Announcement: Hi everyone 😉 It's that time, for the Chess Joke of the Year Award 🕲 Read at the bottom of the page to see (in a first) which two jokes tied 🥹 But remember too, I wanted to join the moon chess school but it was outer space 😌 RNF





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? Rook no further! Find me on sydneyacademyofchess.com.au/newsletters + on our Facebook Page

COACHJOKES: Q: Why did the handball player only play 9 games of chess? A: Because tennis too many ⑤

## TACTICAL TIPS + TRICKS:

Winning Tactical Ideas #5 General Tips While Playing

Hi guys, for the final Rook No Further of the year (don't worry though, RNF will be back bigger and better next year), what I thought would be useful would be to hear some more practical chess tips from masters of the past. Here we go 😊 From former world champion Emmanuel Lasker [At the start of the game] "bring the pieces out". Another from Lasker- "When you [first] think of a move, wait, [try to find] a better one." There's also this one on pins by US chess master Fred Reinfeld: "The Pin is mightier than the sword". And finally, (while there's many more), I think this one is one of the most important to remember by another US chess master Irving Chernev: "Every chess master was once a beginner". Merry Christmas everyone 😊

Question: Here we are white. How do we get around the only blocker of the backrank?



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 e5
- Nf3 d6
- 3. Bc4 Bg4
- 4. Nc3 g6
- 5. Nxe5 Bxd1?
- 6. Bxf7+ Ke7
- 7. Nd5 mate 1-0

### **EQUAL 1st Chess**

Joke of the Year 🤓 Why couldn't the bird work out which other bird he was playing in the chess tournament? Birds

are always in disguise 😊 😊 😊

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## **EQUAL 1st Chess Joke**

of the Year 🥴 Ninjas never ever laugh if they win a chess game. They

none chuckle 🥴 😅

# BONUS CHESS JOKES

How do cats start a chess game? From scratch

- What do you call a really big ant that plays chess very well?

XL ANT 😊 😊

### Bonus Bonus Classic Chess "Knock Knock" Jokes 😊



1. Knock knock? Whose there? Queen. Queen who? Queen you're room it's a mess! 😊

2. Knock knock? Whose there? Island. Island who? Island you my pieces if you can't find your set. 😊 😊

- Why couldn't the bear join the chess tournament? He didn't have the right koalafications 😊



ROOK NO FURTHER WILL BE BACK IN 2022 SuperCoach signing off