



2015 B.C. Chess Challenge Qualifiers

卑詩省区域性国际象棋挑战赛-预选赛

Invitation to all grades K-12 chess players 邀请所有K到12年级象棋手

What is Canadian Chess Challenge?

The Canadian Chess Challenge, organized by Chess'n Math Association, is a national chess tournament for players from grades 1 to 12. Each of the 10 provinces selects 12 representatives, one per grade, to participate in an intensive 9-round event over two days. Players not only compete to be the national champion, but also participate as team members to play for their provinces' honor. The first championship was held in 1989, and this year will be the 27th tournament. It will be held in Quebec City, Quebec during the Victoria long weekend (May 17-18, 2015). Team B.C. have put in strong performance over the years, we have come in second place 5 times and third 16 times.

Please visit Chess'n Math Association's website for more information about the organization: <http://chess-math.org/>

Who will be selected as Team B.C. members?

To determine who will represent B.C. in this historical event, we are organizing two levels of qualifying tournaments: regional and provincial. A series of regional qualifying events in different parts of B.C. are listed as below. Players must score 2.5 points or higher in one of the qualifier events in order to qualify for B.C. Provincial Chess Challenge on Mar 1, 2015. **Players can enter as many qualifiers as possible but they can only claim one trophy or medal if they are the winners of the section.** The section champion (Grade 1 to 12) of the provincial event will be invited to join Team B.C. to compete in the Canadian Chess Challenge 2015.

British Columbia vs. Washington International Match

This is the 24th year of the international match between B.C. and Washington. Two players from grade K to 12 will be selected to participate in this event. The Champions of grades K -12 of B.C. Provincial Chess Challenge will be representing B.C. to play against Washington on Board 1. Board 2 players will be the player with the highest CFC or CMA ratings as of Feb 1, 2015. This year, Chess4Life will be hosting the INTERMAT in Washington. Date & location will be advised.

Provincial Organizers

Vancouver Chess School (VCS) will be organizing the Vancouver Regional, Burnaby Regional, Fraser Valley Regional, Vancouver Regional #2 and the Provincial Chess Challenge. Victoria Junior Chess Society will be hosting the Victoria Regional. **(Changes)**

Team B.C. members

Selected Team B.C. members will receive partial travel subsidies to Canadian Chess Challenge and a free 3-day Team B.C. training sessions to prepare for their competition. All Team B.C. members are invited to play in our Monthly Active (March, April and May only) with a discounted entry fees of \$15 instead of \$25.

Sponsors

Any donation and sponsorship are welcome. This year, the goal of our donation funds is to financially support Team B.C. members and coaches to attend both the Canadian Chess Challenge in Quebec City as well as INTERMAT in Washington.

Individual Registration

- The Chess Challenge Qualifiers are open to any student in grades K to 12. Preschoolers are welcome and will be grouped with Kindergarten participants.
- Early bird fees \$25 online payment only. Please refer to each qualifier below for details.
- Sibling discount \$5 off for 2nd or higher member of the family.
- We do not encourage onsite registration. All participants must register and pay online in advance for pairing purposes.
- \$50 (cash) onsite registration under special circumstances only.

School Team Registration

Requirement:

- For the players' commuting convenience, we have expanded our regional tournaments to 4 regions: Vancouver, Burnaby, Fraser Valley & Vancouver #2.
- You can compete in any region but in each regional tournament, we require at least 2 school teams in elementary and high school levels to compete. **(Changes)**
- A team must have at least 4 or more players from the **same** school. **Their school & rating information will be verified.**
- The points from the 4 best performing team members will contribute to the school's total score. Players' performances are tabulated towards both individual and school prizes.

Top 3 winning teams for the Elementary school (Grade K-7) & High school (Grade 8-12) categories will receive a trophy.

2 -step registration:

Step 1: Register players as individual players online. Follow individual registration fee scale. We require at least 2 school teams in elementary and high school levels to compete. You will compete as individual only if we do not have enough teams in your regional.

Step 2: School Team leader (you can be a teacher or a parent) please email us a list of your team members by the following dates. All team members must be from the same school. **No last minute change please.**

- Vancouver Regional – Nov 28 by 5pm
- Burnaby Regional – Jan 9 by 5pm
- Fraser Valley Regional – Jan 29 by 5pm
- Vancouver Regional #2 – Feb 13 by 5pm

Please note:

- This historical tournament is originally designed to be a competition to determine provincial chess champions by their grade. School team competition is an additional prize to encourage team efforts. Please note that all players will be paired according to their individual performances. Their school association will not be considered in the pairing process to ensure fairness for individual results.

Vancouver Regional

Date 日期: Nov 30, 2014 (Sunday)

Location 地点: Vancouver Chess School 温哥华国际象棋学校

Arbutus Shopping Centre # 252-4255 Arbutus Street, Vancouver, BC (All day free parking)

*Use the entrance next to A & W Restaurant; take the escalator up to 2nd floor - Unit 252

Fees: \$25 on or before Nov 16 (early bird fee); \$30 regular. Cut-off time: Nov 28 by 5pm.

Burnaby Regional

Date 日期: Jan 11, 2015 (Sunday)

Location 地点: Chaffey Burke Elementary School

4404 Sardis St, Burnaby, BC V5H 1K7 (School parking & street parking)

Fees: \$25 on or before Dec 28 (early bird fee); \$30 regular. Cut-off time: Jan 9 by 5pm.

Fraser Valley Regional

Date 日期: Jan 31, 2015 (Saturday)

Location 地点: Comfort Inn & Suites Surrey

8255, 166 Street, Surrey, BC V4N 5R8 Tel: (604)576- 8888 (All day free parking)

Fees: \$25 on or before Jan 17 (early bird fee); \$30 regular. Cut-off time: Jan 29 by 5pm.

Vancouver Regional #2

Date 日期: Feb 15, 2015 (Sunday)

Location 地点: Vancouver Chess School 温哥华国际象棋学校

Address: Arbutus Shopping Centre # 252-4255 Arbutus Street, Vancouver, BC (All day free parking)

*Use the entrance next to A & W Restaurant; take the escalator up to 2nd floor - Unit 252

Fees: \$25 on or before Feb 1 (early bird fee); \$30 regular. Cut-off time: Feb 13 by 5pm.

Victoria Regional - Please check Victoria Junior Chess's website for registration details:
<http://victoriajuniorchess.pbworks.com/w/page/11675112/FrontPage>

Those who score 2.5 points or higher in any of the regional above will be qualified to participate in the B.C. Chess Challenge on Mar 1, 2015.

2015 B.C. Provincial Chess Challenge

Date 日期: Mar 1, 2015 (Sunday)

Location 地点: TBA

Fees: \$30 on or before Feb 16 (early bird fee); \$35 regular. Cut-off time: Feb 27 by 5pm

Format 赛制: K-12th Grades, 13 Sections. K-12年级, 分十三组别。
5 rounds Regular Swiss. CMA rated. 5局瑞士赛制。CMA 计分。

Ratings 计分: You can check your CMA ratings here: <http://www.chesstalk.com/elo/pub/>

Please note that some groups may be combined if sections are small. 请注意如果每组人数太少，有些组别可能合并。

Time control 时间限制: Game in 25 Minutes with 5 seconds delay. 每场25分钟加5秒延迟。

Bye Request 轮空要求:

If you cannot attend all 5 rounds, maximum of 2 zero point byes is allowed. Request must be made at least ½ hour before the round starts. 如果你不能参加所有5个回合，你必须在赛前半小时请求不超过2次零分轮空。

Others:

- Playing up a section is not allowed. 跳组是不允许的。
- Chess notation is recommended. Score sheets are provided. Please bring your own pens or pencils. 建议作象棋记录。提供象棋记录纸张。请自备笔或铅笔。
- Chess sets and clocks are provided. 提供象棋和棋钟。

Check in Time 报到时间: No Check in is required. Pairing will be ready at 9:45am. Please check your board number and your colour next to your name on the pairing sheet. Report to your section (example: Grade 1) when doors open. Round 1 will starts at 10:00am sharp. We will start the clock at assigned round time.

Round Time
1 st round – 10:00am
2 nd round – 11:15am
Lunch after round 2
3 rd round – 1:00pm
4 th round – 2:00pm
5 th round – 3:00pm
Awards – estimated at 4:30pm

Prizes 奖品: Trophies are awarded to the top 3 finishers in each section. 每组别的前3名将获得奖杯。
For Grade Preschool to Kindergarten & Grade one: - Trophies to top 3 and medals to the 4th & 5th place.
幼儿及一年级组: - 前3名将获得奖杯，第4th & 5th名将得到参赛奖牌。

School Team: Trophies are awarded to the top 3 finishers for both elementary and high schools.
校队: 奖杯颁发给前3名的小学 and 中学。

All players will receive a participation award certificate. 所有参赛者将获得参与奖证书。

Individual Tie Breaker 个人决胜局：

1. Direct Encounter (Head to Head)
2. Cumulative score
3. Opposition cumulative score

Tie Breaker for the School Teams 学校队的决胜局：

Where two or more school teams are tied, the team with the highest number of won games will be declared the winner. If scores are still tied, the team with the highest number of first place finishers will be declared the winner. If neither team has a first place finisher, then the highest number of second place finishers, and so on.

Special Note:

We do not have resources to provide child care services, and cannot be held liable to the safety of the children. **Parents must take full responsibilities for the well-being of their children.** From our experience, all children would require some forms of support from their parents between rounds, such as some encouraging words, arranging snack and lunch, supervising games play, making sure they attend the next round on time etc. Please make sensible arrangement according to your children's maturity level.

Organizer: Maxim Doroshenko, BCCF Junior Coordinator

For immediate assistance, please contact us by email: info@vanchess.ca or vanchess@hotmail.com. We read both English & Chinese. Or leave message only at voicemail (604)568-3283.

Questions & Answers 问题解答：

1. Who can join? What is the minimum age? My son has learned chess only for a few months. Is he ready?

All students Grades K – 12 who have basic knowledge of chess are welcome to join. Aged 5 or younger are welcome and will be grouped into Grade K category. It is a great learning opportunity for beginners to experience professionally run tournaments. We have chess workshops which can help to prepare children at all levels for these tournaments.

2. I have a team and my school is in Burnaby but I want to join Fraser Valley Regional.

You are welcome to play in any regional event as an individual. For school team, you can compete in any region but in each regional tournament, we require at least 2 school teams in elementary and high school levels to compete. The only limitation is that you can only claim one individual trophy or medal.

3. Is chess notation required?

Chess notation is not mandatory but the players are encouraged to do so. Score sheets are provided. It might be easier to keep record of your games for post-game analysis if you bring your own scorebook.

4. I don't have a chess rating.

We will pair you up as an unrated player. Unrated player will receive a new ID that can be used for future tournaments. All players will receive their ratings within a week after the tournament is completed, and can be accessed online. We use CMA for all the qualifiers and provincial events.

5. Do I have to pay any membership fees?

This is a CMA rated event and no membership is required.

6. What are the payment methods?

We encourage all players to register and pay online in advance. So we can plan ahead and organize the tournament according to schedule. You can pay cash at Vancouver Chess School (Arbutus Mall office) before the tournament date. We do not accept cheques. Under special circumstances, we will accept onsite registration with a fee of \$50 (cash only).

7. Will I get a refund if my child is sick? Any refund if my child withdraws during the tournament?

Full refund is available if you cancel the registration at least 48 hours prior to the tournament date. For those who have VCS online account, you can get a full refund by cancelling the tournament online within the timeline stated as above. For those who log in as "guests", please email us to request a refund within the same timeline. No refund is allowed under any other circumstances after the 48 hour time line. NO refund will be granted to any withdrawal during the tournament.

8. When is the first round start?

We schedule to start the first round at 10:00am. Please be punctual.

9. What if I am late?

If you are late, your opponent will start the clock when the game begins. You will either lose on time. If you are more than 30 minute past the game starting time, the TD may deem the game forfeit and you will receive 0 point for that round (this rule applies to all rounds).

10. Are the parents allowed inside the tournament hall?

No parents are allowed inside the tournament hall during the game except 5-mins picture time before each round starts.

11. Can I bring food or eat inside the tournament hall?

No food and other beverages are allowed inside the tournament hall. You can bring your own water bottle but we are not responsible for your belongings. Please keep all areas clean should you wish to eat anywhere else inside the premises.

12. Where can I get parking? Is it free?

Please refer to each regional location for parking details.

13. Are there any restaurants nearby the tournament venues?

All tournament venues are located in convenient locations with eateries and restaurants close by.

14. Will there be a skittle room available? Are chess sets provided? Any Wi-Fi service?

There is no designated skittle room but there are many waiting areas around the venues. We would suggest you to bring your own chess set or other games (board games; playing cards etc) as we do not provide extra chess sets outside the tournament hall. Please note that there are no free WI-Fi services at the venues.

15. When will the tournament finish? When is the award ceremony?

As soon as all the games are finish in all sections. We estimate the last round will be finished at around 4:00pm. We will not know the final results until all the players finish playing. Please stay until the end of the tournament if possible. Award ceremony will be held right afterwards. Your presence to support the players is greatly appreciated.

16. How do I know if I am qualified for the B.C. Chess Challenge?

We will post the results on Vancouver Chess School website www.vanchess.ca after the tournament is completed. If you scored 2.5 points, you are qualified.

17. Do I need to fill in my email and phone number at the time of registration?

Please include your current email address or phone number at the time of registration. **All players will receive their certificate through email only.** We may also need to contact you re ratings, school name, team...etc.

18. When can I register for the B.C. Provincial Chess Challenge?

You can register right away if you scored 2.5 points or higher in any of the regional events. The last day to register for Provincial is **February 27 by 5pm**. Early bird discount is on or before February 16.