

CHESS'N MATH ASSOCIATION

The Chess'n Math Association is celebrating 40 years of service to the community this year! The CMA, Canada's National Scholastic Chess Organization, was incorporated as a not-for-profit group on August 22nd, 1985. Today we have collaborators from across the country and we organize the annual "Canadian Chess Challenge" which brings together players from all 10 provinces! We appreciate your continued support and we hope you will join with us as we celebrate our 40th anniversary! CMA is a world leader in the field, offers many services for young people including tournaments, a National scholastic rating system, lessons, chess day camps, and more. We also organize National, and sponsor our top Canadian talents. The CMA has coordinators in every province and has 2 physical locations in Montreal and Toronto.

What does Chess have to do with Math? As a component of the math program "Challenging Mathematics", chess is used as a tool to develop problem-solving skills and concentration. This emphasis on problem-solving and concentration helps children develop logical thought processes.

CHESS LESSONS

Instructors use a curriculum program for children that has been developed by our leading instructors over the decades. The program has 9 levels from Pawn Level to Advanced. Each lesson is followed by a practice period which allows the instructor to look over areas of difficulty with the students on an individual basis. Exercise sheets are given at the end of each lesson to allow the student to review what was taught in class. The size of the group is kept small in order to provide quality instruction. Certificates, indicating the child's understanding of the game, are awarded at the end of the course.

IN SCHOOLS

Our qualified instructors are available to teach chess at your school as an extra-curricular activity as well as inside regular classes. For more information, do not hesitate to contact us: 514-845-8352

AT THE ASSOCIATION

At the first stages of a youngster's development, group lessons are the most beneficial. The Chess'n Math Association offers lessons for youngsters 5 to 14 years old at different locations in the greater Montreal area. Visit our website chess-math.org for information on the different locations available and rates.

CHESS CLUB

Whether you're a beginner or an advanced player, chess clubs are the ideal place to practice chess with other young people who share the same passion. During this activity, players can increase their playing calibre while being supervised and supported by coaches who provide judicious personal advice, theoretical instructions and plenty of practice against different opponents on a regular basis.

RATINGS

A rating is a numerical evaluation of a player's playing strength. The best player in the world, Magnus Carlsen, is rated around 2800. A youngster in grade 1 who has just learned how to play would be rated around 200. A rating goes up and down depending on performance at rated competition. All Chess'n Math tournaments are rated.

It takes approximately 25 games for a rating to accurately reflect the playing strength of a player. Schools should contact us about rating their events. Ratings are updated every Friday on our website www.chess-math.org

TOURNAMENTS

The best way to become a good chess player is to practice. At this stage of development, chess is 90% practice and 10% theory. The best practice is obtained by playing in tournaments. A complete calendar of our scholastic tournaments appears on the reverse side of this sheet. As soon as a player knows how to checkmate, they are strong enough to play in a tournament!

REGULAR TOURNAMENTS

For kids from Kindergarten to CEGEP I. Players with a rating play according to their rating. Those who do not have a rating play against other players in the same grade. The tournaments last around 4 hours. Our regular tournaments are structured in a way so

that children who know how to checkmate will have fun.

Prizes: Medals are given to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishers. Special prizes for the 900+ section. Ribbons for all other players.

Online registration: \$30 or \$100 for all 4 regular tournaments of the 2024-2025 season.

Onsite registration takes place between 10:30 and 11:15 am and costs are \$35 or \$115 for all 4 regular tournaments of the 2024-2025 season.

SCHOOL TEAM TOURNAMENTS

These tournaments are very popular because they allow schools to form teams and compete against each other. Each team is made up of 4 players from the same school.

QUALIFICATION TOURNAMENTS

These tournaments give the players an opportunity to qualify for the Quebec Chess Challenge (QCC) which will take place on **April 27th, 2025** this year. For the complete list of qualification tournaments, visit our website.

QUEBEC CHESS CHALLENGE

The Quebec Chess Challenge is an opportunity for young people from all over Quebec to participate in the biggest youth tournament of the year.

The winners from each grade from grade 1 to CEGEP 1 will represent Quebec at the Canadian Chess Challenge.

CANADIAN CHESS CHALLENGE

Organized by the Chess'n Math Association, it is the most prestigious competition by school grade in Canada. Only the winners of the provincial championships can qualify. This year, the tournament will be held on May 18th to 19th in Ottawa.

DAY CAMP

The Chess'n Math Association offers various day camps. Leader in our field, we welcome nearly 1000 players in our day camps every year. Increase your level of play in a fun, disciplined environment.

\$4,000 IN GIFT CERTIFICATES AT THE GRAND PRIX!

Our 3 Grand Prix tournaments are divided into sections according to age. Players will accumulate points over the season. Those scoring 7.5 points out of 15 or more earn part of the \$4,000 in gift certificates!

Age Categories:

U8	Born on January 1st, 2017 or after
U10	Born on January 1st, 2015 or after
U12	Born on January 1st, 2013 or after
U14	Born on January 1st, 2011 or after
U18	Born on January 1st, 2007 or after

The Grand Prix events will be held November 10th, 2024; January 19th and May 11th, 2025. Entry Fee: pre-registration \$40 per tournament or \$100 for all three tournaments. \$45 / \$115 on site

CHESS CLUB FOR KIDS

Saturday morning from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. \$25 per visit or \$175 for 12 weeks or 120\$ for 6 weeks of your choosing. Starts on September 21st, 2024. A great way to get practice playing against different opponents on a regular basis.

STRATEGY GAMES

The Chess'n Math Association operates a chess shop (located at 3423 St. Denis Street, in Montreal) where one can purchase sets, clocks, books, etc. When you purchase from us, you are contributing to the development of chess in our schools as profits are reinvested in scholastic chess.

Opening hours
514-845-8352

Monday to Friday:	11am - 6pm
Saturday:	10am - 6pm
Sunday:	12pm - 5pm

You can also order online at:
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