



Tournament Report for Third TCC CYCC Qualifier April 28th, 2024



The Toronto Chess Centre recently hosted its third junior tournament, serving as a qualifier for the Canadian Youth Chess Championship (CYCC). With a solid turnout of 100 players, the event highlighted the growing interest and enthusiasm for chess among young competitors.



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Participants competed across multiple age categories, including the Under 8 (U8), Under 10 (U10), and Under 12 (U12) sections. Additionally, the Under 14, Under 16, and Under 18 sections were merged, providing a platform for all players to demonstrate their skills and vie for qualification to the national championship.

Consistent with previous tournaments, the time control remained set at 20 minutes per player with an additional 5 seconds increment per move. This format ensured fast-paced and exciting gameplay, keeping participants engaged and challenged throughout the event.

In recognition of outstanding performance, medals were awarded to the top three boys in each section and the top-performing girl in each category. This inclusive approach aimed to celebrate both individual achievement and gender diversity within the chess community.

In the Under 8 (U8) section, Sanul Divadalage and Rishav Pai both secured impressive scores of 4.5 out of 5 points. Their exceptional performances included victories against strong opponents, with their only draw occurring in their head-to-head encounter. As a result, both Sanul Divadalage and Rishav Pai were awarded the gold medal for their outstanding achievements in the U8 category.



Following closely behind, **Allen Jiang** demonstrated skill and determination, securing a score of 4 out of 5 points. His performance earned him the bronze medal in the fiercely contested U8 section.

In the U8 girls' category, Isabella Liu showcased her talent, achieving a notable score of 3.5 out of 5 points. Isabella's dedication to the game earned her the gold medal, distinguishing her as the top-performing girl in her section.

In the Under 10 (U10) section, Isaac Tam demonstrated determination, securing a flawless victory with a perfect score of 5 out of 5 points. Isaac's focus propelled him to the top of the standings, earning him the gold medal. **Lucas Lao** delivered a stellar performance, securing an impressive score of 4 out of 5 points, earning a silver medal.



In the U10 girls' category, Arianna Yuan and Sanya Divadalge showcased exceptional talent and resilience, each earning a well-deserved gold medal for their outstanding performances. Their dedication to the game and strategic acumen set them apart as formidable competitors in their division.

In the Under 12 (U12) section, Sayan Ganeshanathan demonstrated exceptional skill securing a flawless victory with a perfect score of 5 out of 5 points. Following closely behind, **Kyle Sit** delivered an impressive performance, securing a score of 4 out of 5 points. Kyle's gameplay earned him the silver medal, showcasing his talent and determination in the U12 section.



In the U12 girls' category, Flora Zhang exhibited remarkable skill and resilience, achieving a notable score of 4 out of 5 points. Flora's strategic prowess and dedication to the game earned her the gold medal, distinguishing her as the top-performing girl in her division.

The U14, U16 and U18 sections were merged and there were no females in those sections.

In the U14 category, Ivan Povoliashko got gold with 4/5 . **Adhvaith Ajay, Ziyang Liu** and **Sichang Huang** all got silver with a fantastic score of 3.5/5



In the U16 section, Boaxuan swept the field with his phenomenal play and got gold with 5/5. **Lastly, in the U18 section, Eitan Hulli** demonstrated his resilience to earn himself a gold with a score of 3/5.

The success of our third tournament would not have been possible without the invaluable contributions of dedicated volunteers. These generous helpers played integral roles in various aspects of the event, from adjudicating critical positions to providing guidance and support to young players. Their tireless efforts ensured the smooth operation of the tournament and contributed to its overall success.

We wish to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Jasper Xie, Christian Mite, Ardi Rama, Feiyu Ju, Yaopu Li, Siyu Lei, Chenlei Wang, Chuhan Wang, for their indispensable contributions to the event's smooth execution. Special thanks go out to Lina Zolotarev for the beautiful reels she created as well as to the Richmond Hill Education Center, its leading school teacher, Mrs. Jessica Liu, and her amazing students for their indispensable support towards the event.



Looking ahead, **the Toronto Chess Centre is excited to announce its next event, the 2024 Ontario Youth Chess Championship (OYCC), scheduled for June 1st and 2nd.** Chess enthusiasts of all ages are encouraged to participate and experience the thrill of competitive play in a supportive environment, whilst taking a shot at becoming Ontario's next Junior Champions!

Register for the 2024 Ontario Youth Chess Championship:
<https://rb.gy/4k1pot>

The Toronto Chess Centre is also excited to announce its last CYCC Qualifier tournament, of the season which will be held at the Elgin Barrow Arena, on June 23, 2024. Participants can expect another day of thrilling competition, camaraderie, and opportunities to further their chess journey.

Sign up for our final CYCC Qualifier tournament:
<https://rb.gy/yschqr>



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Finally, the Toronto Chess Centre would like to thank the parents for trusting us and bringing their kids to our event. Their commitment to nurturing their children's interest in chess plays a crucial role in fostering a vibrant and inclusive chess community. We look forward to welcoming them back for future events and endeavors to continue promoting chess excellence in the community.

As we reflect on the success of our third CYCC Qualifier, we remain dedicated to providing opportunities for players of all ages and skill levels to engage in the timeless game of chess. Stay tuned for updates and announcements regarding the OYCC, and join us as we continue to inspire the next generation of chess champions.

