



## *C&O Family Chess Center*

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# Chess.com (C.c) Registration Guidelines 2022

**All students under 16 years old must be registered by parents.**

I can no longer create students' accounts, and **parents must** do so. However, you should send me the student's username and password as soon as possible after the account has been created and *activated* (by you) so that *I may adjust the account settings to match our group norms* for ease of use and communication. This may be by Email or 'C.c message' (preferred) to **CoachOmar** (my username on C.c). **Please use the following guide to create the account:**

1. *Each* new Chess.com (C.c) account must have a separate (unique) **adult** Email address (**personal, not business**). *Student's Email is not allowed.*
2. Student usernames should be based on *the name they use at school*. It should follow our guidelines (to be easy to remember and be recognized by friends) and 'shorter is better.' Since most 'given' names are already in use on C.c, an identifying 'suffix' (birthdays are good) should be attached, **for example: George327** (student's name George Wilson, DOB March 27) **or GeorgeW327**. Please **don't** use student's complete last name.
3. Student passwords should be 7 to 9 characters long and *easy for the student to remember* (lowercase letters and numbers are best). For example: **chess4gw, geo chess, petsname**, etc. Do **not** simply use the student's username or the word **password**.
4. Chess.com will send an Email to the one you used to create the account. This contains a link to activate the account (which should be done right away). Then use the 'Search' function in the 'Social/Members' menu and search for **CoachOmar**. Send me a 'message' with the student's password so that I may make the necessary adjustments for your student to get the most benefit from our programs. If you can't find me on C.c, send an Email to **OPancoast3@gmail.com**.
5. **New players do not need to start using regular C.c until we have reviewed it in class.** However, they should review the basic rules (if needed) and may practice against the C.c computers (start with the lowest levels) to get used to moving with a mouse. Emphasize to them that **nothing they do can hurt their chess** (except moving too fast), nothing 'counts,' winning doesn't even matter (yet), at this stage it's all '**just practice for fun.**' Contact me if you have further questions.