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Rule Check - Castling

Castling is a rule where the king and rook can change position in one move. A player moves the king over two spaces and then flips the rook over the king. Castling can be done king side (short side) or queen side (long side). There are four exceptions.

1. The king and the rook never moved in the game.
2. There are spaces between the king and the rook.
3. The king is not in check.
4. The king does not pass through check while castling.

Chess as an Academic Subject

In counties in Eastern Europe, chess is a required major subject in school. It has been shown to improve cognitive ability and academic skills. Studies have proved that chess has improved math achievement results up to fifty percent. The statements below will help expand learning.

1, Treat chess like any other academic subject. It should never be used only as a reward for doing well. It should never be stopped if a student is struggling in school. It is equivalent to taking away reading instruction for missing homework.

2. Students need to make their own decisions so they can work at their own ability and pace.

4. Emphasize learning and not winning when playing in tournaments.

5. Carpool to camps or clubs to enable the player to attend more sessions.

Summer 2024 at a Glance

DATES	PLAC	LOCATION	TIME	HRS
6/5 - 6/14	*Lake Helen Camp Wood/Houman*	*Church of Holy Presence*	*9:00 AM-Noon*	*24*
6/17 - 6/21	*Daytona Camp Wood/Weber*	*Cruisin Café Atlantic Ave.*	*9:00 AM-Noon*	*15*
6/24 - 6/28	*Daytona Camp Wood/Weber*	*Cruisin Café Atlantic Ave.*	*9:00 AM-Noon*	15
7/8 - 7/12	*Deland Camp Wood/Hays*	*St. Barnabas School*	*9:00 AM-Noon*	*15*
7/15 - 7/19	*Deland Camp Wood/Hays*	*St. Barnabas School*	*9:00 AM-Noon*	*15*
Saturdays June - July	*Port Orange Club Wood/Weber*	*Online Gabbie's Pizza*	*10:30 AM - 12:30 PM*	*16*

Coaches' Corner

Using Pawns Effectively

Using pawns effectively is very important, especia game. Below are some basic rules for pawns.

1. Trade throughout the game so at the end, there is a pawn or two advantage.
2. Never isolate a pawn. Pawns should have another pawn in a column next to it.
3. Pawns are more effective in the center of the board.
4. Only one pawn should be on each column. Never stack a pawn by having them on the same column.
5. When advancing a pawn, always keep the king in front of the pawn to promote it.

Identify problems below and predict the winner.

Dates to Remember

For updates, always check the online calendar at http://woodservices.org/chess.html

May 14 - Spring Tournament for Ivy Hawn Students.
May 16 - Spring Tournamnet for Temple Beth El Students
May 18 Spring Tourament at Port Orange
May 22 Spring Tournament for St. Barnabas Studemts.
June 5 - July 18 5 Summer Camps in Volusia County
Saturdays in June and July - Port Orange Club at Gabbie's

May 9 -11 2025 Super Nationals in Orlando, This is a tournament held every four years that involves over 5000 students nationwide who play in the tournament by grade level. It is a goal for all of our students. Do not miss the opportunity. Please reserve the date.