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Online Group Chess Lessons

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Frequently Asked Questions

- Question: Who is eligible to participate?

Answer: All players under 18 years old (as of January 1st, 2020) are eligible to join. They are not required to be regular students of Scholastic Chess.

- Question: What do I need to participate if I join online?

Answer: You will need the application Zoom installed on your device. Zoom can be installed on PC, Mac, iPhones, iPads, Android mobile phones, and tablets. You can go to Apple's App Store, Google Playstore, and Zoom.com to install the software. The software is free. If you have a microphone, you can ask questions by voice. Otherwise, you can ask your questions by typing your message in Zoom. You do not need a camera connected to your device.

A Meeting ID will be provided by the coach to the students who register in advance. The students will then enter the meeting ID into the Zoom app (or a URL in a web browser) and will be automatically brought into the online classroom. The student should type his/her First Name when entering the session such that the coach can identify who they are.

- Question: When are your sessions?

Answer: We have small groups 6 days a week: Monday through Saturday.

Please note there will be no lessons on Public Holidays.

Novice - For players rated under 800

Intermediate - For players rated 800 – 1200

Advance - For players rated above 1200

The above are based on chesskid ratings.

| Time | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 10:00 – 10:55 am | | | | | | Novice |
| 11:00 – 11:55 am | | | | | | Intermediate |
| 2:30 – 3:25 pm | | | | | | Novice |
| 3:30 – 4:25 pm | | | Intermediate | | | Intermediate |
| 4:30 – 5:25 pm | 3 separate classes: Novice / Intermediate / Advance | 3 separate classes: Novice / Intermediate / Advance | 3 separate classes: Novice / Intermediate / Advance | 3 separate classes: Novice / Intermediate / Advance | 3 separate classes: Novice / Intermediate / Advance | Advance |

- Question: How will the lessons be conducted?

Answer: The coach will select several games to review. The games will be selected from the actual games played by those attending the lesson. The players are encouraged to play in between lessons. We have a record of every game and every move on the students' chesskid accounts. If the students do not have a Premium Chesskid account, we would provide one to them. We will also work on chess puzzles and discuss strategies. The objective is to help the students understand how they could help themselves improve as a chess player in a tournament setting. The advice will be tailored to the different levels, hence the need to separate the students into 3 different groups.

- Question: How many students will be in each session?

Answer: There is a limit of 6 students per group.

- Question: What is the cost of participating in these lessons?

Answer: There is a fee of \$200 per student per session. When you register, we will provide you electronic transfer choices, including Paypal, FPS, Bank Transfer, Credit Card, PayMe, WeChat Pay, and Alipay. If a student misses a session, they may make up for it in one of the subsequent sessions on any day, provided the class is not full. Students may register for multiple groups, eg., Monday and Wednesday for example.

- Question: What if I miss a session?

Answer: Students may join a later session (at the same level on a different day as a makeup, provided there is capacity).

- Question: Do I have to play in the tournament to participate in the lessons?

Answer: No. You are not required to play in online tournaments. However, we believe you would get more out of the lesson, as we would then have the chance to review your particular game. We can pick games you played several days ago; they don't have to be

from the tournament matches on the same day as the online lesson. If a student has a particular game he wants to review with the coach, we welcome him/her to bring this up.

- Question: How do I register?

Answer: Please send a message to

Email Ben.Chui@ScholasticChess.HK

WhatsApp Ben at +852.6629.5092

WeChat Ben_C_001

...and indicate which day and level you would like to register for, and provide the name of the student. If you are not sure which level, you can contact me, and after a few questions, we would have an idea on the approximate level. Also, a student may move to a different group after registration.
