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## Toronto Chess Centre Summer Open



### ABOUT THE TOURNAMENT

On June 7–8, 2025, the Toronto Chess Centre hosted its final tournament of the season. It was an open event that welcomed both juniors and adults to compete. Unlike previous tournaments in 2025, which had been exclusively for junior players, this event broadened participation and drew a turnout of 82 players. Held at St. Robert Catholic High School, the tournament featured five sections: Crown, U2100, U1800, U1500, and a special U1200 section designated for juniors. The time control was a classical 60 minutes plus a 30-second increment. Trophies were awarded to the winners of each section, while silver and bronze medalists received medals to recognize their strong performances.

The success of the event would not have been possible without the dedicated efforts of high school students that helped us tremendously in this event. We extend our sincere thanks to Jasper Xie, Gordon Zeng, Elizabeth Brown, and Arthur Zhou for serving as arbiters throughout the weekend. We also wish to acknowledge Linxuan (Nicky) Li for her valuable behind-the-scenes assistance on the second day.



## SECTION WINNERS

In the U1200 Juniors section, **Puranjay Tripathy** delivered a strong performance to take clear first place with an impressive score of 4.5/5. The battle for second was closely contested, resulting in a three-way tie at 3.5/5. After applying tiebreaks, **Jacob Kagan** was awarded the silver medal, while **Marcus Xie** and **Sirui Liu** shared the bronze.

The U1500 section saw a dominant performance from **Luke Noftall**, who clinched first place with a perfect 5/5 score. Second place was a tight race, with **Brent Goff** and **Tansh Tatkeboth** finishing with 4/5. Tiebreaks ultimately favored Brent Goff for the silver medal, while Tansh Tatke earned the bronze.

The U1800 section featured a tightly contested race at the top, with **Spencer Cetinicemerging** as the champion after edging out his closest competitor on tiebreaks. Both Spencer and **Bernard Chiu** finished with 4/5, but it was Spencer who claimed the trophy, while Bernard took home the silver medal. Two players ended the event with 3.5/5, and it was **Jose Luis Castillo Simon** who secured the bronze on superior tiebreaks.

In the U2100 section, **Jayden Zihan Zhan** claimed the trophy with a strong 4/5 finish, prevailing on tiebreaks in a competitive field. **Riyaan Lakhani** also scored 4/5 and was awarded the silver medal. Just behind the leaders, **Isaac Duanmu** secured the bronze with a solid 3.5/5.

In the Open Section, **Nolan Wu** captured the trophy with a strong performance, finishing at the top of the standings with 4/5. **Saarthak Malakar** and **Anthony Maulucci** both scored 3.5/5, and based on tiebreaks, Saarthak was awarded the silver medal while Anthony took home the bronze.

## COMMUNITY APPRECIATION

The Toronto Chess Centre would also like to sincerely thank Michael Kennedy for his generous donation of chess pieces and boards, as well as a set of charming keychains that we were delighted to share with many of the participants. Small gestures like these go a long way in creating a warm and welcoming atmosphere. We'd also like to give a special shoutout to two chess moms who went out of their way to treat the tournament staff to delicious pastries and provided coffee for all the players.

The Toronto Chess Centre would like to extend its heartfelt thanks to all the participants for joining us and making this event a memorable one. We're especially grateful to the parents for their continued support and for ensuring their children could attend by driving them to and from the tournament. As mentioned earlier, this marks the final event of our season. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in Fall for our next tournament, which will serve as a qualifier for both the Ontario Youth Chess Championship (OYCC) and the Ontario Chess Challenge (OCC). Until then, we wish you all a wonderful and restful summer!



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