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JOIN GOLDSMITH CHESS CLUB NEWSLETTER

(GCCN)

Please fill out the following form to formally join our club. GCCN doesn't require any membership fees. If you would like to join our email newsletter, feel free to check the appropriate box in the form. The newsletter emails keep you updated on the latest meetings and tournaments in our club as well as the lastest news in the chess world.

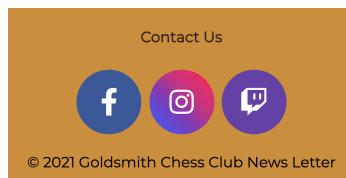
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I would also like to join GCCN email newsletter.

We hope to see you soon in our meetings and tournaments and get to play few rounds of chess with you! If you are new to chess, no worries at all! Our club members are always looking forward to welcoming new members and teaching them the ways of chess! Also, definitely check out our [Beginner Lessons](#), it should be a good starting point!



CHESS NEWS

WATCH GCCN'S 1ST ONLINE
TOURNAMENT 2021 ON
TWITCH



Here we go! We did tell you that we are going to still find a way to be in touch during these hard times, this is our first online tournament using the infamous chess.com website, we are going to stream it on our twitch channel as well for those who can't make it... [Read more](#)

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If you'd like to sign up for the qualification tournaments please contact our friends at... [Read more](#)

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COVID-19 has shocked the world and even our club! Due to new COVID-19 restrictions, we are unable to hold any in-person meetings! But no worries, our leadership members are working their best to... [Read more](#)

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BEGINNER CHESS LESSONS

New to chess? No need to worry about it! We've got you covered. Below are few beginner lessons our new members find quite useful.

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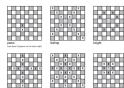
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▲ MOVING CHESS PIECES

Remembering each piece's possible movements may be difficult at first, but rest assured, you will get a hang of it in a short amount of time! Here's a list of how each piece moves:

- King: King can move in any direction by one square. This means king can move diagonally, horizontally, and vertically.
- Queen: Queen is strongest and most valued piece strategically in a chess game. This is because it can easily move any number of squares in any direction.
- Rook: Rooks can only move any number of squares in either horizontal direction or vertical direction.
- Knight: Knights are the only pieces that have a bit of an unusual movement. They do a "L-shaped" move. Knights can go two squares up/down/left/right and from the second square, one square to either left/right/up/down. (Definitely check out the guide for this one.)
- Bishop: Bishops can only move diagonally with any number of squares up.
- Pawn: In the beginning of the game, when pawns are at the starting location, they can move either one or two squares up. After the first move of the pawn, they can only move one square up.

Here's a great image guide that we found online that we hope it would help:



▲ SETTING UP THE CHESSBOARD

Now it's time to know how to setup the chessboard, since that's what you gotta do before you start a game! Before we start, we need to figure out which color goes on which side. There are many ways to figure this out, for example, one way is that the king is always on an opposite color square and its position is the fourth column from the right.

After figuring out which color goes on which side, then you can start by setting the row of each color pawns on the second row down from the top and second row up from the bottom. Then put the rooks at each corner right behind the pawns of their color. Right behind the rooks, the knights and right next to knight we should set up the bishops. King goes right next to the bishop on the right and queen goes next to bishop on the left.

Here's a great video we found on YouTube from Chess.com that explains this lesson perfectly:

▲ CAPTURING PIECES IN CHESS

Capturing chess pieces is an integral part of the game play. Capturing a piece is the same for all pieces except the pawn.

For the pawn to capture, the piece in question needs to be one square in front of the pawn but diagonally. There's also a move called *En Passant* which is not really needed to know as a beginner yet. But as you improve on chess, definitely know that.

For all other pieces, as long as the opponent's piece is at the end of path of our piece. We take the captured piece and replace it with our piece.

▲ WINNING A CHESS GAME

To win a chess game, you need to do a checkmate. However before we get to checkmates, we should learn what check is.

To check your opponent's king means to put the opponent's king in the way of one of your pieces possible next moves. When this happens we call it "the king is in check". The opponent at this point can't do any moves other than getting the king out of the way of any piece's path.

Checkmate happens when the king has no possible way to get out of check. Here's another great video that we found from Chess.com on YouTube that is also a great resource for learning more on chess:

The screenshot shows a mobile-friendly website for the Goldsmith Chess Club. At the top left is the club's logo, which features a stylized chess knight and pawn. To the right of the logo is the text "Goldsmith Chess Club Newsletter". On the far right is a three-line menu icon. Below the header, there is a navigation bar with links: "Join", "News", "Beginner Lessons", and "About Us". A thin grey horizontal bar at the bottom contains the text "Home >> About Us".

OUR MISSION

Goldsmith Chess Club Newsletter (GCCN) was established in July 2018 after two students realized there has never been a chess club for University of London Goldsmith. The main goal of the club is to create a friendly environment for all chess enthusiasts in our university. We require no membership specifically to make chess accessible to even more people. We are always looking forward to welcoming people who are new to chess.

CLUB LEADERSHIP

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