

Lichess.org – for Students and Parents

Lichess.org is pronounced “lee chess”. It comes from the word libre which means free!

Important to know regarding Lichess.org timings (especially for those new to tournaments)

1. Games are classified according to their timing
2. *Example 1:* 15+10 – this means that both players get **15 minutes** to start with and **10 seconds** extra (increment) for each move they make
3. *Example 2:* 30+0 is 30 minutes each and 0 seconds increment
4. It’s a good idea to start off with 15+15 games so that students don’t feel rushed
5. If a player’s time runs out they automatically lose (even if they are clearly winning)

Option 1: Just play anonymously

1. Go to lichess.org
2. Select a game from the “Quick pairing” or “Lobby” section and just start playing!
3. Select the “Create a Game” button on the home page and create the type of game and timing you prefer
4. It is also possible to play a computer and set the level (ranges from 1 to 8)
5. **Learn the Basics:** Anonymous users also have access to many learning and training materials here <https://lichess.org/learn#/> which will teach chess from zero knowledge.

Option 2: Play a friend!

1. This is a great option on lichess.org – select the “Play with a friend” option on the home page
2. Set the type of game you wish to play (select “Real time” in “Time Control” to set a timing) and select whether you want to play black, white or either.
3. This generates a link which you can send to your friend by email or text
4. Once they click the link you send them the “link generating page” will change to a game of chess! This might take some time until they see the link and click it.

Option 3: Formally register with Lichess.org

1. Go to <https://lichess.org/signup>
2. Select a username, password, email address and agree to all terms. Click Register.
3. Lichess.org will create an account but it must be confirmed by clicking on a link sent to the email address listed first
4. **Kid Mode:** Lichess.org allows players to chat openly by text/typing when playing each other. To disable this feature for children simply go to <https://lichess.org/account/kid> and enter the password you created for your lichess.org account. Then click “Enable Kid Mode” (blue button underneath password entry)
5. **Chess Rating:** Lichess.org will track all the games played by the username and assign you a rating based on your chess performance. Any rating will have a question mark at the end of it (?) until approximately 10 games have been played. This is true for the different categories of chess – classical, rapid, bullet, anti-chess (loser chess), etc.



Ficheall is the network of primary school teachers in Ireland who develop children's social and cognitive skills through the promotion of chess.

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