

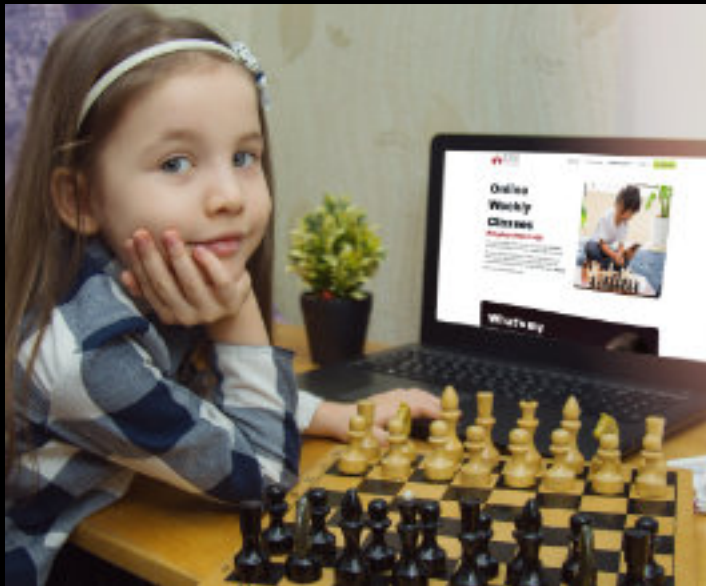
Your child's chess journey starts here!

Chess is one of the world's most popular games. In the right hands, it is also a way to develop life-defining values and skills.

The **Chess Institute of Canada** is the nation's only charity that focuses on using chess to make better people – not just better players.

Your child will grow with the Chess Institute – as a player, and also as a person!

Perfect for those learning at home



Chess is ideal for intellectual growth and stimulation in the home-based classroom.

More than just a game, chess teaches and reinforces skills and habits that serve a child well throughout life:

- STEM and logic skills that can be applied through play and practice without additional screen time
- Socialization: learn with other kids in an online club setting, and develop skills and confidence to play in person with local clubs and groups, at schools, and in tournaments

Sign up today to start this fall!

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Classes for every level of excellence

Chess can be taught to kids of every age. Life skills can be paired at every level of instruction as well. The Chess Institute offers levels of instruction from the very basics to the extremely advanced, and provides life skills and values that match the sophistication of the game as it is taught.



The Playful Pawn:

Learning the basics of chess, and the value of cooperation, playing well with others, and dealing with life's ups and downs. Group activities, fun play, and making friends while building a fundamental enthusiasm for chess is the key.

Chess skills:

- The chess board and setting up for a game
- Chess basics: piece movement
 - Pawns
 - Rooks
 - Bishops
 - Knights
 - King
 - Queen

Life skills:

- Engaging with life: getting involved and enthusiastic about learning new things
- Visual and spatial skills: how pieces are placed in relation to each other
- Cooperation: playing respectfully, taking turns
- Good losing and winning: being gracious and supportive regardless of how games go

Next cycle: September 10, 2024.

The Rookie Rook:

Learning how to play the game from start to finish. Understanding that like in chess, life means thinking ahead, planning ahead, and being responsible for your actions. A combination of games to illustrate the power of the pieces and strategic thinking, with some more serious lessons on pieces, values, and tactics woven throughout.

Chess skills:

- Capturing pieces (and protecting your own)
- Using the Queen effectively
- Check and checkmate: playing full games
- King safety and defensive play

Life skills:

- Commitment: following through on actions
- Thinking ahead: anticipating results from actions
- Diversity: every piece has value
- Confidence: making bold moves, taking risks
- Balance: aggressive at times, defensive others
- Focus: being phone-free and fully concentrated
- Fair play and good sportspersonship

Next cycle (Rookie Rooks 1): October 8, 2024.

Spaces are limited! Sign up now:

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The Noble Knight:

Exposing learners to more sophisticated play – and also more advanced life skills and habits. Life is complex – and so is chess! By pairing life skills and chess teaching, we keep kids evolving as chess players, while instilling values and habits that will serve them well for the rest of their lives.

Chess skills:

- Piece valuation and safe exchanges
- Responding to challenges on the board
- Checkmating patterns and tactics
- Target types and attacks in chess
- Board control and situational advantages
- Using every piece to its full potential

Life skills:

- Risk and reward: sacrificing lower-value pieces for larger future gains
- Adaptability: learn and recover from setbacks
- Patience: long-term strategies lead to victory
- Patterns in life and success: learning from history and extrapolating future actions
- Situational analysis: looking at circumstances and responding
- Emotional control: managing emotions when facing difficulties
- Inclusion: the value of every piece as a key component of play
- Critical thinking: evaluating situations based on evident facts

And beyond!

Children who finish our fundamental curriculum can continue at our **Advanced and Elite** levels, learning from high-level instructors in small-group sessions where the curriculum adapts to the classes' strengths and needs.

Our **Future Masters** classes provide individualized attention to students to prepare them for serious competition at the Elite level.

Students ranking 1400+ with the Chess Federation of Canada or Lichess will be invited to join our exclusive **Elite** classes: longer sessions that keep students working and growing until they are ready for national or international competitions.

Life skills through chess continue to be a key part of our lessons, with our highest-level instructors weaving these themes through chess lessons even at the highest levels. Strategic thinking and planning; innovation and creative problem-solving; critical thinking and growth mindsets; global attitudes – all of these pair with learning advanced play in chess.

Term after term, year after year, **chess rewards continuous study!** We're proud to be your child's companion on this amazing journey.

Next cycle (Noble Knights 1): September 18, 2024.



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Keep up with your kids!



Are you a parent without much chess experience, eager join your child on their chess journey?

We can help! We offer a **low-cost, add-on online program** for parents who haven't had much chess experience, and want to catch up to their kids.

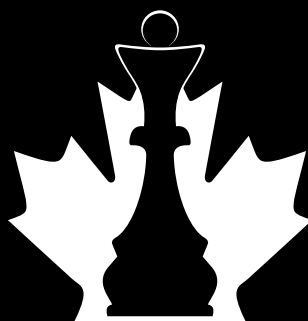
Visit chessin.ca/parents for more!

Make a better world through chess by **subsidizing chess for deserving kids!**

The Chess Institute of Canada keeps costs low for low-income families and neighbourhoods thanks to the generosity of donors – often parents who have seen how kids benefit from chess.

As a registered charity, donations to us result in **significant tax credits** at the end of the year. If you're part of a business or corporation that donates to charity, we are also registered with many charity portals including Benevity, Canada Helps, Paypal and others.

We recognize donors in a wide variety of ways. You can give directly to support chess for deserving kids at chessin.ca/give, or contact Executive Director Matt Shepherd at info@chessinstitute.ca for more information on corporate and business support and recognition.



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