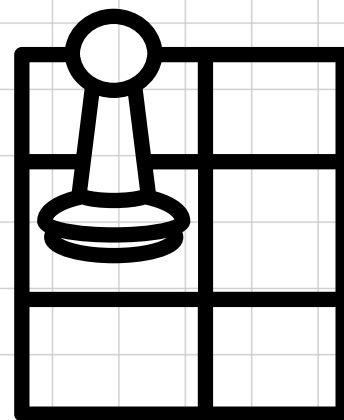
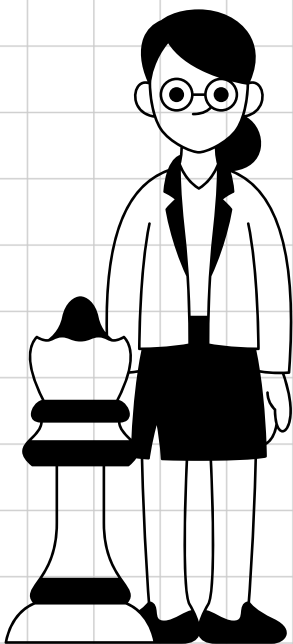


# Great Knights Chess



**Enriching Young Minds through Chess**



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# Our Mission and Vision

**“Our passion is teaching chess to children who want to learn the game, have fun, be part of a positive team and cultivate valuable life skills.”**  
**- President**



## Mission

At Great Knights Chess Club, our mission is to provide a nurturing environment where children from all backgrounds can learn and excel in chess. We are dedicated to teaching the game in a way that is engaging and enjoyable, ensuring that every child feels part of a supportive community. Through our programs, we aim to foster a love for chess while helping students develop critical thinking, problem-solving skills, and a sense of sportsmanship that extends beyond the chessboard.

## Vision

Our vision is to become a leading chess education program recognized for our commitment to excellence and our positive impact on young minds. We aspire to create a generation of confident, strategic thinkers who not only excel in chess but also carry the valuable life skills they learn into their academic and personal lives. By cultivating a passion for chess, we hope to inspire students to strive for their best in all areas of life, fostering a culture of lifelong learning and personal growth.



# Why Should Kids Play Chess?

**500M**

People play chess in the world

**172,000**

Papers that link chess with cognitive ability

**74%**

Increase in conceptual understanding

## Benefits of Children Playing Chess

**Focusing** - Children are taught the benefits of observing carefully and concentrating. If they don't watch what is happening, they can't respond to it, no matter how smart they are.

**Visualizing** - Children are prompted to imagine a sequence of actions before it happens. We actually strengthen the ability to visualize by training them to shift the pieces in their mind, first one, then several moves ahead.

**Thinking Ahead** - Children are taught to think first, then act. We teach them to ask themselves "If I do this, what might happen then, and how can I respond?" Over time, chess helps develop patience and thoughtfulness.

**Weighing Options** - Children are taught that they don't have to do the first thing that pops into their mind. They learn to identify alternatives and consider the pros and cons of various actions.

**Analyzing Concretely** - Children learn to evaluate the results of specific actions and sequences. Does this sequence help me or hurt me? Decisions are better when guided by logic, rather than impulse.

**Thinking Abstractly** - Children are taught to step back periodically from details and consider the bigger picture. They also learn to take patterns used in one context and apply them to different, but related situations.

**Planning** - Children are taught to develop longer range goals and take steps toward bringing them about. They are also taught the need to reevaluate their plans as new developments change the situation.

**Juggling Multiple Considerations Simultaneously** - Children are encouraged not to become overly absorbed in any one consideration, but to try to weigh various factors all at once.

# Why Great Knights Chess?

## Expert Coaches

At Great Knights Chess, our coaches are the backbone of our program. We take pride in having a team of highly talented and dedicated instructors who are passionate about teaching chess. Our coaches are:

- **Experienced and Accomplished:** Each coach brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to the table, having competed at high levels and achieved significant milestones in the chess world. Their expertise allows them to offer advanced strategies and personalized guidance to students of all skill levels.
- **Thoroughly Vetted:** The safety and well-being of our students are paramount. All our coaches pass comprehensive background checks before joining our team. This ensures a secure and trustworthy learning environment for our students.
- **Dedicated and Supportive:** Our coaches are committed to fostering a positive and encouraging atmosphere. They not only teach chess but also mentor and inspire students, helping them build confidence, develop critical thinking skills, and enjoy the game.

## Our Partners



## Events

- **Tournaments:** These competitions provide students with the opportunity to test their skills, gain valuable experience, and compete in a friendly environment.
- **Special Guest Lectures:** We host guest lectures from renowned chess masters like GM Ben Finegold and GM Minh Le, providing students with unique insights and advanced techniques.
- **Award Ceremonies:** We believe in celebrating our students' achievements. Our award ceremonies recognize the hard work and dedication of our players, with trophies and medals awarded for various accomplishments.



# Testimonials



"My 8-year-old son had a great time learning to be a better chess player. He learned the rules of the game and strategy as well. The convenience of the after-school activity is great for parents too. We are definitely signing up again."

"We are focused on progressing the future generation

- Coach Tyler

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progress

# Program Details

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## 2 hour Schedule:

### 1. Warm-Up and Attendance (0-5 minutes):

- Take attendance and ensure each student is present.
- Engage in a brief warm-up activity to mentally prepare students, such as solving a quick chess puzzle or a simple opening exercise.

### 2. Interactive Lesson and Practice (5-40 minutes):

- Conduct an interactive lesson, demonstrating specific opening moves or concepts.
- Use examples, diagrams, or a demonstration board to visually illustrate the ideas.

### 3. Guided Practice and Game Analysis (40-90 minutes):

- Divide students into pairs or small groups for guided practice games using the day's topic.
- Supervise and provide guidance, observing games and offering constructive feedback.
- Discuss key moments, tactics, and strategies from the practice games as a group.

### 4. Recap and Q&A Session (90-105 minutes):

- Summarize the main points covered in the session.
- Allow time for students to ask questions or seek clarification.

### 5.. Closing and Wrap-Up (105-120 minutes):

- Recap upcoming topics or concepts to be covered in future sessions.
- Express appreciation for students' participation and effort.
- Remind students of any upcoming events, tournaments, or homework assignments.
- Help students pack up chess sets, pieces, and any other materials.
- Assist in maintaining cleanliness and organization in the chess playing area.



# How to Get Started

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## Join us:

At Great Knights Chess Club, we are passionate about fostering a love for chess and nurturing the development of valuable life skills in students. Chess is more than just a game; it is a tool that teaches critical thinking, strategic planning, patience, and perseverance. By integrating chess into the school curriculum, we aim to enhance students' cognitive abilities and provide them with an enjoyable, intellectually stimulating activity.

## Contact us:

If you have any questions or need further information, please don't hesitate to contact us at [coachseth@greatknightschess.com](mailto:coachseth@greatknightschess.com)

## Frequently Asked Questions

Is there an age minimum and maximum?  
Absolutely not!!

Do we offer a trial?

Yes. All members are asked to sign up originally, but if they don't want to continue after the first class we give full refunds on their payment.

What if we have to miss a week or two?

It is not a big deal, our instructors will work privately to fill in members on what they have missed.

