



EOM – End of Month Tournament

1. The End of the Month Tournament (EOM) has been and is a very important part of our training program for a decade. 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 one of the best ways 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.
2. Every cycle includes 3 tournaments (January/February/March for the Winter Cycle, April/May/June for the Spring Cycle and September/October/November for the Winter Cycle).
3. All our students from Stepping Stones 2 to Step 3 from Sheung Wan, Discovery Bay, 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.
4. Entry fees in this event will be donated to Alzheimer's Research (<https://www.caissahk.org/support-alzheimer-research>)
5. The tournament will be 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.
6. The time control is Rapid 15m or 10m + increment of 3 or 5 seconds). Group C/D will play 1.30-3pm and Group A/B 3.30-6pm.
7. Players will be assigned to a group for the whole cycle and play for medals and trophies in their assigned 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)
8. The players, Caissa students well known by Caissa trainers, will be assigned to their group based on previous tournament results, the player's Step level or another form of assessment done by the Caissa coaches. Our objective is to make the games as balanced as possible for everybody.
9. How are the prizes awarded? For every group, the winner, 2nd place and 3rd place (depending on the size of the group, this could be prizes for 4th and 5th place as well) of each EOM leg receives 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).
10. Term prize winners (and other players as per coaches decision) will be upgraded to the one group up. E.g., A cycle winner in Group C will be promoted to Group B for next cycle. The Group A cycle prize winners are considered to be graduated from EOM, and not eligible to play in future cycles.
11. The EOM is not intended for players who have several years of experience playing tournaments. Instead, the EOM is to prepare our students for tournament play.