



## Online Chess Seminars by International Masters

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### Introduction

Scholastic Chess is offering a unique opportunity for our players to elevate their chess skills. International Master Oliver Dimakiling will be running online chess seminars designed for the experienced Open Tournament players. The seminar series will be the “Role of Classics” which emphasizes the importance of studying the games of strong classical players & their contemporaries. This gives the student a better overall understanding of the game, enriches the culture of historical games, teaches how to think and be independent learners. From there, we proceed to middlegame plans, minor piece exchanges & pawn structures.

- Question: Who is eligible to participate?
  - Answer: All chess players are eligible to join. They are not required to be regular students of Scholastic Chess. We recommend players with a FIDE rating of at least 1400.
  
- Question: What do I need to participate in this online lesson?
  - Answer: You will need the application Zoom installed on your device. Zoom can be installed on PC, Mac, iPhones, iPads, Android mobile phones, and tablets. You can go to Apple’s App Store, Google Playstore, and Zoom.com to install the software. The software is free. If you have a microphone, you can ask questions by voice. Otherwise, you can ask your questions by typing your message in Zoom. You do not need a camera connected to your device.
  - A Meeting ID will be provided by the coach to the students who register in advance. The students will then enter the meeting ID into the Zoom app (or a URL in a web browser) and will be automatically brought into the online classroom. The student should type his/her First Name when entering the session such that the coach can identify who they are.
  
- Question: When are your sessions?

- Answer: We have seminars on Tuesdays 4:00 – 5:30 pm. Please note this is a 1.5-hour session. Tuesday: April 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup>.
  
- Question: What is the cost of participating in these lessons for game reviews?
  - Answer: There is a fee of \$300 per student per session in the group. Pre-registration is essential.
  
- Question: What if I miss a session?
  - Answer: You will receive a credit for the missed session, which you may use for any of our lessons and tournaments. The credit is valid for 1 year. We expect this seminar to run on weekly basis even after school resumes.
  
- Question: How do I register?
  - Answer: Please send a message to [Ben.Chui@ScholasticChess.HK](mailto:Ben.Chui@ScholasticChess.HK) or WhatsApp Ben at +852.6629.5092 or WeChat Ben\_C\_001 and indicate which day and level you would like to register for, and provide the name of the student.

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