

## BEGINNER THROUGH INTERMEDIATE COURSE

**DESCRIPTION:** This course is designed for students who already know the basics of how to play chess. Principles of tactics and strategy will be taught to prepare students for more rigorous competition.

**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:** Tournament size chess boards and pieces for each student, Chess Notation Sheets Chess Video Tapes, Worksheets

**FURTHER INFO:** The Weibel website (<http://www.WeibelChess.org>) has information about many topics including: how chess makes children smarter and specific books and CD-Roms that will improve a students knowledge. To learn what is happening in Northern California check out <http://www.CalNorthYouthChess.org> and <http://www.CalChess.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-administor SCS Basic Skills Test Practice, review by going over results

**Lesson 2** Continue review: value of pieces, castling, en passant, exchange Value of Pieces (Bishop for Knight Trade, The Exchange, Values Change with Position), Drawn or Tied Games (perpetual check, not enough material to checkmate, forks, pins, discovered checks, double checks, skewers, stalemate, 3-move repetition of position, the 50 Move Rule, agreement), Fool's Mate, Scholar's Mate, How to use a chess clock

**Lesson 3** Play and record game for analysis; go over notation with opponent & discuss better moves, mistakes, thoughts etc.

**Lesson 4** A Famous Game-COUNT ISIDORE VS. MORPHY: Strategy & Tactics in Chess (what they mean) Positional vs Tactical players

**Lesson 5** The 30 Helpful Rules of Playing Chess: Opening Principles, Middlegame Principles, Endgame Principles: Tactics & Strategies

**Lesson 6** Checkmating the lone king: checkmating with King & Queen, checkmating with King & two Rooks, checkmating with King and one Rook

**Lesson 7** Development: open lines, weak squares, trapped pieces

**Lesson 8** Pawn Power in chess, Controlling squares & diagonals

**AFTER COURSE:** We suggest you obtain a copy of Dan Heisman's *Everyone's 2nd Chessbook*, Lazlo Polgar's *Chess*, 5334 problems, Fred Wilson's *101 Questions on How to Play Chess* and Frisco del Rosario's *A First Book of Morphy*. Also, if you can still locate a copy of the CD-Rom, Maurice Ashley Teaches Chess, it is great. For more resources go to:

<http://www.CalNorthYouthChess.org/WeibelChess/Books.html>.