



END OF THE MONTH TOURNAMENTS

The End of the Month Tournament (EOM) is a very important part of our training program, and **it is Open only to Caissa Students** (students who have taken any of our classes in the 3 months before the tournament date). We believe this is the best way to prepare for more serious events. Focus is on social chess with a flavour of competition as a friendly atmosphere is a key feature of the EOM.

Every cycle includes 3 tournaments (January/February/March for the Winter 2022 Cycle). All our students from Stepping Stones 2 to Step 3 from Sheung Wan, Discovery Bay, and private and online students as well as all our school ECA students are invited to join. We aim to run one event per cycle in Discovery Bay and the other two in Sheung Wan.

Entry fees in this event will be donated to [Alzheimer's Research](#)

The tournament will be normally organized in two batches. One for Groups A & B, another one for Groups C & D. **Entries are limited to the first 32 registrations in each batch.**

Players will be assigned to a group for the whole term and play for medals and trophies in their group. On the tournament day each player can face players from another group (from a higher group if the player is doing well, from a lower group if doing not so well). In the unlikely event that a player need to change group during the same cycle, his score from previous events will be adjusted (-1 point when moving up, +1 point when moving down)

The players will be assigned to a certain group based on previous tournament results, the player's Step level or other form of assessment by the Caissa coaches. Our objective is to make the games as balanced as possible for everybody, so we will

How are the prizes awarded?

For every group, the winner, 2nd place and 3rd place (depending on the size of the group there could be prizes for 4th and 5th place) of each EOM event receive a medal. The players at the end of the 3 months with the most points will be the Cycle EOM Champions and receive a trophy (**best 2 results of the term will be considered**)

Term prize winners (and other players the coaches consider) will be upgraded to the upper group. Group A Term prize winners are considered to be graduated from EOM, and not eligible to play in future cycles.

The EOM is not suited for players who have several years experience playing tournaments. Players are welcome up to maximum Step 3 level. FIDE rated players are not allowed to play.