



GRAND RAPIDS CHESS CENTER

2025 Summer Strategy Certificate: Level 1

Goals: The goal of this certificate is to offer structured programming for learners to improve with measurable results. These measurable results are found in dynamic small group instruction, weekly homework, and a certification test taken at the end of the program.

Structure: The structure of the program will feature four hour-long lectures and interactive problem-solving. After four interactive lectures there will be a certification test with short answers, and puzzles to describe and solve.

Topics:

- Week 1: Big Picture Strategic Thinking
- Week 2: Fundamental Positional Features
- Week 3: Mini-Plans & Static vs. Dynamic Features
- Week 4: Thinking Well & Being Practical
- Week 5: Summary of Ideas & Certification Test

Schedule:

- June 10th
- June 17th
- July 1st
- July 8th
- July 15th