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TOURNAMENT REPORT

September CYCC & OCC Qualifier



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About the tournament

The Toronto Chess Centre (TCC) kicked off its **first tournament of the season** on September 21, 2025, hosting a combined Ontario Chess Challenge (OCC) and Canadian Youth Chess Championship (CYCC) Double Qualifier.

The event featured five competitive sections. They were U8, U10, U12, U14, and a combined U16 and U18 section. **A total of 144** participants from across the region. St. Roberts Catholic High School served as the venue, conveniently located near the Highway 407 and Highway 404 interchange.

Upcoming Events

1. **October CYCC & OCC Qualifier** – October 18, 2025
2. **TCC Youth Grand Prix I** – October 18, 2025
3. **Toronto Youth Chess Championship** – November 15–16, 2025



We are most Grateful

TCC would like to extend our sincere thanks to the staff and volunteers whose efforts made this tournament a great success. **Amy Sun** served as arbiter for the U8 section, while **Gordon Zeng** oversaw the U10 section. The U12 section was managed by arbiters **Sijing Huang** and **Jasper Xie**, with **Elizabeth Brown** directing the U14 section, and **Daniel Krivykh** taking charge of the combined U16–U18 section. **Yilin Wang** and **Linxuan (Nikki) Li** provided valuable support with crowd control, while **Cindy Qiao** managed the Skittles Room with assistance from **Wenyang Ming**. **Alercio** contributed by setting up sound equipment and capturing short video clips, and **Anthony** who handled everything from designing posters, flyers, certificates, and all event graphics to managing the social media and online promotion. **Suen Chan** and **Christina Yan** were once again the event photographers, capturing beautiful pictures of the players. The TCC is grateful for the hard work and dedication of everyone involved.

We also extend heartfelt appreciation to the parents, whose unwavering support – bringing their children to the tournament, encouraging them through every round, and patiently waiting throughout long match days – played an essential role in making this event possible.



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Saluting Our Standout Competitors

On the following pages, we are proud to highlight the outstanding achievements of the players in each section, honoring the winners who rose to the top through dedication and remarkable play.



U8 section

The U8 section had 20 young players. **Harshil Swain** achieved a perfect 5/5 score to secure the gold medal. Close behind, **Shreyas Paralikar**, **Max Yun**, and **Rishant Mishra** each scored 4/5, earning silver medals for their efforts. On the girls' side, **Anaisha Sharma** and **Rowena Gao** distinguished themselves with strong results of 3/5, both earning gold.



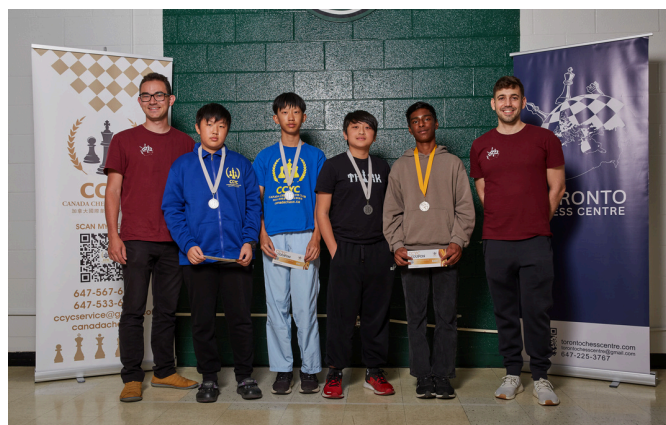
U10 section

The U10 section drew 25 participants. Leading the field was **Rishav Pai**, who claimed the gold medal with a perfect 5/5 score. Just behind him, **Tansh Tatke**, **Aadhi Alagappan**, **Matthew Koo**, and **Jake Xu** each finished with 4/5, earning well-deserved silver medals. **Saoirse Zhang** and **Chelsea Daley** both got 3/5, securing gold as the top U10 girls.



U12 section

The U12 section was the largest with 49 players. Rising to the top was **Diyor Muminov**, who captured gold with a perfect 5/5 score. **Nilaanujan Gowrishankar** and **Gregory Romanov** each scored 4.5/5, earning silver medals. In the girls' category, **Elena Sharafi Masouleh** delivered a strong 4/5 performance, securing gold as top U12 girl.



U14 section

The U14 section brought together 34 players. Leading the way was **Sayan Ganeshanathan**, who secured gold with a 4.5/5 finish. Just half a point behind, **Konner Virgo Coquilla**, **Kingsly Wong**, and **Adam Mei** each scored 4/5 to claim silver medals. **Aaradhana Ganesh Kumar** and **Flora Zhang** both earned gold as the top girls with 2.5/5.



U16 and U18 sections

The U16 and U18 sections were combined into a single group of 16 players. In the U18 category, **Ruslan Kotapuri** emerged on top, securing gold as the leading U18 boy with a score of 4/5. In the U16 category, **Aiden Li** and **Peter Lomov** tied for first, each earning gold as the top boys with 4/5, while **Jaden He** followed closely with 3.5/5 to claim bronze. **Ayla Maslov** finished with 3.5/5 to capture gold as the top U16 girl.

Exciting News

The Toronto Chess Centre's **next event** is scheduled for **Saturday, October 18, 2025**, once again at St. Robert Catholic High School. Like this month's tournament, it will serve as a Double Qualifier for both the Ontario Chess Challenge and the Canadian Youth Chess Championship.

In addition to the qualifier, the Toronto Chess Centre will be launching a **brand-new initiative** on October 18, 2025: its first-ever **TCC Grand Prix**. This exclusive event will be reserved **for players rated above 1700 CFC**, providing a higher-level competitive arena for advanced juniors. The winner of the Grand Prix events will earn the right to represent TCC at **an all expenses covered trip to the famous International Kavala Open in Greece!**

Discover our upcoming events here: <https://torontochesscentre.com/events-page/>



Photos from the International Kavala Open