

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

### UTD Summer Chess Camps

(Questions are grouped according to topics)

#### Pre-Camp To-Dos

**1. I have a problem registering my camper. What do I do?**

There is a PDF on the homepage that provides answers to different difficulties.

**2. Is the parent webinar the prior week mandatory?**

Yes. Otherwise, your camper could miss a considerable amount of time in the first-class day.

**3. Does my child also have to attend?**

No. But, they can if you like.

**4. If my camper already attended one camp week, am I required to attend a second webinar?**

Optional. Both you and your camper already know the ropes.

**5. Can two siblings participate?**

Yes, but both must have a desktop/laptop in order to play individual games and possibly be in different classes.

No tablets, they will not provide enough functionality.

**6. After registration, what is the next step?**

You will be sent credentials for the assessment portal. Responses permit the instructors to place the camper in the correct class.

**7. When does my camper take the assessment?**

It will open two weeks prior to the camper's camp. This will permit the most recent evaluation of the camper's knowledge. Camper should allow at least 30 minutes to answer the assessment questions.

**8. Can my child retake the assessment?**

No, each camper can only take the assessment once. Fyi we can see if your child attempts retakes. Please tell your child that they are not being graded on this – only a way for us to know their current level. Whatever class they go to, they will have fun!

9. After the assessment, what is the next step?

The parent is sent a UTD ID for a secure entry into the virtual classroom. Parent webinar for the parent/camper will be the Thursday before the camp begins.

10. Is it all right to assist our camper when they take the assessment?

No. While it is permissible to assist your camper to log on to the assessment website, only the camper is to answer the questions. We need a current and accurate evaluation of the camper's chess knowledge - not parent's knowledge.

11. If my child is enrolled in more than one camp, does he have to take a 2<sup>nd</sup> assessment?

No. Their performance in the first class will suffice.

12. Flowchart for pre-camp steps.

- a) CircuiTree registration
- b) Camper assessment credentials sent to parent
- c) Camper takes assessment for class placement
- d) UTD-ID sent to parent for logging into the Collaborate classes
- e) Username on chess platform, *Chesslang*, sent to parent
- f) IMPORTANT DETAILS – Will be provided at the Parent Webinar the Thursday before Monday classes.

During-Camp To-Dos, Camp Content

13. Each day must parents log in their camper 10 minutes before the beginning of each class?

Yes. This will allow the sessions to begin promptly. This will also allow sufficient time to correct any technical difficulties you may have. 972-883-4899 is my office number.

14. Must someone be with the camper during the class?

Yes. It is a camp requirement that a parent/guardian must always be nearby.

15. What are the topics covered?

Instructors will cover essential endgame positions, mating and tactical patterns.

16. If my camper wants to attend another camp, will the lessons be the same?

Yes, in order to help them master fundamental principles and patterns! While the principles will be repeated, instructors will use different game examples, and class exercises.

17. Will a tournament be held at the end of the camp?

Yes.

18. Are the tournaments rated?

No.

### Registering for multiple classes/camps

19. Is my camper permitted to attend morning and afternoon classes?

Not recommended since that means a lot of screen time during the day.

20. If I already registered in April for a June camp, will we get that same price in June if we register for a July camp?

No. The camp prices are not retroactive. They are whatever the current price is each time you register.

### Unforeseen Events, Others

21. Can we do a makeup day if our child was ill?

No. But the instructor does a short recap discussion or exercise from the previous day.

22. What happens if my camper is struggling and cannot do well in their class?

In that case, we will move them to another class that is appropriate for their level.

