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Private (1:1) Chess Lessons

by

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The Los Angeles Chess Club, as the premier Chess Club in the LA area, provides instructors offering "Private Lessons" to individuals and groups interested in improving their knowledge of the *Royal Game* at an accelerated pace.

Private Lesson is an excellent way to learn, implement, and achieve desired results for ambitious players who believe they need a fast approach to unleash their inner talents using the best available methodology.

Of course, one's interest - as the most important factor in achieving this goal - must be accommodating as well.

Chess Résumé

- 2009 American Open Quick Ch. 1st place-tied
- 2003 Western Team Ch. 1st place U2000
- 1991 "Southwest Open" Co-Champion 1st place-tied
- Houston Champion 1990, 1993, 1996
- USCF Life Senior Master since 1988
- USCF National Master since 1985
- National Tournament Director of the Year 1997

United States Chess Federation (USCF) Categories	
Category	Rating Range
Senior Master	2400+
Master	2200-2399
Expert	2000-2199
Class A	1800-1999
Class B	1600-1799
Class C	1400-1599
Class D	1200-1399
Class E	1000-1199
Class F	800-999
Class G	600-799
Class H	400-599
Class I	200-399
Class J	Under 200

12-Hour Package

(This 6-session package fully provides all the tools one needs to gain a respectable understanding of the game – up to around 2000/2200 USCF rating – Expert/ Master strength)

➤ **Endgame** (2 hours)

Reviewing all types of end-games and underlying principles (Accuracy, Time, Efficiency)

➤ **Middle game** (2 hours)

4 stages of the Middle game, 5 types of Central Pawn Formations discussed; as well as applicable principles (i.e. Mobility, Harmony, Force, Space)

➤ **Opening** (2 hours)

Gaining and maintaining the initiative as White and equalizing as Black, coherency of your Opening and defense.

➤ **Position Evaluation** (1 hour)

Analyzing a position in depth, permanent and temporary advantages, 5 factors of assessing a position.

➤ **Tactical Elements** (1 hour)

Covering various tactical and combinational patterns and their recognition; Qualitative & Quantitative advantages, etc.

➤ **Planning/ Position Assessment** (2 hours)

Putting everything you know to work! How to conceive a plan and execute it step by step?

➤ **Draw Offers** (1 hour)

When and how to offer/accept/reject a draw and why?

➤ **Diet & Psychological Factors** (1 hour)

Brain-boosting diet and proper role of psychological factors in chess!

RATES

- \$650 at the LACC/ \$750 offsite
- Includes 2 free hours – 6th session is free
- Includes a binder of covering material to keep – presented in the 1st session
- Includes 2 free 1-day tournaments at the club
- Prepaid on the 1st session

note:

- As these sessions are all ‘theory’ – enabling one with the right ‘tools’ - another 6-hour package of ‘Practice’ sessions (e.g. playing against the instructor, analyzing games, etc.) is the most ideal complement to this package - in order to apply acquired knowledge to practical games.
- There is also 10% discount for the next ‘Practice’ package.

6-Hour Package

(This package covers all the basics on various areas of chess to prepare one in reaching around 1600 USCF rating*- Category 'C' strength)

- **End-game** (1 hour)
Various basic end-games and their principles
- **Middle-game** (1 hour)
Middle-game principles and their application
- **Opening** (1 hour)
Opening principles and their underlying ideas
- **Tactics** (1 hour)
Covering various tactical patterns
- **Position Evaluation** (1 hour)
5 factors in assessing a position correctly
- **Planning** (1 hour)
How to follow up your assessment with a sound plan and executing it step by step

RATES

- **\$350 at the LACC/ \$400 offsite**
- Includes 1 free hour – 6th session is free
- Includes a binder of covering material to keep – presented in the 1st session
- Includes one free 1-day tournaments at the club
- Prepaid on the 1st session

note:

- As these sessions are all *'theory'* and will enable one with the right *'tools'*, generally, another 6-hour package of *'Practice'* sessions (e.g, playing against the instructor, analyzing games, etc.) is the most ideal complement to this package - in order to apply acquired knowledge to practical games.
- There is also a 10% discount for the next *'Practice'* package.

Topic-Specific Sessions

This is ideal for players interested in strengthening specific area(s) of their game in a few sessions only.

Topics discussed may include:

- Playing practice games; in order to accentuate your strengths and pinpoint your weaknesses
- Game Analysis (analysis of your played games and specifying weak areas)
- Opening principles and underlying concepts (best Opening for YOUR style!)
- Middle game (various pawn formations [5 types] and/or stages [4])
- End game (various end games and related principles)
- Tactical Patterns (8 tactical themes in chess with multiple examples)
- Positional Themes (breaking down the elements)
- Psychological Factors (factors affecting your game on and off the board!)
- Draw Offers (when to offer/accept/reject draws; and WHY?)
- Position Evaluation (5 factors in assessing a position systematically and scientifically)
- Planning (single and multi-phase planning in ANY position; based on a thorough evaluation)
- Others (certain Openings, Middle games, End games, Tactical patterns, Plans, etc.

RATES

- **Individual Sessions:** (\$65/hr LACC/ \$75/hr offsite)

ADDITIONAL BENEFITS

- Free hand-outs relating to the covered topic each session organized in a binder.
- Follow up practice games are highly recommended (in order to best utilize acquired theoretical knowledge)
- Free follow up Q&A – for life!

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