

Chaoyin & RCC after-school program

Lead Instructor: Luke



COACH LUKE

6 time Canadian Scholastic Chess Champion

- Winner of Canadian Youth Chess Championship
- Placed top 20 at the World Youth Chess Championship
- International Chess Team event 2nd place performance.

Lead Chess Instructor with 8+ Years of Teaching Experience

Current President of UBC Chess Club

Chess Course Syllabus (Beginner to Intermediate · 16 Weeks)

Teaching Objectives: To help students master basic chess tactics, opening understanding, midgame techniques, endgame checkmates, and tournament expectations.

Phased Curriculum

Phase 1: Reviewing Foundations (Weeks 1-8)

Focus: Internalizing the basics, and the capability to properly use our pieces.

Week	Topic	Core Training
1	Review Opening Golden Rules	Center control, Rapid development, Opening Traps
2	Opening Golden Rules Cont.	Proper Development, Entering the Middle Game.
3	Middle Game approaches	Pawn Breaks and Trades

4	Tactic Review 1	Review Pins/Skewers
5	Tactics Review 2	Review Forks/Discoverys
6	Named Checkmates	Learning Named Checkmates
7	Endgame Mates	King and Rook, King and Pawn
8	Assessment	Written Puzzle Quiz

Phase Outcome: Execute basic checkmates independently and understand piece coordination principles

Phase 2: Tactical Development (Weeks 8-13)

Focus: Improving Tactical Vision

Week	Topic	Specialized Training
9	Pin Tactics	Absolute and relative pin drills
10	Skewer Tactics	Absolute and relative skewer drills
11	Removal of the Guard	Defender deflection exercises
12	Fork Tactics	Using each piece in fork drills.
13	Discovered Attack Tactics	Discovered attack/check drills

Phase Outcome: familiarize common tactical sequences

Phase 3: Tournament Standards (Weeks 14-17)

Focus: Closed position play, multi-move calculation, practical simulations

Week	Topic	Advanced Content
14	Tournament prep	Illegal moves/writing/clock/behaviour
15	Simulated Tournament	Standard 30+5 time control games
16	Comprehensive Assessment	Tournament Analysis + Written Puzzle Quiz

Phase Outcome: Demonstrate proper tournament behaviour, while maintaining proper chess techniques during simulated professional play.

Phase 4: Chaoyin Elite Chess Championship



Alternate Instructor: Felix / Martin / May



COACH FELIX

Coach Weijia (Felix) has been playing in chess tournaments since he was 5 years old. Hailing from Qingdao he has solid openings and strong chess fundamentals with a chess.com and lichess rating of over 2200 and puzzles rating of over 3200. Weijia has been a student of Chinese GM Ma Qun and but stylistically he admires Super GM Arjun Erigaisi.

He currently coaches the advanced level kids in Mulgrave and Stratford IB schools and is fluent in both English and Mandarin. He is a Computer Engineering major from McGill University with GPA 3.9+ and hopes to share his knowledge and passion in chess to the younger generation.



COACH MARTIN

Coach Martin is an active chess player and teaches chess in schools across Vancouver. He enjoys working with kids to help them achieve their goals on the board.



Assistant Coach & Arbiter: May

May serves as the Chess Club President at Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School, where she has led her school team to numerous competitive victories. With years of experience as an Assistant Coach at RCC, she excels in both one-on-one and group instruction, combining deep tactical knowledge with proven teaching methodologies.

As a seasoned tournament player and tournament arbiter, May brings firsthand competitive insight to her coaching.

Recent achievements include:

- 1st Place, 2025 RCC Elite Championship (U1600 Section)
- 2nd Place, 2025 VCS BC Chess Challenge Provincials (Grade 9)
- 2nd Place, 2025 BC Youth Chess Championship (Girls U16)