

## Chess Guide for Amateurs in the Boston Area

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<b>Chess Activity</b>	<b>Organization / Company</b>	<b>URL</b>	<b>Notes</b>
OTB (Over the Board)	FIDE (Federation Internationale des Echecs)	<a href="http://fide.com/">http://fide.com/</a>	World Chess Federation [offers world championship, international ratings, titles]
	USCF (US Chess Federation)	<a href="http://uschess.org/">http://uschess.org/</a>	Official US member to FIDE [offers US championship, US ratings, titles, national tournaments]
	MACA (Massachusetts Chess Association)	<a href="http://masschess.org/">http://masschess.org/</a>	Official MA member to USCF [offers MA championships, tournaments, listings for all regional chess activity]
	MCC (MetroWest Chess Club)	<a href="http://metrowestchess.org/">http://metrowestchess.org/</a>	Local chess club, member to MACA and USCF [offers monthly (Tue nights) tournaments and more, located in Natick MA]
	BCC (Boylston Chess Club)	<a href="http://world.std.com/~boylston/">http://world.std.com/~boylston/</a>	Local chess club, member to MACA and USCF [offers a variety of tournaments and more, located in Somerville MA]
	WCC (Waltham Chess Club)	<a href="http://www.walthamchessclub.org/">http://www.walthamchessclub.org/</a>	Local chess club, member to MACA and USCF [offers a variety of rapid chess events (Fri nights) and more, located in Waltham MA]
	NHCA (New Hampshire Chess Association)	<a href="http://www.nhchess.org/">http://www.nhchess.org/</a>	Official NH member to USCF [offers MA championships, tournaments, listings for all regional chess activity]

	BCA (Blackstone Chess Academy)	<a href="http://blackstonechess.com/">http://blackstonechess.com/</a>	New Rhode Island club
	Nashua Chess Club	n/a	Local chess club (Fri nights), located in Nashua NH
CC (Correspondence Chess)	ICCF (International Correspondence Chess Federation)	<a href="http://iccf.com/">http://iccf.com/</a>	World Correspondence Chess Federation (no affiliation with FIDE, but does use FIDE chess rules modified to correspondence) [offers world championship, international ratings, titles]
	ICCF-US (International Correspondence Chess Federation – US)	<a href="http://www.iccfus.com/">http://www.iccfus.com/</a>	Official US aggregate member to ICCF-US [offers US championship, US ratings, titles, national tournaments] – contributing US orgs are CCLA (North America), USCF correspondence section, and the now defunct APCT (American Postal Chess Tournaments)
	CCLA (Correspondence Chess League of America)	<a href="http://chessbymail.com/">http://chessbymail.com/</a>	Official US contributing member to ICCF-US [offers North American championships, ratings, titles, tournaments]
	USCF (US Chess Federation)	<a href="http://uschess.org/">http://uschess.org/</a>	Official US contributing member to ICCF-US [offers North American championships, ratings, titles, tournaments]
	PlayChess	<a href="http://playchess.de">http://playchess.de</a>	German server-based correspondence chess with local ratings [offers human and hybrid play, swiss, round robin and private games]
	Chessmaniac	<a href="http://chessmaniac.com/">http://chessmaniac.com/</a>	US server-based live and correspondence chess. Astounding amounts of functionality including forming clubs, teams, etc.
Shopping, News, etc.	Chessbase	<a href="http://chessbase.com/">http://chessbase.com/</a>	German company, creator of Fritz, Chessbase, databases and more. Tidbit news on their homepage. Online database, search by position.
	Chessbase USA	<a href="http://chessbaseusa.sectorlink.org/DesktopDefault.aspx">http://chessbaseusa.sectorlink.org/DesktopDefault.aspx</a>	US distributor of Chessbase products and more

	Chess Central	<a href="http://www.chesscentral.com/">http://www.chesscentral.com/</a>	Wide variety, also sells through Amazon
	TWIC (The Week In News)	<a href="http://www.chesscenter.com/twic/twic.html">http://www.chesscenter.com/twic/twic.html</a>	Extensive news, games in PGN, shopping, now part of the London Chess and Bridge Centre
	Chess Cafe	<a href="http://chesscafe.com/">http://chesscafe.com/</a>	Monthly essays by top chess grandmasters, teachers and coaches from around the world. Also the official shopping site for USCF
Important Downloads	Chessbase Light	<a href="http://chessbase.com/download/cblight2007/index.asp">http://chessbase.com/download/cblight2007/index.asp</a>	Free viewer and editor for PGN and CBH files. Limited to 32000 games. This viewer is very useful for recording variations in correspondence chess analysis, as well as viewing tournament games stored in PGN.
Chess Knowledge	ChessGames.com	<a href="http://www.chessgames.com/perl/explorer">http://www.chessgames.com/perl/explorer</a>	Web-based viewer to explore openings
	Chessopolis.com	<a href="http://www.chessopolis.com/openings.htm">http://www.chessopolis.com/openings.htm</a>	Links to dozens of opening web resources
	Wikipedia.com	<a href="http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chess_opening">http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chess_opening</a>	Online free encyclopedia, opening coverage
	ChessLecture.com	<a href="http://www.chesslecture.com/">http://www.chesslecture.com/</a>	Extensive library of short videos – opening, middlegame, endgame, etc.
	Bookup.com	<a href="http://bookup.com/">http://bookup.com/</a> <a href="http://chessopeningssoftware.com/">http://chessopeningssoftware.com/</a>	Opening training, new product on second link. Great product, weak website.