



PALS Online Chess Courses – Fall Session, 2021



About the Instructor: *National Master Lior Lapid is a 5-time and reigning Colorado State chess champion and former K-9 and K-12 National Champion. Lior has over 25 years of experience teaching chess in schools and summer camps in Israel, New York, Virginia, New Mexico, and Colorado. He was awarded the U.S.*

Chess Federation's 2021 Outstanding Team Achievement Award for his work as coach and captain of Team USA for People with Disabilities. Lior has been featured in Chess Life and American Chess Magazine and was a guest speaker at the 2nd Koltanowski Conference on Chess and Education. Using his entertaining and kid-friendly coaching style, Lior has trained numerous state champions in New Mexico and Colorado. PALS Chess Academy students and/or school teams won scholastic state championships from 2013-2020.

Beginner/Intermediate Course Schedule and Description

Checkmate! The ABCs of Pattern Recognition

Sunday afternoons, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.: 10/10, 10/17, 10/24, 10/31, 11/7, 11/14

Level: Beginner/Intermediate

"Modern chess is too much concerned with things like pawn structure. Forget it, checkmate ends the game!" – Grandmaster Nigel Short

The famous Polgar sisters, one of whom became the strongest female chess player of all time, practiced thousands of checkmating drills as children. If your child often achieves strong positions but struggles to find the "finishing blow," mastering checkmating patterns may be just what the doctor ordered. In scholastic tournaments, it is all too common to see one player win lots of material but then move around aimlessly, not knowing how to convert the advantage into a win. This course is guaranteed to help! Coach Lior will introduce the 60 of most essential checkmating motifs for young players to master, explaining not only the final tactics but also how to set up checkmates from advantageous positions.

Intermediate/Advanced Course Schedule and Description

The Power of Imagination: Secrets of Creative Thinking in Chess

Thursday evenings, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.: 10/14, 10/21, 10/28, 11/4, 11/11, 11/18

Level: Intermediate and Advanced

“Imagination is more important than knowledge... Logic will get you from A to B.

Imagination will take you everywhere.” – Albert Einstein

Chess is one of the most intricate and complex games on the planet, and there is no single system of thought that will produce the correct move in every position. Overly rigid thinking is often punished over the chessboard, whereas more creative and flexible thinking is one of the key ingredients to mastery. Using examples from instructive Grandmaster games as well as his own games, Coach Lior will teach students when and how to think outside the box to surprise their opponents with strong and unexpected moves. Students will be presented with several test questions in each lesson as we discuss individual moves as well as effective long-term plans.

Money-Back Guarantee

If your child does not love the first class or does not feel that he or she learned any valuable new chess skills from that class, you will receive a full refund for the entire course. Please contact Lior at 720-317-7810 or lior@palschess.com if you have any questions before or during these courses, or if the time of a desired course does not work for your child. Happy learning!

Registration

To enroll in one or more course, go to www.palschess.com/online and click on the blue register button. Discounts are automatically applied for sibling registration. After registering, you'll receive an email with the link and password to join.

Tuition

Six-Week Course: \$84 (\$14 per class)

\$20 sibling discount!