



**CHESS MENTOR
ACADEMY**

YOUR CHESS JOURNEY STARTS HERE

Think ahead. Make your next move count.

Flexible one on one chess coaching, with a clear learning path from first moves to competitive play.

Explore your learning path

CURRICULUM & LEARNING GUIDE





ACADEMY AT A GLANCE

Every learner. A world of possibility.

Personal guidance, shared ambition and a chess community across borders.

10000+

STUDENTS

20+

COUNTRIES

100+

CERTIFIED COACHES

One on one

PERSONALISED COACHING



THE PERSONAL TOUCH

One coach. Your learning goals.

A thoughtful approach to understanding the game and enjoying the process.

01 Personal attention

One on one lessons with space to ask questions and work at your own pace.

03 Purposeful practice

Explore chess positions and develop your decision making between lessons.

05 Competition preparation

Build confidence and game management habits for tournament play.

02 Structured learning

A clear path through fundamentals, tactics, strategy and endgames.

04 Game review

Look back at decisions, notice patterns and learn from each game.

06 Flexible timing

Discuss class availability and a schedule that fits your time zone.

FOUR LEVELS. ONE CLEAR PROGRESSION.

Start where you are. Grow with purpose.

Placement and pace are discussed during your introductory session.

01 Beginner

For children learning the rules and building their first chess habits.

02 Intermediate

For players ready to connect tactical patterns, planning and essential endgames.

03 Advanced

For players strengthening positional judgment, calculation and tournament preparation.

04 Master

For experienced players exploring complex positions and practical competitive decisions.

SIX MONTH CURRICULUM • BEGINNER

A confident first move.

For children learning the rules and building their first chess habits.

48 training sessions**12** online tournaments**12** community sessions**MONTH 01**

- Introduction to chess: pieces and coordinates
- Movement of rook, bishop and queen
- Movement of king, pawn and knight
- Test review 1
- Defense
- Check
- Defending a check
- Test review 2

MONTH 02

- Pawn promotion
- Checkmate
- Stalemate
- Test review 3
- Mate in one: easy
- Mate in one: medium
- Mate in one: difficult
- Test review 4

MONTH 03

- Castling
- En passant; fair and unfair exchanges
- Chess notation
- Test review 5
- Types of draws
- Types of wins; touch-move rule and illegal moves
- King and two rooks vs king
- Test review 6

MONTH 04

- King and queen vs king
- Basic opening principles
- Fool's Mate and Scholar's Mate: drawbacks
- Test review 7
- Mate in two: easy
- Mate in two: difficult
- Additional opening principles
- Test review 8

MONTH 05

- Pins: simple
- Pins: advanced
- Skewers
- Test review 9
- Forks (double attacks): easy
- Forks (double attacks): difficult
- Double check
- Test review 10

MONTH 06

- Three phases of the game
- Discovered attack
- Discovered check
- Test review 11
- Underpromotion
- Simple back-rank mates
- Grandmaster miniature game analysis
- Test review 12

SIX MONTH CURRICULUM · INTERMEDIATE

See the possibilities.

For players ready to connect tactical patterns, planning and essential endgames.

48 training sessions**12** online tournaments**12** community sessions**MONTH 01**

- Positional and material advantage
- Sacrifices
- King and rook vs king
- Test review 13
- Deflection: easy
- Deflection: difficult
- Importance of castling
- Test review 14

MONTH 02

- Activating pieces
- Middlegame ideas
- Smothered mate
- Test review 15
- Anastasia's Mate and Arabian Mate
- Boden's Mate and Hook Mate
- Queen endgames
- Test review 16

MONTH 03

- Opposition and distant opposition
- King and two pawns vs king
- Playing and practice session
- Test review 17
- Removing the defender: simple
- Removing the defender: medium
- Mate in three
- Test review 18

MONTH 04

- Zugzwang
- Visualizing the chessboard
- Two-bishop mate
- Test review 19
- Queen vs pawn on the seventh rank
- Rook endgames: easy
- Rook endgames: medium
- Test review 20

MONTH 05

- Clearance
- Obstruction and interference: easy
- Obstruction and interference: medium
- Test review 21
- Bishop vs knight
- Adopting an opening for White
- Adopting an opening for Black
- Test review 22

MONTH 06

- Minor pieces vs rook
- Opposite-coloured bishops
- Types of batteries
- Test review 23
- Lucena and Philidor techniques
- Saavedra and Horowitz techniques
- Mate in four
- Test review 24

SIX MONTH CURRICULUM • ADVANCED

Turn ideas into a plan.

For players strengthening positional judgment, calculation and tournament preparation.

48 training sessions**12** online tournaments**12** community sessions**MONTH 01**

- Decoying
- Playing session
- Bishop endgames
- Test review 25
- Pawn wedge
- Fortress
- Windmill
- Test review 26

MONTH 02

- Vancura defense
- Trapping pieces: easy
- Trapping pieces: difficult
- Test review 27
- Playing session
- Importance of the seventh rank
- Knight endgames: easy and medium
- Test review 28

MONTH 03

- Attacking the king
- Grandmaster game analysis: attacking games
- Playing session
- Test review 29
- Stalemate combinations
- Depth in middlegames
- Grandmaster game analysis: positional games
- Test review 30

MONTH 04

- Queen vs rook
- Types of weakness
- Exploiting weaknesses
- Test review 31
- Perpetual check
- Mobilization
- Grandmaster game analysis: tempo
- Test review 32

MONTH 05

- Combinations on diagonals
- Playing on squares: bishops
- Queen vs two minor pieces
- Test review
- Positional evaluation
- Pawn endgames
- Grandmaster game analysis: importance of the endgame
- Test review 34

MONTH 06

- Opposite-side castling play
- Same-side castling play
- Grandmaster game analysis: opposite-side castling
- Test review 33
- Identifying and attacking pieces on weak squares
- Combined-piece endgames
- Playing session
- Test review 34

SIX MONTH CURRICULUM · MASTER

Prepare with purpose.

For experienced players exploring complex positions and practical competitive decisions.

48 training sessions**12** online tournaments**12** community sessions**MONTH 01**

- Knight tactics
- Bishop tactics
- Pawn wedge
- Perpetual check
- Mate in four
- Countercheck
- Rooks on the seventh rank
- Desperado

MONTH 02

- Attacking the hook pawn
- Greek Gift
- Pawn storm: attacking the king
- Exchange sacrifice
- Mate in five or more
- Windmill
- Stalemate combinations
- Swindle tactics in lost positions

MONTH 03

- Counterthreats
- Improving pieces with visualization
- Principle of two weaknesses
- Static vs dynamic play
- Combination of tactics 3
- Combination of tactics 4
- Art of exchanging pieces: Anna Ushenina vs Dietmar Kolbus (2019)
- Grandmaster game study: Kasparov vs Topalov (1999)

MONTH 04

- English Opening: White
- English Opening: Black
- Zukertort / Réti Opening and transpositions
- Opening traps: Noah's Ark, supported fork, Albin Countergambit, Rubinstein and Fantasy traps
- Poisoned pawn
- Opposite-coloured bishops
- Two-bishop checkmate
- Knight-and-bishop checkmate

MONTH 05

- Bishop vs knight comparison
- Active rooks, open files and batteries
- Playing on open and semi-open files
- Positional evaluation
- Minority attack
- Game of tension
- Limiting the damage
- Positional sacrifice

MONTH 06

- Queen endgames
- Bishop endgames
- Knight endgames
- Practical rook endgames
- Triangulation
- Pawn breakthrough
- Fortresses
- Endgame training positions

A PROUD MOMENT

Big dreams. Brilliant moves.

Celebrating the achievements shared by our academy.

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Three of our students have qualified for the **FIDE Chess Olympiad** and are through to **nationals**.

STUDENTS

A clear curriculum. Purposeful practice. Individual guidance.

STUDENT EXPERIENCES

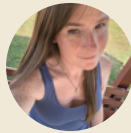
Personal lessons. Personal stories.

Feedback shared with us and summarised for this guide.

**Ben**

STUDENT

“I loved the chess lessons and found them really helpful.”

**Diana**

STUDENT

“I really enjoyed the personalised one on one lessons. The coaches are amazing, and I would recommend joining.”

**Chris**

STUDENT

“I am one of the top players in my region, and I enjoyed the personalised one on one coaching. I would recommend the academy for its excellent coaches.”



THE FIRST STEP TO THINKING AHEAD

Find your starting point. Make the first move.

Discuss your goals, explore the curriculum and request a free introductory class.

[Book a free demo](#)

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Class timing, placement and tournament availability are confirmed with the academy before enrollment.