



NEWSLETTER

December CYCC & OCC Qualifier



ABOUT THE TOURNAMENT

The Toronto Chess Centre (TCC) ran its second OCC/CYCC qualifier of the season, and the final one of the year. The event saw 138 players competing across six sections: U8, U10, U12, U12 Girls, U14, and a merged U16 and U18 section. The tournament took place on December 8, 2024, at St. Robert Catholic High School. This event marked another key opportunity for young players to qualify for upcoming national competitions.



A CHESS-INSPIRED WISH

As the clock strikes midnight and we enter a new year, may your moves be calculated, your strategy sharp, and your victories plentiful—both on the chessboard and in life. Happy New Year! May your mind always be as clear as a well-played game!



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ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We extend our gratitude to Suen Chan for taking fantastic photographs, which have since been posted online for viewing. Also, a big thanks also goes to Cindy Qiao for her role in managing the skittles room in the library, keeping the kids entertained between rounds. Anthony Paraskeva played a critical role as well posting photos made by Suen on all of our social media.

Several dedicated volunteers who have supported our events in the past were instrumental this weekend as well. Jasper, Gordon, Amy, and Yunhui have been invaluable contributors at several of our events, and their efforts this Sunday were no exception.

We also warmly thank our new volunteers, including Yifu, Rupali, Elizabeth, Yilin, and Linxuan, whose assistance was greatly appreciated. Finally, a big thank you to Alercio for helping provide some of the content we posted on our Instagram and for bringing the microphone and speaker, ensuring clear communication throughout the event.

SECTION WINNERS

In the U8 section, **Navika Renganathan** claimed top gold and was the top girl in the section with a perfect score of 5/5. **Jayden Hylton** secured silver with 4/5. A two-way tie for bronze saw **Aaron Chiu** and **Yue Zhou** both finish with 3.5/5.





In the **U10 section**, **Michael Jivin** earned gold with 4.5/5. There was a four-way tie for silver, with each player scoring 4/5. Congratulations to **Theo Chan** (who is also the son of our photographer, Suen Chen), **Prasanna Shankar**, **Ashwath Iyer** and **Saini Daksh**. Congratulations to **Isabella Liu** for top girl in the U10 section!

In the **U12 section**, the large number of participants led to two sections, one for each gender. In the **U12 Girls section**, congratulations to **Arianna Yuan** for winning with a perfect score of 5/5! **Nakshatra Kandavadivel** secured silver with 4/5, and there was a two-way tie for bronze with 3/5. Congratulations to **Alyson Koo** and **Mishika Banerjee**!



In the **U12 Open section**, **Jimmy Mo** claimed first place with 4.5/5. There was a five-way tie for silver, with each player scoring 4/5. Congratulations to **Junze Li**, **Brian Gu**, **Andrew Tudorache**, **Atulith Kanigicharla**, and **Justin Chen** on a fantastic performance!



In the U14 section, **Yuming Li** earned gold with 4.5/5. There was a four-way tie for silver, with each player scoring 4/5. Congratulations to **Sichang Huang, Matthew Yee, Kingsly Wong, and Daniel Krivykh!** Additionally, congratulations to **Chloe Zeng**, who earned gold as the top girl in the U14 section with 3/5!



In the merged U16-U18 section, **Larry Chen** took gold with 4.5/5. **Daniel Zhang** earned silver with 4/5, and **Adhvaith Ajay** secured bronze with 3.5/5. Congratulations to all participants!



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We would also like to thank our **Gold Sponsor Caution Tape Robotics** for supporting the event and providing immense entertainment to many of the young kids between rounds. We also extend our gratitude to **Bronze Sponsor Golden Tripod Group** for supporting the event. Lastly, we thank Canada's Chess Youth Club for encouraging many of their students to play in our event!

UPCOMING TOURNAMENT

Looking ahead, our next qualifier will solely be a CYCC qualifier, scheduled to take place at St. Robert Catholic High School on January 12, 2025. We hope to see you there!

Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/mrynkn3>

