

MARCH 2025

VANCOUVER CHESS SCHOOL

BETTER MOVES IN CHESS, BETTER MOVES IN LIFE.

**CHESS CAMPS AT JERICHO
SHOPPING CENTRE
July - August 2025**



Summer Term Registration is coming soon!





FEATURED STUDENT: JACK XU

Jack Xu's dedication to chess has been nothing short of inspiring. Jack has earned a top spot on the tournament points leaderboard and played a key role in his school's recent trophy win at the Regional Qualifier Championships held at UBC. He has also won numerous medals in our VCS Quad tournaments, showcasing his talent and competitive spirit. His speed at the board is remarkable, often making moves in a flash, yet his passion for the game extends beyond competition. At home, he enjoys playing chess with his dad and brother, watching strategy videos on various board games, and diving into chess books to deepen his understanding. While Jack's quick decision making sets him apart, he continues to work on improving his focus and attention. His love for chess is evident in everything he does, and we can't wait to see how his journey unfolds!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR TOP PERFORMERS IN THE MARCH TACTICS CONTEST!

Rockwell Chan delivered an outstanding performance, finishing 1st in the competition with an impressive 2469 points! He was followed by Lahan Wickramasinghe in 2nd and Ryder Hsu in 3rd. YouJia Ye and Fedor Chernovikov rounded out the Top 5 with strong showings.

A special shoutout to Dasha Doroshenko, the Top Female Player, and to Emery Ning, who earned the Top U6 Player title! Both will receive extra Chess Heroes cards for their achievements. We're proud of everyone's dedication—keep striving for excellence, and we'll see you at the next challenge!

2025 BC PROVINCIAL CHESS CHALLENGE: CHAMPIONS ANNOUNCED!

The BC Chess Challenge – Provincial Championship took place on April 13 at the UBC Ponderosa Ballroom, bringing together top K-12 players from across the province. Competitors battled through five intense rounds for trophies, titles, and a chance to represent British Columbia.

Congratulations to all our grade champions, who have been invited to join Team BC for the upcoming Canadian Chess Challenge Nationals in Ottawa this May:

- Grade K– Emery Ning
- Grade 1 – Bowen Wang
- Grade 2 – Karson Lu
- Grade 3 – Josiah Lo
- Grade 4 – Aaron Gu
- Grade 5 – Andrew Yin
- Grade 6 – Jesse Law
- Grade 7 – Zachary Liu
- Grade 8 – Zichun Xiao
- Grade 9 – Liam Tu
- Grade 10 – Aadit Arya
- Grade 11 – Robert McBain
- Grade 12 – Owen Yuen

VANCOUVER CHESS FESTIVAL #11: SEASON FINALE DRAWS 114 PLAYERS!

The final chess festival of the academic year took place on April 12-13 at UBC's Ponderosa Ballroom, featuring two thrilling events: the Vancouver Chess Festival #11 and a fast-paced Blitz Tournament. A total of 114 players competed across both events, showcasing determination, creativity, and competitive spirit. With \$5,500 in prizes up for grabs in the main festival and \$550 in the blitz, players of all skill levels brought their best to the boards. Both events were CFC rated, contributing to official national rankings.

Thank you to everyone who participated and supported the festival!

This wraps up our tournament season – we'll see you back in September 2025 for the next one!

[🔗 Classical Tournament Results](#)

[🔗 Blitz Tournament Results](#)

SPRING PRO-D CHESS CAMPS – JOIN THE FUN!

Looking for a smart and fun way to spend upcoming Pro-D Days? Join our Spring Chess Camps to sharpen your skills, play games, and enjoy exciting activities in a supportive environment.

 Dates: April 18, 21, 28, May 19, June 27

 Location: Jericho Shopping Centre

[🔗 Register here.](#)

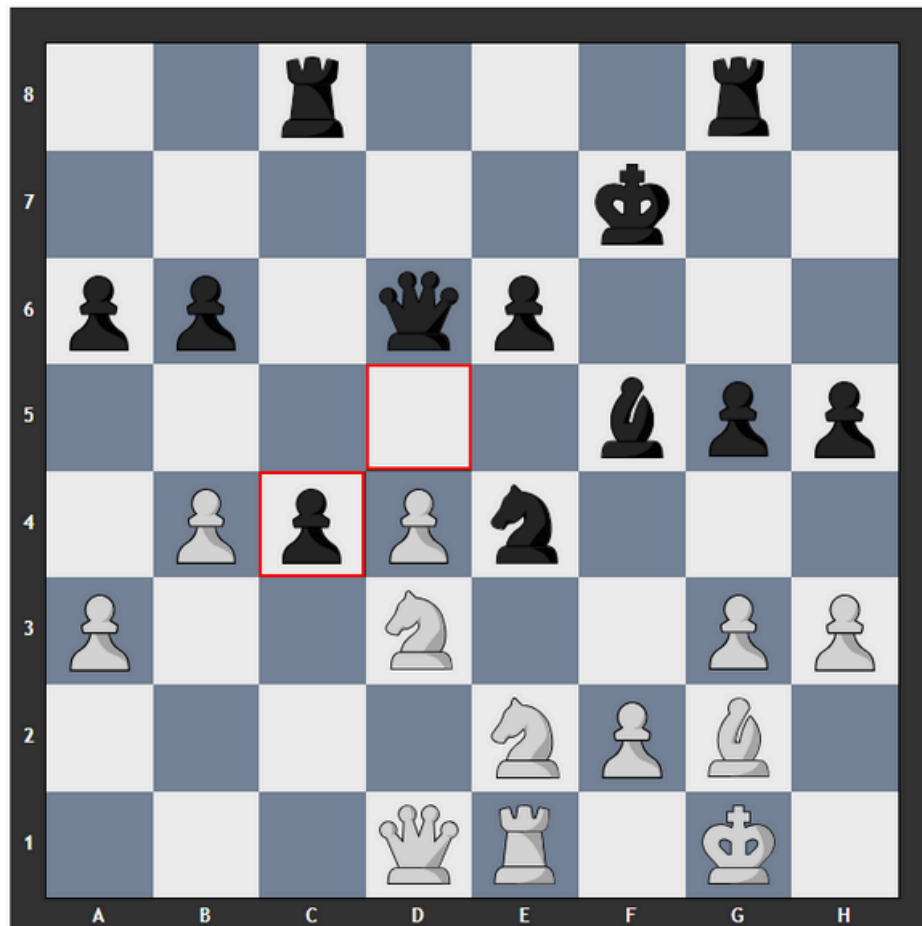
All levels welcome. Limited spots—register early!

GREAT NEWS!

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Homework



Hint (3)

- Mobile-Friendly Experience – Seamless learning on any device.
- Track Progress Easily – See achievements and next steps at a glance.
- Motivating Rewards – Earn points for homework and training in Chess Heroes.
- One-Click Tournament Registration – Register all your children effortlessly.
- Lesson Schedule & Course Info – Everything in one place.
- Customizable Chessboard – Choose board and piece colors.
- Full-Screen Board – Better focus, better gameplay.
- New Achievements Page – Track progress, rating, and exercises.
- Enhanced Parent Dashboard – Manage accounts, courses, and payments easily.
- Real-Time Notifications – Stay updated on your child's progress.
- Fun Chess Trivia – Learn amazing chess facts while having fun!

EXCHANGE SACRIFICE #1

Class Materials	Positions 8/13	Positions to play	Games
POSITION 1	100% Completed	✓	
POSITION 2	100% Completed	✓	
POSITION 3	100% Completed	✓	
POSITION 4	80% Completed	✓	
POSITION 5	70% Completed	✓	
POSITION 6	90% Completed	✓	
POSITION 7	100% Completed	✓	
POSITION 8	50% Open		
POSITION 9	50% Open		
POSITION 10	0% Completed	✓	

#8: Find the best continuation (exchange sacrifice)



Well done!

Good move