

# CHESS THROUGH STORIES

Coach Anmol Bajaj



## BACKGROUND

Anmol learnt playing chess while he was in school. He won State first Title in 2008 and Inter University tournament in 2015. He was selected as Captain of Regional team for Nationals 2012.

Anmol has been teaching chess for more than six years now. His unique and interactive way of teaching chess through story telling has been appreciated and loved by all students. His students who started from basics are now playing chess at National Level or State Level.

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A chess coach will help you decode the game through stories



If binge-watching The Queen's Gambit inspired you to unleash the potential chess prodigy in you but your attention span is less than eight seconds, here's the chance you've been looking for. Chandigarh-based Anmol Bajaj, a marketing professional and a chess coach, is holding a series of eight masterclasses that will help enthusiasts to ace the basics of the board game using storytelling. Bajaj, who has been playing chess since he was four and has competed in state-level tournaments without formal coaching, has students who play the game at both state and national levels.

"Anything explained in the form of a story is hard to forget. We may have grown up to forget the formulae we were taught in school, but forgetting the stories that our grandparents narrated seem unlikely. And so, I will ray to harness the power of stories to teach attendees all about chess pieces, their movements, common jargon, conditions of winning/drawing/losing and special moves. We will also get into strategies of how to avoid the fastest checkmates and try endgames with one queen/rook, two rooks and two bishops, one pawn and so on," Bajaj shares.

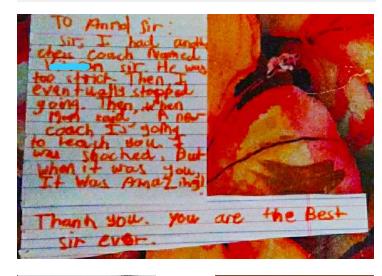
When asked how stories can help decode chess, Bajaj elucidates, "Depending upon the age group, I ask the attendees what their favourite pop-culture series or films are. Say, for example, someone is a fan of The Avengers series, we assign the characters of different chess pieces. The superpowers of each of these pieces are then explained through moves."

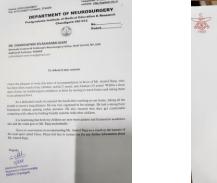
At a recent class, he explained the en passant move - a special pawn capture that allows pawns to capture pawns on adjacent tiles under special circumstances, by terming the two pawn pieces involved as long lost friends. When one of them refuses to greet the other and moves past it, the other pawn plots an act of revenge by ambushing and capturing it. "Chess opens a whole new world of possibilities to you. It helps you perceive things differently but improves problem-solving in real life too," he asserts.



## UNIQUE CHESS CLASSES THROUGH STORIES

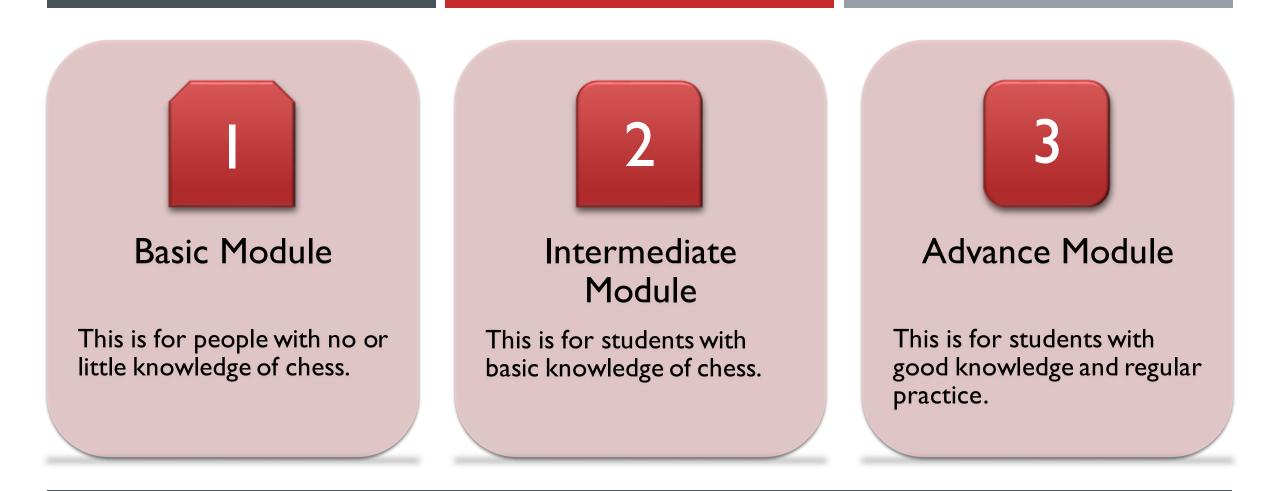
 Remember, our grandparents used to tell us stories which we still remember. We might have forgotten the chemical formulas but we won't forget the periodic table if there was a story told around it. We all yearn for stories.
Stories are engaging and a great way of learning. Anmol asks for favourite movie or show and uses that story to teach chess. Falling in love with the game has been such a boon for my 8 year old all thanks to you **Anmol Bajaj**. Storytelling to make a game like chess less overwhelming is totally a winning strategy. We don't get to see how we are changing lives around us that often but I am sure you do. Kudos and well deserved.







### **Testimonials**



## DIFFERENT MODULES

**CHESS COURSE** 

## **BASICS MODULE**

We will learn the following:

- Chess Pieces and their Movement
- How to Setup a Chess Board
- Language and Common Jargons used
- Conditions of Win/Draw/Lose
- Special Moves
- Playing a game
- How to avoid fastest checkmates
- Endgames with one queen/rook, two rooks and two bishops, one pawn
- How to do Castling and conditions
- Basics of Chess Opening



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## INTERMEDIATE MODULE

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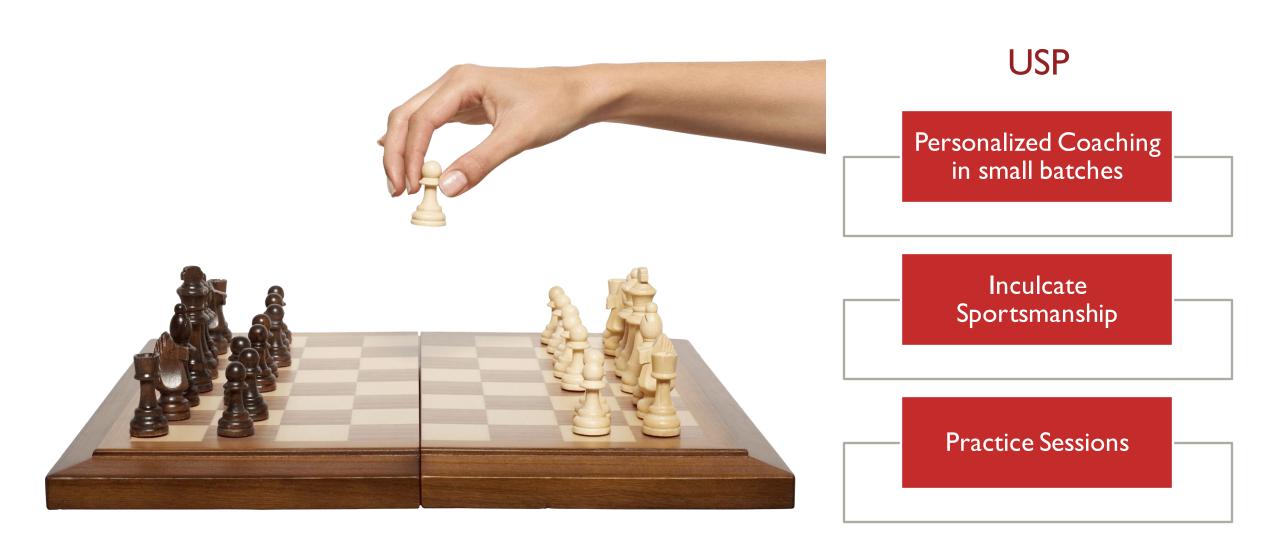
- Chess Openings
- Avoiding Bad Trade
- How to make most of your pieces
- Chess Notation
- Pawn Structures
- When to do sacrifice
- Chess Traps

## ADVANCE MODULE

We will learn the following:

- Analyzing Games
- Advanced Chess Openings
- Advanced Endgame: one bishop and one Knight
- Finding and playing the best move
- How to force moves
- Solving Chess puzzles





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