



CHES CLUB

WHITMAN Elementary

Autumn 2026 ~ Grades 2 - 5

SCHEDULE: After School on Thursday 3:00 – 4:00 pm

8 Weeks: Oct 8, 15, 29 Nov 5, 12, 19 Dec 3, 10



Professional Chess Coach Jess Haley-Vasquez presents lectures, exercises, and videos then facilitates tournament play. Students compete for club tournament awards. The chess club also competes against other clubs in regional tournaments held on Saturdays. Qualifying students are encouraged to enter the WA State Elementary Chess Championship, April 24, 2027 in Spokane, WA

Registration form below. Tuition pays for: **A.** coaching fees, **B.** coach's supplies, **C.** end of semester awards, **D.** Insurance, coach development, and administrative costs. Note: Inland Chess Academy does not contact children by phone, text, or email. **Parents are encouraged to attend chess club to learn and play.**

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Whitman EM Chess Club ~ REGISTER Autumn 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 other issues: _____

IMPORTANT: Required by school and insurance policies, and best safety practice, parents are required to pick up students on time and must sign the check-out registry. Coaches have other obligations and must not be delayed. Non-parental pick-up must be confirmed in writing. **Alternate arrangements:** ___ Bus ___ Walk home ___ Walk out to parking lot.

Parent: _____ Phone: _____ eMail: _____
(or Guardian)

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Address: _____ City _____ WA ZIP _____

___ \$00 **TUITION** paid by scholarships.

___ \$15 **OPTIONAL** tournament style chess set for study and play a home.

___ \$18 **OPTIONAL** Annual subscription to www.chesskid.com a child safe study and play website.

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

Pay total: \$ _____ Make check payable to Inland Chess Academy. Leave registration form and payment with secretary, or mail payment and registration form to InlandChess Academy, or bring them to first day of Chess Club.

Inland Chess Academy An insured and licensed WA & FED non-profit 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 for home study at discounted prices: Chess Magnet School and ChessKid, Also available are home study workbooks. Please support chess study at home.

Contact 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. *Schedule: 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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SEPTEMBER OCTOBER SCHOLASTIC TOURNAMENTS

See www.inlandchess.org for details.



VALLEYFEST CHESS Tournament

Scholastic K-12 with a beginner section.

Saturday, September 26, 2026

Awards are presented to winning players and school teams.

CenterPlace Regional Event Center ~ 2426 N Discovery Pl, Spokane Valley, WA 99216

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## OCTOBER SCHOLASTIC TOURNAMENTS

K-12 with beginner section & USCF Open.

**Queens Gambit Tournament**  
**October 10, 2026, Saturday**

**Kings Klash Tournament**  
**October 24, 2026, Saturday**

**St. John Vianney School** ~ 501 N. Walnut Rd., Spokane Valley, WA 99212