

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Hart House Chess Club Membership  
**FROM:** Alumni Chair  
**DATE:** September 23, 2025  
**RE:** Hart House Chess Club – First Year Representative 2025/26

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In alphabetical order the following is a list of all persons who declared an intention to run for the position of First Year Representative prior to the close of the declarations on September 22, 2025.

**Emir ESHBERK**

Hello, everyone. My name is Emir Eshberk, and I am a first-year Life Science student. I am very excited to be a part of the Hart House Chess Club, and run to be a first-year representative. For context, I am rated 1500 for rapid on Chess.com, and was a four-year chess member at my high school. I want to bring this experience to help make the Hart House Chess Club a better community for casual and more competitive players alike. As the representative, I will ensure your voices are heard within this club. I look forward to meeting all of you over the board!

**Conall HAMPTON**

In three minutes, you can learn a great deal about a person. A silent exchange in an artform deeper than words, chess to me is magic, a way to unite the world. As First Year Representative, I hope to communicate the wishes of first-year members, ensuring that they are heard, supported, and excited to learn about chess and meet people in a safe, friendly environment. My enthusiasm for chess can be seen as a fire, and I hope that my inspiration will drive others, so that together we can create a great inferno.

**Roman KRUKOWSKI**

As a first-year representative, my goal is to ensure that first-year students feel welcomed and supported as they begin their journey with the Hart House Chess Club.

As the president of my high school's chess club over the last two years, I have collaborated with executive team members to plan tournament logistics, coordinate weekly chess lessons, and develop strategies to increase

student participation, while fostering a welcoming environment for players of all skills. I helped organize two annual intercollegiate tournaments at the University of Toronto's Fields Institute for Research in Mathematical Sciences for the TDSB Chess Championships, hosting 12 high schools and 60 skilled chess players from across the school board. I also collaborated with my team to invite guest speakers to these annual inter-collegial tournaments. In this executive role, I was also directly involved in communications and marketing (e.g. email outreach to participating schools, announcements and student outreach to grades 9-12).

These skills will guide me as I strive to welcome, include, support and represent first-year members of the Hart House Chess Club. I am committed to building connections between new and experienced players, encouraging participation at all levels, and ensuring that every first-year student feels included and inspired to grow both socially and competitively within the club. I am excited by the opportunity to contribute my experience and enthusiasm in this role, and I look forward to helping make the club a welcoming home.

### **Sophy LEUNG**

My name is Sophy, and I am a first-year Social Sciences undergraduate student at UofT. As a new member of the Hart House Chess Club, I am interested in running for the First-Year Representative position because I want to get more involved with the club and gain experience running chess tournaments.

I started playing chess in the summer of grade 7 by self-learning on Chess.com. My Rapid rating is 1422, and my favorite variant is 3-Check. I also started a chess club at my high school in White Rock, Vancouver, with a friend in grade 11, which was where I began teaching chess to beginners and intermediate players. Additionally, I volunteered as a chess instructor for a local church's summer camp for two consecutive years.

If I am elected, I will bring all of my prior experience as a chess player and my passion for chess into assisting the executive team with leading HHCC events. Thank you and please vote for me as your new First Year Rep!