



# Inland Chess Academy

## School Chess Clubs for Students & Parents

### WHY CHESS ?

Scientific studies have proven that professional chess programs enhance academic performance and generally increase overall performance of brain functions, including positive behavior.

**"Chess is the only activity currently taught to our youth where they are expected to sit quietly and think long thoughts."**

*John J Dill II, professional coach, certified tournament director, chair Inland Chess Academy*

*Coach & NWCS team at nationals*



### OUR PROGRAM

Our curriculum is built on proven methods developed by the Russian Chess School, United States Chess Federation (USCF), Chess Magnet School, and presented by our experienced coaching staff. Within two semesters our pilot program at Northwest Christian School, coached by our founder, John Dill, produced regional champions and a team trophy at the 2012 National Elementary Championship, San Diego.

**Beginner** - For students new to chess or to competitive play, beginners will learn and demonstrate the basics of chess play, chess rules, chess etiquette, Algebraic notation, and playing with a clock.

**Intermediate** - Students will compete on Junior Varsity teams from each school and will develop and demonstrate an understanding of strategies for opening a chess game, major tactical techniques, and basic endgame theory.

**Advanced** - Students will compete on Varsity teams from each school and will develop advanced competitive strategies including the development of an opening repertoire, positional strategies, tactical combinations, endgame play, and methods of applying sport psychology to their games.

All students will gain knowledge of chess history, chess news, and grow their appreciation of the world of chess. Students will have the opportunity to represent their school at regional scholastic tournaments. They are also encouraged to compete in city and regional tournaments, which require USCF membership.

***Parents are encouraged to attend (no charge) and join the level suited to their knowledge.***

***Our goal over the years is to have a chess club in every school in the Inland Northwest. Our coaches are currently leading chess clubs in twenty five school.***

## **SCHOOL CHESS CLUB**

One hour each week, before or after school, with professional chess coach.

15 minutes of lectures and exercises.

45 minutes of tournament style play. Students compete for tournament position awards.

## **PROGRAM TUITION**

Tuition is typically priced at \$8 per student per week. Schedule vary from 8 to 12 weeks, depending on the school. For example, for a trimester schedule the tuition would be \$64 per trimester of 8 weeks.

Tuition goes toward:

- Coaching fees and coaching supplies
- Each student receives a subscription to Chess Magnet School & ChessKid.com (the top online chess school in the world, \$79.95 annual value)
- End of session awards
- Insurance and general expenses

Some scholarships are available. Monthly payments are accepted.

## **REGIONAL CHESS TOURNAMENTS and CHESS CAMPS**

Student compete for individual awards and are rated in the Northwest Rating Service. School chess clubs compete for team awards. The regional scholastic tournaments are qualifying tournaments for the Washington State Championship Tournament that was held in Spring 2014.

These Saturday chess tournaments are on the schedule for January:

Saturday, January 9 ~ **Frosty Pawn Scholastic Chess Tournament Chess, Spokane**

Saturday, January 16 ~ **Bishop's Sacrifice, Pullman**

Saturday, January 23 ~ **Winterfest Scholastic Chess Tournament Chess, Deer Park**

Saturday, February 6 ~ **Groundhog's Shadow, Spokane Valley**

Vacation and Summer Chess Camps: *See website for details.*

## **PROFESSIONAL COACHES**

Inland Chess Academy is proud to offer an experienced coaching staff. John Dill, founder of Inland Chess Academy, has been playing tournament level chess for 46 years. He taught chess full time in the Phoenix area public schools and has brought his experience and successful programs to youth in Spokane. Mr. Dill developed the pilot program at Northwest Christian Elementary School that produced regional and state champions within two semesters.

Cecelia Valeriotte, the lead coach for beginner level coaches, has 32 years of teaching English, and has been coaching chess for six years.

During the summers our new coaches attend a 30 hour training course including in service training during our summer chess camps.

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