

CHESS WITH MR. S PRESENTS

WINTER CHECKMATE FESTIVAL

A season for strategy, smiles & holiday magic!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2026



Big moves. Bright smiles. Holiday magic.

Celebrate the season with the Chess with Mr. S family! A festive day of friendly competition, growing confidence and wonderful memories awaits.



Event details

LIMITED TO 120 PLAYERS

Time: 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM

Doors open: 10:00 AM

Century Private School

11181 Yonge St, Richmond Hill, ON L4S 1L2

Tournament details

Official CYCC Qualifier

Players who score **at least 50% (2.5 out of 5)** qualify to compete in the **2027 Canadian Youth Chess Championship (CYCC)**. Players must also play at least three games, excluding byes, as required by the CFC.

CFC Rapid-Rated Event

A Chess Federation of Canada (CFC) Rapid-Rated Tournament and an opportunity to:

- Gain official rating points and tournament experience.
- Build confidence through competitive play.
- Enjoy a fun, friendly chess environment.

Format: Regular Swiss System (5 rounds)

Time control: 25 minutes per side, no increment or delay

Sections & eligibility

U8 Open / U8 Girls

U10 Open / U10 Girls

U12 Open / U12 Girls

U14 Open / U14 Girls

U16 Open / U16 Girls

U18 Open / U18 Girls

Sections may be combined if necessary.

Eligibility: Players must be born after January 1, 2008.

IMPORTANT: CFC ID REQUIRED

A valid CFC ID is required to participate. Create a new ID or retrieve your existing details at:

chess.ca/en/players/membership-join/

A day of chess & Christmas cheer



Tournament schedule

Doors open & check-in	10:00 AM - 10:45 AM
Round 1	11:00 AM
Round 2	12:15 PM
Lunch break	1:30 PM - 2:00 PM
Round 3	2:00 PM
Round 4	3:15 PM
Round 5	4:30 PM
Closing ceremony & awards	5:30 PM - 6:00 PM

Prizes & special offers

1st place: Trophy for each section winner

2nd & 3rd place: Medals

Exclusive perks for every registered player!

Complimentary food

Each player receives 2 slices of cheese or pepperoni pizza (selected at registration), juice and healthy snacks.

Loot bags

Prizes and goodies for all players!

Coffee and snacks for parents

Christmas photo booth & popcorn

Festive props, a cheerful winter backdrop and a family keepsake to remember your special day with Chess with Mr. S!

Photography, audio & video notice

By registering for this event, you consent to photography, audio recording and videography of yourself and, as their parent or legal guardian, your participating child. You acknowledge that you are entering an event where such recording may occur and authorize Chess with Mr. S (CWMS) to use these photographs, images, audio and video recordings for event coverage, media and promotional purposes, including on our website, social media, and in printed and digital promotional materials.

Registration & fees

Entry fee: \$135 per player

Registration deadline: December 9, 2026

No onsite registrations allowed.

Limited spots: secure your child's place early!
Please obtain a valid CFC ID before registering.

Tournament team

Tournament Director: Mr. S (Arash Shahi)

Tournament Arbiter: Mr. Sean (Sean Lei)

CWMS staff: Mr. Aiden, Ms. Seylani,
Mr. Marco, Mr. Haoran, Mr. Daniel,
Ms. Nancy and Ms. Selina.

Fair play & sportsmanship

- Be kind, play fairly and respect every opponent.
- No cell phones or electronic devices during games. Keep them switched off and put away.
- Parents stay in the designated waiting area, off the tournament floor. No coaching during games.
- Need help? Raise your hand for the arbiter. Rulings are subject to any applicable appeal procedure; the Tournament Director has final authority on event operations.

Important for parents

No unattended children: Parents/guardians remain responsible for their children at all times. CWMS does not assume responsibility for children throughout the event.

Allergy notice: We strive to provide food free of peanuts and tree nuts, but cannot certify that food is completely allergen-free. Parents/guardians are responsible for ensuring all food provided is safe for their child.