



# NEWSLETTER

## February CYCC, OCC and Master Camp Qualifier



### ABOUT THE TOURNAMENT

Held on February 2, 2025, at St. Roberts Catholic High School, TCC's February CYCC, OCC and Master Camp Qualifier attracted 85 participants across five sections: U8, U10, U12, U14, and U16 & 18. The familiar venue once again proved to be an ideal setting, accommodating players and spectators alike.

The return of the OCC qualifier added an extra layer of excitement to this edition of the tournament. Hosting its first-ever triple qualifier, the event provided young players with multiple pathways to showcase their skills. Not only was it an OCC and CYCC qualifier, but it also offered participants the chance to earn a spot in an exclusive one-day Master Camp for distinguished players!



### MASTER CAMP

This is a full-day CYCC preparation camp, exclusively for the top players in TCC's February, March and April youth chess tournaments.

Enrollment is free of charge and by qualification only, for the top 10% of each section in TCC's tournaments.



## ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The success of the tournament would not have been possible without the dedication and hard work of the event staff. **Alercio Faria** played a crucial role in setting up the speaker system while also capturing photos to document the tournament's key moments. **Suen Chen** provided a visual highlight of the event, taking stunning photographs.

In the skittles room, Women FIDE Master (WFM) **Cindy Qiao** brought her chess expertise and enthusiasm, engaging young players with interactive puzzles, educational chess videos and a lively Jeopardy-style chess game. Assisted by up-and-coming chess player and eager volunteer, **Arthur Zhou**, **Cindy** ensured that downtime between rounds was both fun and educational. **Anthony Paraskeva** managed the online presence of the event, carefully curating and posting event photographs to share the excitement with the wider chess community.

The tournament also benefited from the expertise of four dedicated high school arbiters who are also part of the TCC team—**Lily Liu, Jasper Xie, Amy Sun, and Gordon Zeng**—whose professionalism helped maintain fair play and smooth tournament operations. Additionally, volunteers **Yunhui, Yilin, Daniel, Linxuan, and Elizabeth** were instrumental in assisting with logistics, ensuring that every aspect of the event ran seamlessly. Their collective contributions helped make this qualifier not only a success but a memorable experience for all involved.



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## SECTION WINNERS

In the **U8 section**, the competition was fierce, with **Rishant Mishra** and **Wilson Lu** emerging as co-champions, both scoring an impressive 4/5 to secure gold medals. **William Xia** and **Asher Zhang** finished with 3/5, earning bronze medals for their strong performances. **Olivia Zhang** distinguished herself as the top girl in the section, earning a gold medal with a score of 2.5/5. Additionally, Rishant Mishra and Wilson Lu secured their spots in the exclusive one-day training camp, further rewarding their outstanding performances.



The **U10 section** saw an incredibly competitive field, culminating in a four-way tie for first place. **Michael Jivin**, **Theo Chan**, **Tansh Tatke**, and **Valerie Kit Lin Ho** all delivered strong performances, finishing with 4/5 to claim gold medals. Valerie Kit Lin Ho also earned the distinction of being the top girl in the section. As a reward for their outstanding play, all four players secured their spots in the upcoming one-day training camp on June 1, 2025.



In the U12 section, **Arianna Yuan** delivered a stellar performance, scoring 4.5/5 to claim both the gold medal and the Top Girl award. **Adam Mei** also finished with 4.5/5, securing a gold medal. **Felix Lin** put in a strong effort to finish with 4/5, earning the bronze medal. Adam Mei and Arianna Yuan qualified for the 1-day camp.



The U14 section was dominated by **Aiden Li**, who delivered a flawless performance with a perfect 5/5 score to claim the gold medal. **Kingsly Wong** followed closely behind, securing silver with an impressive 4/5. **Lu Lu Wai Yan** and **Arnav Medavarapu** both finished with 3.5/5 to share third place. **Flora Zhang** earned the Top Girl award with a score of 2.5/5. As the champion of the section, **Aiden Li** also secured his spot in the one-day training camp.



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In the combined U16-U18 section, **Narek Hovhannisyan** dominated the field with a perfect 5/5 score, securing the gold medal and earning his spot in the one-day training camp. **Andy Wang** followed closely behind, delivering a strong performance with 4/5 to take silver. **Amuthan Haricharan** claimed bronze with a solid 3/5. **Alexa Roque** finished with 3/5 to earn both the Top Girl title and a gold medal. Meanwhile, **Kai-En Huang** was recognized as the top U18 player, securing gold in that category with a score of 2.5/5.



## SPONSORS

A special thank you goes to **CCYC for their generous sponsorship of the event.** Their support added an extra layer of excitement and motivation for participants, as they provided class coupons for their classes valued at \$100 for first place, \$50 for second place, and \$20 for third place in each section.

We would also like to extend our gratitude to our **Bronze Sponsor, Golden Tripod Groups**, for their generous support of this event. Their sponsorship played a vital role in helping us create a high-quality tournament experience for all participants. Contributions from sponsors like Golden Tripod Groups allow us to continue fostering a strong chess community and providing young players with valuable opportunities to grow and compete at higher levels.



## UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

Looking ahead, we are excited to announce that **our next event will once again be a triple qualifier**—serving as an OCC qualifier, a CYCC qualifier, and a qualifier for the exclusive one-day training camp that the Toronto Chess Centre will be hosting on June 1st. This upcoming tournament will take place **on March 2, 2025, at St. Robert Catholic High School**. We look forward to welcoming returning participants and new challengers as they compete for their chance to qualify and further develop their chess skills.

Register here: <https://rb.gy/g9i240>



Finally, let us remind you that the **Toronto Chess Centre has won the bid to host the 2025 Ontario Youth Chess Championship (OYCC)**. The OYCC is the prime junior chess competition in Ontario and the official provincial qualifier to the nationals. Each year, dozens of young players compete in the OYCC for a chance to become provincial champions and receive a generous bursary to represent Ontario in the Canadian Youth Chess Championship. **The 2025 OYCC will be hosted by the Toronto Chess Centre on May 10-11 at the St. Robert Catholic High School**. Every Ontario-based player up to 18 years of age is welcome to play in order to gain experience or compete for one of the top spots! Prospective volunteers and sponsors are welcome!

Register here: <https://shorturl.at/rhCGH>