

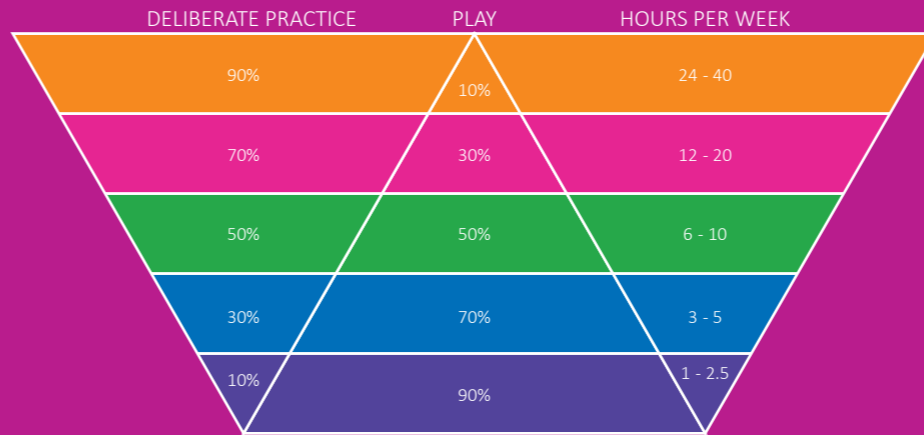


The RJ Shield novice tournament is held on the last Sunday of every month. Running from 1pm-5pm in age-groups. There are lots of trophy prizes, and general coaching to get kids used to tournament play and encourage those with an interest.

EVENTS:
RJ Shield, Interschool, Coaching at a Center Chess Camp

Novice
400 – 800

HOW LONG UNTIL I AM A GRANDMASTER?



Superstar
1600 – 2400

There is an expectation that Superstars demonstrate leadership, are role-models and give back their time and experience to assist the next generation of Superstars.

EVENTS:
Australian Junior, World Championships, Private Lessons with Master, Become a coach



Elite
800 – 1200

Most Elite players will be highly competitive in the RJ Shield. To qualify for Chess Kids Elite a player must either:

- a) Have a rating of Age x 100
- b) Score 5 wins in an Interschool or RJ Shield tournament

EVENTS:
Vic Youth Chess Camp, State Interschool, Training Squad

A Junior Master needs to join an Adult Chess Club, start playing Open Weekend Tournaments and commit to self-study. Most will have a private coach and mentor with whom they work on a regular basis. Rating is age x 100 + 100

EVENTS:
Australian Junior, National, School Finals, Private Lessons



Junior Master
1200 – 1600



Beginner
0 – 400

At this level it is all about inspiring a passion for chess and inspiring a desire to take the next step. It is critical that players receive structured coaching at this level so good habits are established.

EVENTS:
RJ Novice, Cher Challenge, Coaching at School