



The competition club (= Kilpakerho) meets on **Mondays at 6:00-8:00 p.m** at Shakkilinna's teaching and training facility (Sarvijaakonkatu 24 L2, Tampere, ground floor). The first club session is on **January 13th**. You can also join the club during the season. The only prior-knowledge required by the club is knowledge of the rules of chess, but those who haven't played much should ask the club director for an assessment before joining the club. Please register in time, last season not everyone who wanted to join was able to fit into the club.

The competition club's curriculum has been prepared by a seven-time Finnish Chess champion and international chess master **Mika Karttunen**, who is also responsible for running the club.

## GENERAL



Versatile and high-quality teaching material develops the player's understanding of chess in a balanced way and enables the attainment of a high-level of skill.



The educational goals of the club are high, but don't be shy to get involved! The range of abilities in the club is wide due to the wide age-range of club members.



In the club, not only the strongest players are taken into account, but also club members who have raised their level the most are recognised. At the end of the Club season, the players who have developed the most will be rewarded alongside other recipients of prizes.



Amongst the young people who have attended the competition club are Nordic countries and Finnish champions - and even a European champion! Also Finnish Youth championships medallists and other top players in their age groups have attended the club.

## PRICES

The price for the season is €165, which includes 16 club sessions and the learning materials of the competition club. You can also visit the club occasionally, but then the club fee is determined according to attendance (€14 a session + €20 for the season's learning materials). Season fees must be paid in advance at the beginning of the season. Attendance-based participation is billed every month.

## TEACHING AREAS

- 1) Opening play.** We get to know something new about the opening variation. The teacher explains the ideas underlining the opening, after which practice games are played using the opening.
- 2) Planning and tactics.** Studying master games helps you come up with good plans in your own games. Club members get to try their own planning skills and analyze positions together. How about guessing chess champions' moves? Or maybe we can come up with equally good ideas ourselves? Tactical skills are practiced with the help of tactical exercises, which can be solved both in the club and at home.
- 3) End game.** In the endgame theme class, we go through the most important endgame types and their ideas, and we practice endgame technique through exercises and practice games.
- 4) Tournament play.** A monthly championship is played, which develops practical skills and helps club members to be sharp and match-fit for tournaments.

## INQUIRIES AND REGISTRATIONS

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