!**

🥈 **Linara Wickramasinghe follows closely in 2nd place with 2442 points.**

🥉 **Isaac Yu secures 3rd place with a strong 1702 points.**

🌟 **Melody Song and Fedor Chernovikov complete the Top 5 with impressive efforts!**

🌸 **Top Girl: Dasha Doroshenko**

😊 **Top U6 Player: Atlas Huang**

Both will receive bonus Chess Heroes cards for their achievements!

Fantastic work by all players – stay sharp, keep training, and see you on next month's leaderboard!