

Introduction

Warm welcome to one of Sweden's oldest Chess clubs! The club was formed over a century ago in 1917 and has won the national championship in Sweden eleven times. The club is open to everyone and consists of both a junior and senior section.

Find out more about the club here:

- Wasa SK club website, <http://www.wasask.se>
- Wasa SK Junior section Facebook page (request to join please), <https://www.facebook.com/groups/903683523335377>

Wasa SK junior section contact info

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Chairman of the Junior Committee: Charlotte Kämpe, 070-627 29 64, charlotte.b.kampe@gmail.com

Junior practice

We welcome players from 5-18 years old in the junior section. The ambition is for our players to both have fun and develop their skills as chess players during their time in Wasa.

The practice sessions are split into different blocks such as; mini-tournaments, chess problems, skill deep-dives, lectures, etc. For each group there is a set study-plan which we follow.

Four levels

All players are assigned (after a handful sessions) to a level matching their skills as chess players,

Beginners - for new players and the youngest members (from 5-6 years)

Intermediate "green" - when you know the basis and play with confidence

Intermediate "red" - when you are ready for more advanced game strategies

Performance - for our most ambitious junior players doing regular competitions

We always try to error on the lower side when assigning our players, i.e. we rather upgrade them to a more advanced group than downgrading them and risk a dent in confidence.

Location

The junior practices are held at Norra Reals Gymnasium, Roslagsgatan 1 in Stockholm (Vasastan).

Time

Thursdays 17.00-18.50 (Main practice session)

Tuesdays 17.00-18.50 (Intermediate and Performance Groups only)

Snack

A small snack is served (and included) both days, see below regarding shared parent responsibility.

Test for free

You are welcome to participate for free during two practice sessions before you decide whether to join Wasa.

Cost

The fee per term (aug-dec, jan-jun) is currently 1600 sek for two practice sessions per week. Beginners pay 1200 sek for one session. Membership in Wasa SK is included in the fee. Invoicing is made once per term.

Family discount

Additional siblings joining Wasa get a 20% discount on their fees.

Tournaments

A natural progression for our players, when they master the foundational principles, is to start playing tournaments. This is a great way to develop skills, build self-confidence and socialize with other team members. Tournament costs are not included in the term fee.

Club membership required

To participate in tournaments, etc. you need to be a registered member in Wasa SK. To become a member, you as a parent, need to sign and hand in a membership application form for your child. Please, find the form here

https://wasask.se/Ansokan_wasa_juniorer_blankett_2022.pdf

Available tournaments

There is a vast amount of tournaments available for different age groups and levels, both around the Stockholm area, and nationally. Our team coaches send out information and recommend which tournaments players should participate in.

On our club website, <http://www.wasask.se>, under the section "Inbjudningar" (in the menu to the left) you can see all current invitations and also register to participate. Please, note that your child needs to be a registered Wasa SK member first. If you have any questions, just ask the team leader.

Some of the yearly recurring tournaments we play in Wasa

Junior Grand Prix

The Junior Grand Prix (JGP) series is a junior tournament spread over several occasions. You can both win/place in an individual competition and also collect result points over the season and qualify for the Junior-GP final tournaments held during the winter. The Junior-GP

tournaments are organized by the Stockholm Chess Clubs. Wasa, normally, hosts its Junior-GP tournament in the spring.

Swedish National School Championship

One of the highlights during the year is the Swedish National School Championship where our players get a chance to compete and meet with players from all over the country. During the last couple of years we have made a joint-trip sharing hotel and arranging social gatherings during the weekend the competition is held. This normally takes place during October.

Team District Competitions

In these competitions we compete together in small groups for Wasa.

Communication through Svenska Lag

Club communication to parents and players are handled using a website/app called [Svenskalag.se](https://www.svenskalag.se). Through this service you will receive practice and tournament invitations which you need to respond to. You will be added as a user in the system (and receive a welcome-email) by the team leaders when your child is approved as a Wasa member.

It is important that you get acquainted with the system - explore it on; <https://www.svenskalag.se/wasask-juniorer>. You can also download the app "Svenska Lag" for Android or iOS (search for "Wasa SK" and then choose "Wasa SK - juniorer"). Log in to the app using same credentials as for the website.

First time when you log in

- Review all information about yourself and your child and make sure it is correct
- Add Swedish social security number if missing
- Don't add your (parent) email address under your child's profile. Your email address should go under your parent profile. If your child has an email, please add it
- Please, add phone number if missing
- If you wish to have another parent added to your child in the system send name and email address to douhan.music@gmail.com to get it fixed!

If you have general questions about the platform, please visit

<https://www.svenskalag.se/fragor-och-svar>

Parent involvement & support

The junior section within Wasa is organized by the parents together with the coaches through the junior Committee. We need more parents involved to develop the section. Please, contact charlotte.b.kampe@gmail.com if you are interested!

What we expect from all parents to help out with

- Sign up for being responsible for snack purchase and serving during Tuesday & Thursday practice (you will be reimbursed for the cost)
- Help out with logistics during the Swedish School Championship
- Help out during the Wasa GP tournament during the spring
- Remind all players to follow the “rules of conduct” at Norra Real and not run, play or be loud in the hallways

Common Questions

Can my child try out playing with Wasa before we decide to join?

Yes, you are welcome to participate for free during two practice sessions before you decide whether to join Wasa.

Can my child start playing in tournaments right away?

Yes, if your child knows the basics in chess and are registered club members in Wasa SK. For that, you as a parent must sign and hand in the form, https://wasask.se/Ansokan_wasa_juniorer_blankett_2022.pdf

When and how will my child be assigned to a skill-level?

This normally happens after your child has participated in a handful of training sessions. If you have questions, reach out to the groups chess coach.

Where do we find out about available tournaments to join?

You will get email invitations from Svenska Lag with suggestions from our chess coaches. All current tournament invitations can be found on our club website, <http://www.wasask.se>, under the section “Inbjudningar” (in the menu to the left).

Do I need to confirm that my child is attending the practice sessions?

Yes, we expect you to accept or decline invitations sent to both practice sessions and tournaments. We use this information for planning and logistics purposes.