

Academy of Champions Group Lessons

Middlegame Pawn Structures #2 – Universal Formations

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- FIDE 2601 (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
Theme	<p>One of the most important things for player who wants to improve his level is to know what he should do in particular position. Understanding of particular position in middlegame is based on knowledge about typical pawn structures and how exactly one should play it. In this camp one will learn how to play or deal with universal formations which are established in early stage of game.</p> <p>Lesson #1 – Formation with double c pawns I (dxc6 or dxc3): Current formation might come from various openings/lines (Sicilian Defense/Rossolimo Setup, Ruy Lopez/Exchange Var/Berlin Wall, Scotch Opening, Italian Game etc.) and usually leads to positions where one side decides to give bishop pair in order to create double pawns;</p> <p>Lesson #2 – Formation with double c pawns II (bxc6 or bxc3): Compared to Formation I, here positions have more dynamical character. Usual openings/lines where we can meet it are Nimzo-Indian Defense, Rossolimo Variation in Sicilian Defense, English Opening etc.</p> <p>Lesson #3 – Double Fianchetto Formation: Type of positions with double fianchetto (which has one side or even both sides) are connected with English Opening/Setups even it is possible to see it in Sicilian Defense, Pirc Defense, Modern Defense & Gruenfeld Defense). Main character of this formation is that action in center comes in later stage of game compared to other setups.</p> <p>Lesson #4 – Hedgehog Formation: This is one of the most universal setups which has main character that White has space advantage, while Black has more flexible position. It might come from various openings – Sicilian Defense/various lines, English Opening, Queens Indian Defense etc.</p> <p>Lesson #5 – Maroczy Formation: Together with Hedgehog this is formation which might come from various openings. Compared to Hedgehog, Black is not controlling square d5. Beside Maroczy Variation in Sicilian Defense, this formation might come in other variation of Sicilian Defense (i.e. 1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Qxd4!? etc.)</p>
Schedule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 11AM PST – 1PM PST (2 hours) on 7/27, 7/29 & 7/31; 1PM PST – 3PM PST on 8/3 & 8/5 (5 sessions – 10 hours) ● 7/27, 7/29, 7/31, 8/3 & 8/5 ● Schedules might adjust with at least one-day notice. ● If all students in the group are focused in sessions and cooperative in group discussions, the Coach will strongly consider giving a sixth “Bonus Session”.
Rating	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● USCF 1800+ ● Three USCF 1700+ allowed ● Three USCF 1600+ allowed

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lower rated player with special permission and assessment are allowed
Registration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Register here https://www.uschesshub.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.
Fee and Payment	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● \$400 for 5 sessions of 2 hours of group lessons ● USCF 1700+ allowed for 5% extra ● USCF 1600+ allowed for 10% extra ● 20% discount for students of previous training camps 	