

INFORMATION ON

CHESS AT CACO



2026/2027 SEASON



**CLUBE ATLÉTICO
DE CAMPO DE OURIQUE**



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1. Calendar and Schedule

- Season Duration: Regular classes run from September 15th to July 15th (10 school months). Advanced level classes with FM Pedro Rego run from October 1st to June 30th (9 school months).
- Schedules and Groups:

	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
5.15 to 6.15 pm	Level: Beginner Ages: 6-10 years Coach: Bernardo Furtado		Level: Beginner Ages: 6-10 years Coach: Bernardo Furtado	Level: Beginner & Intermediate Ages: 8-16 years Coach: Gustavo Sumpta	OPEN DAY: play, practice and analyze. All levels, all ages 5 to 8 pm
6.15 to 7.15 pm	Level: Beginner & Intermediate * Ages: 8-16 years Coach: Ricardo Alves	Level: Beginner & Intermediate * Ages: 8-16 years Coach: Ricardo Alves	Level: Beginner & Intermediate * Ages: 8-16 years Coach: Ricardo Alves	Level: Beginner & Intermediate * Ages: 8-16 years Coach: Ricardo Alves	
7.15 to 8.15 pm	Level: Intermediate & Advanced Ages: 14-99 years Coach: Ricardo Alves		Level: Intermediate & Advanced Ages: 14-99 years Coach: Ricardo Alves		
7.15 to 8.45 pm		Level: Advanced Ages: 16-99 years Coach: FM Pedro Rego			

***Note:** Players choosing 2x/week in the 6.15pm to 7.15pm slot (beginner/intermediate level) cannot choose Monday & Tuesday or Wednesday & Thursday simultaneously. The valid combinations are: Mon & Wed; Mon & Thu; Tue & Wed; or Tue & Thu. This is because Monday and Tuesday classes are identical, as are Wednesday and Thursday classes.



⚙️ School breaks and schedule selection:

- Chess classes will continue during school holidays.
- There are no classes on national holidays and special dates – Carnival Day, December 24th, 26th, and 31st, January 2nd, and Easter Monday.
- Registration in any group depends on seat availability (maximum of 10 students per class), age, and skill level, though there is some flexibility. Parents should choose the schedule that best fits the student's age and level. In case of doubt, guardians should contact the respective coach directly; level placement tests will be conducted whenever necessary.

💰 2. Registration, Fees and Discounts

- Registration must be done exclusively through the following links:
 - New Registrations – <https://www.payandgo.pt/caco/inscricoes.html>
 - Renewals – <https://www.payandgo.pt/caco/renovacoes.html>
- Registration Fee and Monthly Tuition:

REGISTRATION FEE *	25 EUROS
FREQUENCY	MONTHLY FEE **
1X/WEEK	22 €
2X/WEEK	33 €
ADVANCED LEVEL (1X/WEEK)	28 €
1X/WEEK + ADVANCED LEVEL	38 €

* Includes the Portuguese Chess Federation (FPX) affiliation fee, sports insurance, and participation in team championships.

** Note regarding September and July: As these months are only attended for half of their duration, their tuition fee is reduced exactly to **half the standard price** (Example for 1x/Week: pays €11 in September and €11 in July).

💳 Initial Payment Conditions:

- 1st month of attendance: Registration Fee (€25) + 1st monthly fee
- 2nd month of attendance: 2nd monthly fee + July monthly fee

⚠️ Deadlines, Cancellations, and Payment Method:

- Monthly fees must be settled by the **8th day of each month**.
- Activity cancellation requests must be sent by email to direcaocaco@gmail.com up to **10 days before the end of the month** prior to the cancellation.
- **Payment Methods:** Exclusively via Multibanco Reference or MB Way. Cash or bank transfers are not accepted.

🎁 Applicable Discounts:

- Annual Upfront Payment** – 10% discount if you choose to pay the total tuition fees for the entire season at once.
- Family or Multi-Sport Discount** – 10% discount on the monthly fee for the 2nd member of the same household (20% for the 3rd member, and so on); or 10% discount on the lower-value sport if the athlete practices another sport at CACO. These two discounts are not cumulative.



3. Communication

All communication with the club and inquiries regarding registrations, payments, and cancellations must be sent directly to the email: direcaocaco@gmail.com.

All other communication should preferably be handled via WhatsApp. To improve communication and avoid message overload, we have transitioned to the **WhatsApp Community** format:

- **Announcements Group:** Institutional notices and club information (administrators only)
- **Groups by Coach:** Each coach will manage a specific group for their classes to share technical content, homework, and class dynamics
- **Competition Group:** For athletes and students in the competition teams
- **General Group:** An open group for free communication among everyone

The access links for each group will be provided directly by each coach.

General questions about chess at the club that cannot be answered via WhatsApp or directly by the coaches should be sent to the email: cpx.gambitos@gmail.com.

4. Complementary Activities and Resources

-  **Manuals and Exercise Sheets** – Coach Ricardo Alves' chess manuals are available for purchase at the club; exercise sheets for home practice will be shared via WhatsApp or handed out during class by each coach.
-  **Tournaments and Championships** – We encourage regular participation in official and open events, subject to student availability. The competitive chess environment in Portugal is very healthy, and this is where acquired knowledge is best consolidated. Some events will be monitored by the coaches, while others are of free initiative – there are many weekly tournaments in Lisbon and surrounding areas organized by different entities and clubs.
-  **Open Day at CACO** – We regularly organize this activity on Fridays between 17h and 20h for students to play against each other, as well as to welcome potential new members.
-  **Lichess.org** – A completely free website to play, learn, and practice. All students must create an account and share their username with their respective coach. Some resources will be shared through this website. We encourage all our students – children, youth, and adults – within their limits, to use this valuable tool.

5. Useful Links

- [CACO Website](#)
- [Lisbon Chess Association Website](#)
- [Lisbon Chess Association Facebook Group](#) – with information about tournaments and championships in the Lisbon district organized by AXL and local clubs
- [Portuguese Chess Federation Website](#)