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# Meeting Dates 2025–2026

## Fall 2025

* September 9, 16, 23, 30
* October 7, 28
* November 4, 11, 18
* December 2, 9

(No meetings October 14, October 21, November 25, December 16, December 23, December 30)

## Spring 2026

* January 13, 20, 27
* February 3, 10, 24
* March 3, 10, 31
* April 7

(No meetings February 17, March 17, March 24. Final meeting is April 7th)

## Weekly Meeting Structure (Tuesdays, 4:15–5:00)

* 4:15–4:25 Arrival, pairings, set boards
* 4:25–4:35 Mini-lesson of the week
* 4:35–4:55 Games: ladder matches, casual play, or puzzle race
* 4:55–5:00 Review positions, shout-outs, pack up

## Mini-Lesson Rotation (First 6 Weeks)

* Checkmates in 1–2
* Opening principles: control the center
* Basic tactics: forks and pins
* Endgame basics: king and pawn
* Time management and notation
* Strategy: good vs. bad trades

## Roles and Routines

* Behavior basics: Be kind, be honest, try your best, clean your board
* Equipment: Boards, clocks, score sheets, name tents, ladder chart, wipes