



The Competition Club for children and youth meets on **Mondays from 17:00 to 19:00** in the Shakkilinna teaching and coaching room (Sarvijaakonkatu 24, Tampere, L2, ground floor). The first session is on **31 August 2026**. It is also possible to join the club during the season. A prerequisite for participation is knowledge of the rules of chess, but those with little playing experience are encouraged to ask the club instructor for an assessment before joining. Please register in good time, as in some seasons not all applicants have been able to be accommodated in the club.

The competition club's curriculum has been prepared by a seven-time Finnish Chess champion and international chess master **Mika Karttunen**, who is also responsible for running the club.

GENERAL



Versatile and high-quality teaching material develops the player's understanding of chess in a balanced way and enables the attainment of a high-level of skill.



The educational goals of the club are high, but don't be shy to get involved! The range of abilities in the club is wide due to the wide age-range of club members.



In the club, not only the strongest players are taken into account, but also club members who have raised their level the most are recognised. At the end of the Club season, the players who have developed the most will be rewarded alongside other recipients of prizes.



Amongst the young people who have attended the competition club are Nordic countries and Finnish champions - and even a European champion! Also Finnish Youth championships medallists and other top players in their age groups have attended the club.

PRICES

The season fee is €170, which includes 15 club sessions as well as the Competition Club learning materials. It is also possible to attend the club occasionally; in that case, the fee is based on attendance (€15 per session + €20 for seasonal learning materials and club access). Seasonal fees must be paid before the start of the season. Attendance-based participation is invoiced monthly.

TEACHING AREAS

- 1) Opening play.** We get to know something new about the opening variation. The teacher explains the ideas underlining the opening, after which practice games are played using the opening.
- 2) Planning and tactics.** Studying master games helps you come up with good plans in your own games. Club members get to try their own planning skills and analyze positions together. How about guessing chess champions' moves? Or maybe we can come up with equally good ideas ourselves? Tactical skills are practiced with the help of tactical exercises, which can be solved both in the club and at home.
- 3) Endgame.** In the endgame theme class, we go through the most important endgame types and their ideas, and we practice endgame technique through exercises and practice games.
- 4) Tournament play.** A monthly championship is played, which develops practical skills and helps club members to be sharp and match-fit for tournaments.

INQUIRIES AND REGISTRATIONS

Registration for the club is done via the registration form: <https://forms.gle/54UhQskDCoYHm1pn8>
For further information, you can contact the club's contact person:
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