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SYDNEY ACADEMY OF CHESS

ROOK NO FURTHER # 7

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 knight always gave up at chess?
A: Sir Render. 😊

TACTICAL TIPS + TRICKS:

Among all the other things chess is, it is very much a **SPACE RACE**. Every single one of our pawns + pieces can become stronger by placing them on squares where they're able to control the greatest number of other squares. That is, having the most effect over the game. The **center** is often the best guide for us in our space race. But I DO NOT MEAN RUN YOUR KING INTO THE CENTER EARLY AND GET MATED. I mean things like try to place knights in the center, place rooks/Queens on open files, try to get bishops cutting through the center. And indeed, bring your king towards the center when **it's safe to do so**- usually in the endgame when most pieces have been traded. Finally, the further a pawn runs down the board the stronger it usually is!

PESKY PUZZLES:

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



MAGIC MINIS

Each newsletter, a fun mini game.

- 1.e4 d6
- 2.d4 Nf6
- 3.Nc3 e5
- 4.Bc4 Nbd7
- 5.f4 exd4
- 6.Qxd4 Be7
- 7.Nf3 0-0
- 8.0-0 d5!
- 9.exd5 Bc5!



If you want to win, do a pin! Particularly a Queen Pin 😊

White resigns, his Queen is pinned 0-1

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

PYMBLE SATURDAY FUN TOURNAMENT 25TH MAY	1:00pm- 3:50pm
Online Code: SSSF35L1AM	
INNER WEST SUNDAY FUN TOURNAMENT 2ND JUNE	9:15am- 1:00pm
Online Code: HPGQHF8REK	
HURSTVILLE SUNDAY FUN TOURNAMENT 9TH JUNE	10:00am- 1:00pm
Online Code: PISL5A7Z15	
PARRAMATTA SATURDAY FUN TOURNAMENT 15TH JUNE	12:50pm- 4:00pm
Online Code: 0MG7TVDHXY	
HORNSBY SUNDAY FUN TOURNAMENT 16TH JUNE	1:00pm- 3:50pm
Online Code: RBATQCIBDP	

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



SuperCoach signing off