Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)
UTD Summer Chess Camps

1. I have a problem registering my camper. What do I do?
   There is a PDF on the homepage that provides answers to different difficulties.

2. Is the parent webinar the prior week mandatory?
   Entering the classrooms is not like a Zoom call. You have to know a few fundamental steps. Yes, please attend. Otherwise, your camper could miss a considerable amount of time on Monday.

3. Does my child also have to attend?
   No. But, they can if you like.

4. If my camper already attended one camp week, am I required to attend a second webinar?
   Optional. Both you and your camper already know the ropes.

5. Can we do a makeup day if our child was ill?
   No. But the instructor will provide any handouts and homework assignments.

6. Can two siblings participate?
   Yes, but both must have a desktop/laptop in order to play individual games and possibly be in different classes. No tablets or phones, they will not provide enough functionality.

7. Will a tournament be held at the end of the camp?
   Yes.

8. Are the tournaments rated?
   No.

9. After registration, what is the next step?
   You will be sent credentials for the assessment portal. Responses permit the instructors to place the camper in the correct class.

10. When does my camper take the assessment?
    It will open two weeks prior to the camper’s camp. This will permit the most recent evaluation of the camper’s knowledge. Camper should allow at least 30 minutes to answer the assessment questions. No tablets or phones, they will not provide enough functionality.

11. After the assessment, what is the next step?
    The parent is sent a UTD ID for a secure entry into the virtual classroom. Parent webinar for the parent/camper will be the Thursday before the camp begins.

12. If my child is enrolled in more than one camp, does he have to take a 2nd assessment?
    No. Their performance in the first class will suffice.

13. Must someone be with the camper during the class?
    Yes. It is a camp requirement that a parent/guardian must always be nearby.

14. If my camper wants to attend another camp, will the lessons be the same?
Yes. Fundamental principles are repeated with different examples, class exercises and homework.

15. What are the topics covered?
Instructors will cover essential endgame and tactical ideas.

16. Is my camper permitted to attend morning and afternoon classes?
Not recommended since that means a lot of screen time during the day.

17. If I already registered in April for a June camp, will we get that same price in June if we register for a July camp?
No. The camp prices are not retroactive. They are whatever the current price is each time you register.

18. Is it all right to assist our camper when they take the assessment?
No. While it is permissible to assist your camper to log on to the assessment website, only the camper is to answer the questions. We need a current evaluation of the camper’s chess knowledge - not one that was done with parental help.

19. What happens if my camper is struggling and cannot do well in their class?
In that case, we will move them to another class.

20. Flowchart for pre-camp steps.
   a) CircuiTree registration
   b) Camper assessment credentials sent to parent
   c) Camper takes assessment for class placement
   d) UTD-ID sent to parent for logging into the Collaborate classes
   e) IMPORTANT DETAILS – Will be provided at the Parent Webinar the Thursday before Monday classes.

21. Each day parents must log in their camper 15 minutes before the beginning of each class.
This will allow the sessions to begin promptly. This will also allow sufficient time to correct any technical difficulties you may have. 972-883-4899 is my office number.