



NEWSLETTER

March CYCC, OCC and Master Camp Qualifier



ABOUT THE TOURNAMENT

On March 2, 2025, the Toronto Chess Centre (TCC) hosted its 1-year anniversary with a OCC & CYCC qualifier, drawing 109 players. The tournament featured four sections: U8, U10, U12, and a combined U14-U16-U18 group.

Players scoring at least 50% earned qualification for the Canadian Youth Chess Championship (CYCC), a major national event. Additionally, the top 10% per grade secured a spot in the Ontario Chess Challenge (OCC). To support elite players, the top 10% of each section were invited to an exclusive CYCC Preparation Camp, offering advanced training to refine their skills.



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Whether you're assisting with registration, managing game boards, or helping with event logistics, your contribution makes a difference. Sign up today and be part of an exciting chess experience!



ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We extend our sincere gratitude to our dedicated staff for their invaluable contributions to making this tournament a success. A special thank you to **Suen Chan** for capturing high-quality professional photos, which have been made available on our @torontochesscentre Instagram for players and families to enjoy.

We also appreciate **Alercio Faria** for providing and setting up the speaker system, ensuring clear announcements throughout the event, as well as for taking additional photos and videos of the players and their caretakers.

Anthony Paraskeva managed the online presence of the event, carefully curating and posting event photographs to share the excitement with the wider chess community. Lastly, we are grateful to **Cindy Qiao** for managing the skittles room, creating a fun and engaging environment to keep the players entertained between rounds. Their efforts played a crucial role in enhancing the overall experience for participants and their families.

The success of the tournament was significantly supported by the expertise of three committed high school arbiters from the TCC team—**Jasper Xie, Amy Sun, and Gordon Zeng**—whose professionalism upheld fair play and ensured the event ran smoothly. Furthermore, volunteers **Zachary, Yilin, Linxuan, and Elizabeth** were instrumental in managing logistics.

In celebration of our 1-year anniversary, TCC was excited to award 12 books to the winners of this event, one for each month of the past year. **We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to Joyce and Larry** for generously donating the books in loving memory of their late son, James, whose passing filled the chess community with grief last year.

SECTION WINNERS

In the U8 section, congratulations to **Nhan Trong Do** for finishing in clear first with a score of 4.5/5, earning a gold medal for his outstanding performance. **Harshil Swain** secured 2nd place with 4/5, earning a silver medal. **Tiffany Sun** was awarded top girl in the U8 section with a score of 4/5, also earning a gold medal. Additionally, Nhan Trong Do has qualified for the exclusive one-day CYCC Preparation Camp.



In the U10 section, congratulations to **Joseph Zhai** for achieving a perfect score of 5/5 and taking 1st place, earning a gold medal for his remarkable performance. There was a 3-way tie for second as **Ethan Chong, Rishav Pai, and Ashwath Iyer** all scored 4/5, each earning a silver medal. **Isabella Liu** and **Renee Ren** were the top girls in U10 with 2/5, both earning gold medals. Joseph Zhai, Ethan Chong, Rishav Pai, and Ashwath Iyer have qualified for the exclusive one-day CYCC Preparation Camp.



In the U12 section, congratulations to **Gregory Romanov and Patrick Zhou** for finishing with an impressive 4.5/5, earning a gold medal for their outstanding performances. **Arianna Yuan** was also awarded gold as the top girl in U12, also achieving a score of 4.5/5. All three players—Gregory, Patrick, and Arianna—have qualified for the exclusive one-day CYCC Preparation Camp.



In the U14 section, congratulations to **Virgo Coquilla** for achieving a perfect score of 5/5 and taking 1st place, earning a gold medal for his excellent performance. **Michael Jivin** secured 2nd place with 4/5, earning a silver medal. **Gaspard Yeung, Cavin Sun, and Matthew Yee** finished with 3.5/5, each earning a bronze medal. **Chloe Zeng and Aadhya Jain** were recognized as top girls in U14, each earning gold medals with 2/5.

In the U16 section, **Rex Tan** took 1st place with 3/5, earning a gold medal for his achievement.

In the U18 section, **Kousuke Kawamura-Nguyen** finished with 4/5, claiming gold for his strong performance.



SPONSORS

We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to **CCYC** for their generous sponsorship of this event. Their contribution was providing class coupons awarded for \$100 for first place, \$50 for second place, and \$20 for third place in each section.

We also wish to express our appreciation to our **Bronze Sponsor, Golden Tripod Groups**, whose support was essential in creating a high-quality experience for all participants. Their generosity helps us continue building a vibrant chess community.



UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

Looking ahead, we are excited to announce our next event, which will once again serve as a triple qualifier—for the OCC, CYCC, and the exclusive one-day training camp hosted by the Toronto Chess Centre on June 1st. The tournament will take place on April 13, 2025, at St. Robert Catholic High School. We hope to see you there!

Register here: <https://rb.gy/csjie4>

