

Olimpia Chess Academia

Chess as a tool for education, inclusion and innovation.



People • Learning • Chess

MENORCA • 2026

Chess with a social purpose

Education, inclusion and international exchange

Olimpia Chess Academia is a non-profit association developing educational, social, therapeutic and cultural initiatives through chess. Based in Menorca, it promotes learning, participation and the international exchange of knowledge.

MORE THAN TWO DECADES OF EXPERIENCE

Our work brings together chess teaching, teacher training, the design of learning resources, adapted activities and international congresses.

EDUCATIONAL CHESS

Teacher training, learning materials and activities that connect chess with critical thinking, logic and learning.

SOCIAL AND THERAPEUTIC CHESS

Workshops for older people and diverse communities, adapted to encourage participation and connection.

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESSES

Menorca as a meeting place for education, health, history, technology, research and chess culture.

Olimpia in figures

A track record built in Menorca and shared internationally

Our work began in 2004 and became a formally constituted non-profit association in 2019.

2004

ACTIVITY BEGINS

Professional experience in chess projects.

2019

ASSOCIATION FORMED

Olimpia Chess Academia established as a non-profit.

50+

SCHOOLS

Educational centres reached through our work.

≈2,000

PARTICIPANTS

Estimated total across educational, social and therapeutic activities.

INTERNATIONAL CONGRESSES

Four international congresses organised. A fifth edition is planned for 2027. Figures supplied by Olimpia management in October 2026; totals are approximate and cumulative.

Five encounters, one shared vision

Education, inclusion and chess across borders

International participation allows Olimpia to share experience, present resources and build professional relationships.

AUG 2025 · WASHINGTON, UNITED STATES

Smart Moves Summit

Pep Suárez delivered a masterclass on inclusive chess environments and presented the INFINITE Chess project.

NOV 2025 · HAVANA, CUBA

XI AFIDE International Convention

Participation in the international conference and delivery of the first FIDE Preparation of Teachers (PoT) course taught by Pep Suárez.

JAN 2026 · BHUBANESWAR, INDIA

Social and Educational Chess Conference · 14-15 January

Speaker at a meeting organised with KIIT University and presentation of Caissa learning resources.

MAR 2026 · SAN JOSÉ, COSTA RICA

Chess in Education Summit · 20-21 March

Presentation on inclusive chess and subsequent exchange of materials with local teachers.

OCT 2026 · ARMENIA

International Scientific Conference: Theory and Practice of Chess Education

Guest presentation on chess and autism, followed by a practical masterclass on inclusive learning.

Sources: invitations and follow-up correspondence, 2025-2026.

Washington: chess, education and partnerships

Smart Moves Summit · Washington, D.C. area · August 2025



MASTERCLASS ON INCLUSIVE CHESS ENVIRONMENTS



DISCUSSION ON STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS



AT THE INTERNATIONAL MEETING

Pep Suárez shared the INFINITE Chess project and experiences in inclusive chess.

Cuba: science, chess and teacher training

XI AFIDE International Convention · Havana · November 2025



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND SPORT



FIRST FIDE PoT COURSE TAUGHT BY PEP SUÁREZ



MEETING THE CUBAN CHESS COMMUNITY

Conference participation at AFIDE and FIDE training for chess teachers.

Costa Rica: sharing, teaching, connecting

Chess in Education Summit · San José · 20-21 March 2026



SUMMIT SESSION AND AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION



PRESENTATION ON INCLUSIVE CHESS



TEACHERS AND SUMMIT PARTICIPANTS

International exchange of experience, resources and educational chess ideas.

Armenia: inclusive chess in action

International Chess and Education Conference · Tsaghkadzor · 1-2 October 2026



PEP SUÁREZ'S PRESENTATION
Chess and autism: from structured learning to inclusion.



INTERNATIONAL MEETING AND PARTICIPANTS



MASTERCLASS CLOSING SESSION

PRESENTATION VIDEO

Watch Pep Suárez's full presentation on YouTube.

WATCH THE PRESENTATION ↗



Projects that connect people

Six initiatives across education, wellbeing and inclusion

Escacs per la Memòria

Chess activities with older people to support attention, memory and social connection.

Chess and the autism spectrum

Learning and participation experiences adapted for autistic people.

Chess and breast cancer

Workshops with the Spanish Association Against Cancer for people in recovery.

Chess against unwanted loneliness

Chess sessions and volunteer training in collaboration with the Red Cross.

Chess and mathematics

Learning resources exploring logical reasoning, patterns and mathematical ideas.

Enrocat amb sa Llengua

Creation and adaptation of Catalan audiovisual content connected with chess.

Project scope and outcomes are defined and evaluated separately for each initiative.

A multidisciplinary team

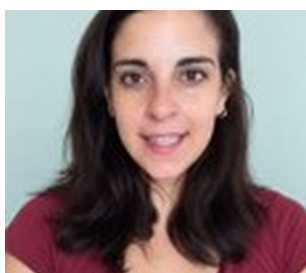
People, expertise and shared commitment

Olimpia's work is made possible by a shared effort across leadership, technical advice, education, design, technology and specialist collaboration.



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Education and chess instruction



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Chess instructor and therapeutic chess



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Chess instructor and therapeutic chess



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Educational chess collaborator



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Irene Oubiña

Photography and social media



GM Paco Vallejo

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Learning, innovating, collaborating

Tools, programmes and institutional partnerships



TOOLS AND PROGRAMMES

ChessForEdu

Caissa Minigames: educational chess resources and training for teachers and schools.

Olimpia Cognitive Chess

Playful exercises for attention and memory. Android app currently in testing.

INSTITUTIONAL COLLABORATION

We collaborate with educational, social and chess organisations, including FIDE, ECU, FEDA, the Island Council of Menorca, the Government of the Balearic Islands, Fundación "la Caixa", the Red Cross and the Spanish Association Against Cancer. The scope of each collaboration is specific to its project.

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MENORCA • INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH

Olimpia takes part in chess education initiatives and organises international meetings. Our work is built with professionals and partner organisations.

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