

New Tournament Prep Course starts March 18

Monday nights, 7:15-8:15pm, 459 Bloor Street West, March 18 to May 6

\$168 for 7 weeks – all materials provided

Have you thought about getting into tournament chess? Here's a new course that gets you ready to do just that!

Taught by professional chess instructor, **Cameron Robertson**, this 7-week course covers all the basic elements of tournament chess and gives you the tools to continue to learn on your own.

Here's an outline of what you'll learn:

Week 1 – Starting Line

- Notation Review
 - Tournament Play + Clock Play – Expectations
 - Setting goals
 - Understanding Classes of Openings
- Material: Starting Opening List

Week 2 – Openings

- Basics – review for both white and black – first several moves for each of French, Italian, Ruy Lopez, Sicilian, Queen's Gambit, King's Gambit
 - Concept of variations
 - Developing a style over time
- Material: Opening List Continued

After Week 2 we will have the Tools to continue to explore openings on our own.

Week 3 – Middle Game: Position

- Continuing from Openings to understanding Position
 - Strengths and Weaknesses in Position
 - Defence and Attack
- Material: Positions Worksheet

Week 4 – Middle Game: Tactics

- Understanding Tactics – Tools of Attack
 - Calculating Thoroughly – Examining all the Possibilities
- Material: Tactics Compilation 1

After Week 4 we will have positional vision and understand how to use tactics to our advantage.

Week 5 – End Game: Strategies

- Understanding the Endgame
 - Toolbox for Endgame
- Material: Endgame Tactics

Week 6 – End Game: Bringing it Together

- How the Middle Game transitions into the Endgame
 - Setting yourself up for a strong End Game
- Material: Tactics Compilation 2

After Week 6 you should feel comfortable in all stages of a chess game.

Week 7 – Analysis and Regimen

- Computer Analysis (chess engines)
 - Online play and time control (avoid blitz)
 - Setting goals (reinforce)
 - Further Notation
 - Setting yourself up for Success – Tactics, Practice and Theory
- Material: Tactics Compilation 3 and Games List

After the Program you will be prepared for tournament play and have all the tools to further your chess game.