



TORONTO
CHESS CENTRE

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NEWSLETTER

April CYCC, OCC and Master Camp Qualifier



ABOUT THE TOURNAMENT

The Toronto Chess Centre hosted its final double qualifier of the season on April 13, 2025, at St. Robert Catholic High School. This event served as a pathway to both the Ontario Chess Challenge and the Canadian Youth Chess Championship. A total of 130 players participated across four sections: U8, U10, U12, and a combined U14–U16–U18 group, showcasing strong competition and enthusiasm from young chess talents.

The tournament also marked the last chance for players to qualify for the exclusive one-day Master Camp, open to the top 10% of each section. With high stakes and a competitive atmosphere, the event wrapped up the season on a high note, highlighting the dedication and growth of Ontario's youth chess.



DID YOU KNOW?

Arbiters in chess are trained to not only know the rules inside and out, but they must also stay calm under pressure, as they often make split-second decisions during intense moments in a game. They play a crucial role in ensuring fairness and maintaining order at tournaments!



ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We'd like to take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude to our incredible staff, whose hard work and dedication ensured the event ran smoothly. **Suen Chan** captured fantastic moments throughout the day with his photography, perfectly documenting the energy and excitement of the event. **Cindy Qiao** did a wonderful job keeping the kids engaged and entertained in the skittles room between rounds, ensuring they had fun and stayed refreshed. **Anthony Paraskeva** played a crucial role in managing our social media, quickly sharing Suen's stunning photos online and keeping everyone connected. A special thanks goes to **Alercio** for contributing content to our Instagram page and for providing the microphone and speaker setup, helping to keep everything organized and running on time.

We'd also like to extend our gratitude to the high school students on our team, who stepped up and took on key roles as arbiters. **Lily** was the arbiter for the U8 section, ensuring fairness and smooth play for our youngest participants. **Gordon** handled the U10 section with skill and efficiency, while **Jasper** managed the U12 section, helping to keep the games fair and the atmosphere focused.

We are also deeply thankful to our volunteers for their valuable support throughout the day. **Ryan** assisted as an arbiter in the U14-U16-U18 section, playing a key role in ensuring the section ran smoothly. Meanwhile, **Yilin** and **Linxuan** provided much-appreciated help, offering assistance to both the kids and their parents and ensuring the event went off without a hitch.



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SECTION WINNERS

In the U8 section, Jayden Hylton, Atlas De Swaaf, and Sanul Divadalage tied for first place, each earning gold with a score of 4/5. **Adeline Huang** was the top girl in the U8 section, finishing with 3.5/5.



In the U10 section, Tansh Tatke took gold with a perfect 5/5 score. There was a four-way tie for second, with **Rishav Pai, Theo Chan, Brian Tang, and Sirui Liu** all earning silver with 4/5. **Sanya Divadalage** scored 4/5 and was awarded gold as the top girl in the U10 section.



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In the U12 section, Warren Feng claimed gold with a flawless 5/5 performance. Three players tied for silver with scores of 4/5—congratulations to **Nilaanujan Gowrishankar, Diganth Anish,** and **Isaac Tam.** **Raya Sahebgharani** earned gold as the top girl in the U12 section with a strong 4/5 result.



Due to the **U14, U16, and U18 sections being merged** for the event, prizes were awarded separately within the U14 and U16 categories. **In the U14 section, Justin Wang, William Wang, and Shrivathsan Krishnan** each earned gold with scores of 4/5. **Madeeha Najah** and **Flora Zhang** were awarded gold as the top girls in the section, both finishing with 3/5.

In the U16 section, Peter Lomov delivered a perfect performance to take gold with 5/5, while **Dharsan Alwar Satish** followed closely behind, earning silver with an impressive 4.5/5.



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We're grateful to **Golden Tripod** for sponsoring yet another one of our events as our **Bronze Sponsor**. We also extend our sincere thanks to **Canada Chess Youth Club** for their generous support—providing coupons to the top three competitors in each section and helping promote the tournament.



UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

The Ontario Youth Chess Championship is the prime junior chess competition in Ontario and the official provincial qualifier to the youth nationals. Each year, dozens of young players compete in the OYCC for a chance to become provincial champions and receive a 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 junior player up to 18 years of age is welcome to play in order to gain experience or compete for one of the top spots!

We look forward to welcoming players and families once again for an exciting weekend of chess!

Register here: <https://rb.gy/rk6c4x>

