



# CHES CLUB

## South Pines Elementary

### Sign up for Spring 2026 Grades 1-5



**SCHEDULE: After School on Tuesdays: 3:30 – 4:30 pm**  
**7 Weeks: Apr 14, 21, 28 May 5, 12, 19, 26**

**Professional Chess Coach Dennis Pirello** provides lectures, videos, and exercises, then facilitates tournament play. Students compete for club tournament awards. The chess club team competes against other clubs in regional tournaments held on Saturdays (this is an optional activity). Qualifying students are encouraged to enter the WA State Elementary Chess Championship, April 25, 2026, Tacoma, WA.

See tournament and camp schedule: [www.inlandchess.org](http://www.inlandchess.org)

**TUITION Family pays \$50 for each child and each child receives a \$25 scholarship.**

Each session is one hour. **Registration form below.**

Tuition pays for: **A.** coaching fees, **B.** coaching supplies, **C.** end of semester awards, **D.** insurance, coach development, administration costs, and, **E.** WA State sales tax. **Note:** Inland Chess Academy does not contact children directly by phone, text, or email. Installment payments are accepted and limited scholarships are available.

**Parents are encouraged to attend chess club to learn and play (free of charge).**

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## REGISTRATION South Pines Elementary ~ Spring 2026

Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ New to Chess Club? \_\_\_\_\_

2nd Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ New to Chess Club? \_\_\_\_\_

Chess Skill: \_\_\_ Beginner \_\_\_ Intermediate \_\_\_ Advanced Played in tournament? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

**ALLERGIES and/or SPECIAL ISSUES:** \_\_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT:** As required by safety best practice and school and insurance policy, parents are required to pick up students on time and must sign the check-out registry. Coaches have other teaching obligations and must not be delayed. Non-parental pick-up must be confirmed in writing.

Parent: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ eMail: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (or Guardian)

Parent: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ eMail: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (or Guardian)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ WA ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ \$50 Family pays for each child, each child receives a \$25 scholarship, to pay for the \$75 tuition.

\_\_\_ \$15 **OPTIONAL** Tournament style chess set for study and play a home.

\_\_\_ \$18 **OPTIONAL** Annual subscription to [www.chesskid.com](http://www.chesskid.com) a child safe study and play website.

\_\_\_ \$22 **OPTIONAL** Annual subscription to Chess Magnet School, a child safe study website.

Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Make check payable to Inland Chess Academy. Mail registration to Inland Chess Academy, leave them with the school office, or bring them to first day of Chess Club.

**Inland Chess Academy ~ Licensed, insured WA state non-profit, 501c3, educational organization.**

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**NOTICE to PARENTS:** Scientific research proves the study of chess enhances academic performance, increases overall brain functions, and builds positive behavior. In order for students to realize the enormous benefits of chess, daily study is required. Research shows that a minimum of 20 minutes of daily study yields significant academic and behavioral benefits. Inland Chess Academy offers two optional child-safe websites programs for home study: Chess Magnet School and ChessKid, at discounted prices. Also available are home study workbooks. Please support chess study at home.

Contact [chess@inlandchess.org](mailto:chess@inlandchess.org) or phone 509-822-9800

The Inland Chess Academy's curriculum is built on research proven methods developed by chess masters and educators, and recommended by the United States Chess Federation (USCF).

**Beginner** - Beginners learn and demonstrate the basics of chess play, chess rules, and etiquette.

**Intermediate** - Students learn algebraic notation, playing with a clock, an understanding of strategies for opening a chess game, major tactical techniques, and basic endgame theory.

**Advanced** - Students develop advanced competitive strategies including an opening repertoire, positional strategies, tactical combinations, endgame play, and methods of applying sport psychology to their games.

**All** students gain knowledge of chess history, chess news, and grow their appreciation of chess. Students are encouraged to play in regional and state tournaments for individual and team awards. *Tournament schedule: [www.InlandChess.org](http://www.InlandChess.org)*

The Inland Chess Academy is building a vibrant chess community:

- ~ Regional tournaments for students and parents, twice monthly on Saturdays.
- ~ Camps on holidays, spring break, and during summer.
- ~ Tutoring and special interest study groups.

*"Chess is the only activity for our youth where they are expected to sit quietly and think long thoughts." JJ Dill II*

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