

Announcement: Check back in two weeks for the next edition (every second Friday during term) on the "Sydney Academy of Chess" Facebook Page, remember to click like! 😊



# ROOK NO FURTHER # 14

## THE WHAT

So, kids, do you want to test your chess skills in a NEW, FUN and EXCITING WAY? And Parents, do you want to know more about upcoming junior tournaments? Then rook no further!

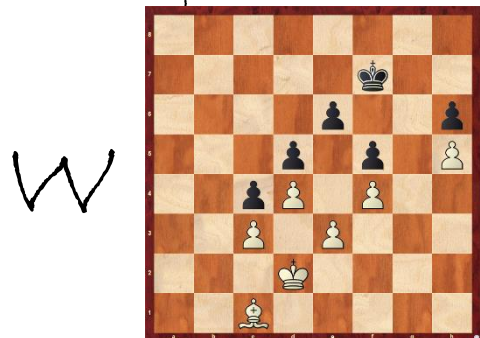
**COACH JOKES:** Q. Which chess piece is the most powerful?  
A. The Knight. It goes over the top! 😊

## TACTICAL TIPS + TRICKS: Endgame 4: SPACE FOR PIECES!

Hi, they say chess is a game of ranks, files and diagonals. I say this goes double in the endgame! In the endgame, it becomes somewhat more important, with less pieces, to **emphasise quality over quantity!** This means, that we should as chess players, always aim to give the pieces that we do have left in the endgame, as **much SPACE to move as possible**- which **makes them stronger!** Think about it. A bishop blocked in by his own pawns here is just a giant pawn. Likewise, a knight that's fully controlled by a bishop (for example, the bishop is guarding every possible square the knight can move to), is little more than a statue. Rooks on the seventh rank have a lot of scope, as do Kings in the center (when Queens aren't on the board). Pieces with more space like this in the endgame, often go a long way towards determining the result! **So do give your pieces space! :)**

## PESKY PUZZLES:

In each position find the best move/moves.  
White to move = W Black to move = B



W

B



B

## MAGIC MINIS

Each newsletter, a fun mini game.

- 1.e4 d5
- 2.Nf3 dxe4
- 3.Ng5 f5
- 4.Bc4 Nh6
- 5.Nxh7 Rxh7
- 6.Qh5+ Kd7
- 7.Qg6 Rh8
- 8.Be6+ Kc6
- 9.Bxc8+ Qd6
- 10. Qe8+ Kb6
- 11. Qa4 Nc6
- 12. Nc3 Rxc8
- 13. Qb5++ white mates!



King not cleared for take off 😊

**FUN CHESS TRIVIA TWO!**  
The longest chess game possible is a whopping 5949 moves! So, not the above mini 😊

## UPCOMING EVENTS

<https://sydneyacademyofchess.com.au/tournaments/upcoming>

<b>HORNSBY SUNDAY FUN TOURNAMENT 15TH SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>1:00pm- 3:50pm</b>
Online Code: ZXT1TLH1NC	
<b>PARRAMATTA SATURDAY FUN TOURNAMENT 21ST SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>12:50pm-4:00pm</b>
Online Code: GY1MZJ75F5	
<b>PYMBLE SATURDAY FUN TOURNAMENT 28TH SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>1:00pm-3:50pm</b>
Online Code: Y59EFSRGYZ	
<b>CENTRAL COAST CHESS CHALLENGE 18 30TH SEPTEMBER</b>	<b>9:15am-2:00pm</b>
Online Code: YTQBAIZWX8	
<b>INNER WEST CHESS CHALLENGE 25 1ST OCTOBER</b>	<b>8:45am-3:00pm</b>
Online Code: 4VP8VXEPG9	

To enrol in any of the above please pay online with your credit card or debit card at [www.sydneyacademyofchess.com.au/payment](http://www.sydneyacademyofchess.com.au/payment) enter the relevant code, and fill in the electronic form, with your child's details.



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