

# Chess For The Advanced Beginner



- DESCRIPTION:** This course is designed for students who understand the basics of chess tactics and strategy. This course will emphasize more advanced strategy, primarily time and space advantage in the game of chess.
- RESPONSIBILITY:** Students should keep a folder at home to store any handouts. Students must show respect to the instructors by paying attention and doing all assigned tasks.
- IN CLASS USE:** Students will be provided tournament size chess boards and pieces, Chess Notation Sheets Chess Video Tapes, Worksheets
- FURTHER INFO:** The Success Chess website (<http://www.SuccessChess.org>) has information about many topics including: how chess makes children smarter and specific books and CD-Roms that will improve a student's knowledge. To learn what is happening in Nor-Cal youth chess you can go to <http://www.CalNorthYouthChess.org>
- DAILY ACTIVITY:** Half the period, each day, will be spent on tactics and strategy and half on playing chess under tournament conditions. Note: Lessons may last more than one session.
- Lesson 1** Introduction! Learn what students know-administer SCS Basic Skills Test. If needed, recommend a skill level class change.
- Lesson 2** Developing Board Vision
- Lesson 3** Board Vision and how it should/must be used (eg. think with your head not your hands; you can't play what you don't see; look what your opponent is doing; the more you are winning, the more you should think defense; an attack on the flank is best met by a counterattack in the center)
- Lesson 4** Board Vision and Time (tempo and how to achieve it)
- Lesson 5** Board Vision and Space Advantages (space count and how to maximize the advantage)
- Lesson 6** Assuming the worst and assuming the best—do not assume
- Lesson 7** Avoiding "Flip a coin and hope chess" for REAL CHESS (use 100% of the time, no: "I can't work hard on every move; it's too much effort!")
- Lesson 8** Avoiding decoys and blunders
- Lesson 9** Learning how to do a post-mortem (going over your games with your opponent to find your time space errors and improve your board vision)
- TO CONTACT:** You are welcome to contact us at any time about your child's progress. Dr. Kirshner (510-657-1586) or [info@successchess.org](mailto:info@successchess.org).
- AFTER COURSE:** Robert Synder's, *Unbeatable Chess Lessons for Juniors*, Graham Burgess, *The Mammoth Book of Chess*. Dan Heisman, *Everyone's 2<sup>nd</sup> Chess Book*. For more resources go to <http://www.SuccessChess.com/Books.html>.
- WEBSITES:** <http://www.SuccessChess.com> Information on our programs and philosophy plus links to various school chess sites. These sites include more recommended books, CD-Roms and even information on colleges that offer scholarships for chess. <http://www.CalNorthYouthChess.org> You can find information of all chess activities for children in Northern California.