



## Chess Girls DC The Confidence Code Newsletter

Chess Girls DC is a 501c3 organization serving the District of Columbia and surrounding areas. As a mechanism of change, Chess Girls DC believes that girls develop a strong sense of confidence from the incremental wins/losses provided through chess education and the competitive reinforcement activity of chess tournaments.

The Chess Girls DC program develops a solid foundation of chess knowledge. It is taught in a way that properly prepares girls to apply it in a productive fashion; every maneuver becomes a way to practice effective thinking.

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### Chess Girls DC turns 6 years old !

The time really goes by quickly. Since 2014, Chess Girls DC has been a place where girls learn to intellectually challenge the world; 2019 was another great year with an increased attendance of girls at our Citywide and Regional Chess tournaments. In 2020, challenges encouraged us to evolve to an online environment experience. Our amazing activities continue to inspire thinking and reinforce the benefits of good decisions. We are so grateful for the guidance of National Master David Bennett, leading the way.

The girls were fortunate to meet many Chess professionals over the years such as Robert Katende and Phiona Mutesi from the Queen of Katwe movie.



Thank you to all the female professionals of the Chess community who have graciously visited the program over the years in support of the possibilities and mental power Chess provides to girls.

Holding the titles of Woman(W) International (I), Master (M) and Grandmaster(G), I would

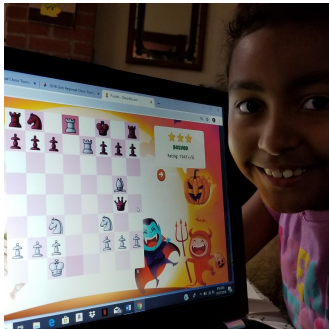
like to thank WIM Akshita Gorti, WIM Sabina Foisor, WIM Nazi Paikidze, WIM Jennifer Shahade, FIDE Master Sanjana Vittal, Rochelle Ballantyne, Expert. The girls were also fortunate to meet WIM Irine Kharisma Sukandar, IGM Susan Polgar and Candidate Master Claudia Munoz during their visit to Washington,DC. The students were so encouraged by their words of inspiration and direction.

This year Chess Girls DC was honored to have FIDE International Master Oladapu Adu from Nigeria co- host classes with Coach David Bennett. Special thanks to Coach Paul Swaney for his philanthropic support to Chess Girls DC, providing additional tutoring to prepare for tournaments.



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### Chess Girls DC Online Classes



We are really excited to be able to continue programing during the Covid-19 quarantine. Chess Girls DC continues to provide chess education through it's Chesskids.com online program paired with a virtual meeting platform. Students sign in to our private online club on Wednesdays and Saturdays with their classmates to engage in chess lessons and tournaments. Chesskids.com allows students to study advance strategies at their own pace.[chesskids.com](https://www.chesskids.com)

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This month guest lecturer, United States Chess Federation National Master Sanjana Vittal gave an educational commentary via Zoom meeting on improving your chess tactics.



We are looking forward to Woman International Master Akshita Gorti co-hosting our class with Coach David to provide insights on positional analysis.



A place where Girls learn to intellectually challenge the world



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## Community Outreach

With funding from community partners, Chess Girls DC purchased and direct mailed 81 chess sets to families at the start of the Covid-19 quarantine.



## Would you like to learn Chess?

Chess is a great way to engage everyone in the family and provide mental stimulation for young or old during the quarantine.

There are many free online resources to learn how to play Chess. For children, we suggest [chesskids.com](http://chesskids.com). If you would like to have private lessons, we recommend our own National Master David Bennett. Thank you Coach David for your continued dedication to community service!

<http://www.chessprofessor.net/>



Starting May 14, 2020 for 5 weeks, Chess Girls DC will conduct an online chess program for the community. It is best suited for young people grades 4 to 12. For more information go to [Chess Girls DC Community Programs](https://chessgirlsdc.org/CommunityPrograms)

## Girls Mid-Atlantic Regional Chess Tournament and Empowerment Weekend

Save the date. Our 4th Annual Mid-Atlantic Regional Girls Chess Tournament & Empowerment weekend has been scheduled for November 6,7,8, 2020 at the Hilton Garden Inn in Washington,DC. Looking forward to seeing everyone there!



**Building a community of Possibility Thinkers is important now more than ever.**

Please donate and empower Chess Girls DC as we continue to extend Chess programing across the city. Girls are definitely feeling a sense of fear now more than ever about their future. Access to Chess activities improves focus, teaches long term strategic planning and perseverance which is needed now in our adaptive home school environment!

Your donations help us to be even more creative as we continue to improve learning outcomes in this new "homeschooling" experience.

To donate, please contact the Executive Director, Robin Ramson directly at [chessgirlsdc@gmail.com](mailto:chessgirlsdc@gmail.com) or donate directly through our website at [chessgirlsdc.org](https://chessgirlsdc.org).

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Thank you to our community partners and volunteers



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