

Academy of Champions Group Lessons

Improve Your Strategical Skills I – Classical Themes Pros & Cons

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- FIDE 2586 (Peak 2655); USCF 2696
- Current coach of National Team of Austria (from 2017) – the best result 14th place on 43rd Chess Olympiad (2018)
- World TOP 100 in period 2007-2009 (the best place 68th)
- Captain and Silver medalist on 5th board on European Club Cup in Porto Carras (2018) in same team as World Champion Magnus Carlsen – [Video of CC Valerenga \(Norway\)](#)
- Friendly Rapid Match Magnus Carlsen - Borki Predojevic, Lillehammer 2013 - result 2,5-1,5 for Magnus Carlsen – Videos from match: [Video 1](#) & [Video 2](#)
- 4th place on Aeroflot Open (2009)
- 2nd place – Supertournament “Bosna 2009”
- 2nd place – Supertournament “Bosna 2007”
- Vice champion with Chess Club "Bosna" Sarajevo on European Club Cup (2004)
- World Champion U16 (2003)
- European Champion U14 (2001)
- European Champion U12 (1999)
- Winner of various international tournaments in Europe
- The youngest GM in history of Bosnia and Herzegovina – 17 years old

CAMP INFO

Capacity	12
Themes	<p>Classical Strategic concepts/topics like isolated pawn, hanging pawns, positional sacrifice, weak squares etc. is something every chess player run across in his practice. Therefore developing skills and showing understanding of such positions is based on knowledge about all pros and cons.</p> <p>Lesson #1 – Isolated Pawn pros & cons : This is one of the most investigated topics in chess. This is question where many chess players are taking one side – they strongly prefer to play with isolated pawn or versus it. In this topic we will learn typical ways of play with isolated pawn (making central break, creating attack on king, regrouping heavy pieces etc.) & how to play versus it (simplifying position, development of pieces, defensive ideas etc.).</p> <p>Lesson #2 – Hanging Pawns pros & cons: In this topic we will learn what are the most important things we need to achieve with hanging pawns (i.e. developing and increasing dynamical potential hanging pawns have) & how to fight in case we are playing vs it (creating pressure on hanging pawns, fixing it etc.).</p> <p>Lesson #3 – Weak Squares: Occurrence of weak squares in the most of cases means that side which has it is in problems. However, many openings are based on giving this positional advantage to opponent in order to get something (initiative, development etc.) for it. Therefore here we will meet key facts which we need to take in order to access those type of positions.</p> <p>Lesson #4 – Positional Sacrifice pros & cons: Positional sacrifice in any position implies material imbalance. However, it does not mean that every positional sacrifice is good and that it will bring effects which are expected. Therefore, developing instinct and understanding of position which arrives after sacrifice is key of making good positional sacrifice & avoiding wrong positional sacrifice.</p>
Schedule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 11AM PST – 1.30PM PST (2,5 hours, 5-10 minutes break in middle of lesson) on 5/12, 6/12, 12/12 & 12/13 (4 sessions – 10 hours) ● 12/5 (Sat), 12/6 (Sun), 12/12 (Sat) & 12/13 (Sun) ● Schedules might adjust with at least one-day notice
Rating	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● USCF 1900+ ● 4 USCF 1700-1899+ allowed ● 3 USCF 1600+ allowed ● Lower rated player with special permission and assessment are allowed
Registration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Register here https://www.nachesshub.com/
Misc. info	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lessons will be taught on ZOOM Meeting. Material from Training Camp, Videos (lesson will be recorded) & homework will be assigned after lesson.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">● \$320 for 4 sessions of 2,5 hours of group lessons● USCF 1700-1899+ allowed for \$30 (cca 10%) extra● USCF 1600+ allowed for \$50 (cca 15%) extra● Thanksgiving Day discount (1st participation in Academy of Champions Training Camps) - \$60 (cca 15%) discount for participants registered before December 1● Regular discount - \$60 (cca 20%) discount for students of previous training camps | |
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