



Efstratios Grivas

Efstratios Grivas (30.03.1966)

is a highly experienced chess trainer and chess author

Has been awarded by the International Chess Federation (FIDE) the titles of:

- *International Chess Grandmaster*
- *FIDE Senior Trainer*
- *International Chess Arbiter*
- *International Chess Organiser*

His main successes over the board were:

- *Silver Medal Olympiad 1998 (3rd Board)*
- *Gold Medal European Team Championship 1989 (3rd Board)*
- *4th Position World Junior Championship U.20 1985*
- *5 Balkan Medals (2 Gold - 1 Silver - 2 Bronze)*
- *3 times Winner of the International 'Acropolis' Tournament*
- *28 times Winner of Greek Individual & Team Championships*
- *Winner of Various International Tournaments*
- *Among the 120 best players of the World in 1993*
- *Rating Record in 1999 *2528* (equal to today 2630 ~)*
- *Best Individual Results: Z.Almasi ½ ½ - V.Anand ½ - Z.Azmaiparashvili 1 - J.Benjamin 1 - F.Caruana ½ - M.Chiburdanidze ½ ½ ½ - L.Christiansen ½ - Z.Efimenko ½ - J.Ehlvest ½ - B.Gelfand ½ - Kir.Georgiev 1 - R.Huebner ½ - V.Kramnik 0 - P.Leko ½ ½ ½ - S.Lputian 1 - S.Movsesian ½ - J.Nunn 1 ½ ½ ½ - J.Polgar ½ ½ - S.Polgar ½ - A.Shirov ½ - N.Short ½ - I.Smirin ½ - V.Smyslov ½ ½ ½ - P.Svidler ½ - V.Topalov ½ - R.Vaganian ½ - L.Van Wely ½*
- *An opening variation has been named after him. The 'Grivas Sicilian' is characterised by the moves 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Qb6*

What he does/did:

- *Secretary of the FIDE Trainers' Commission*
- *Director of the FIDE Grivas Chess International Academy (Athens)*
- *Director of the UAE Chess Federation FIDE Academy (Abu Dhabi - Ex)*
- *Technical Director of the Greek Chess Federation (1996-1999)*
- *Technical Director of the United Arab Emirates Chess Federation (2014-2016)*

- *Head Trainer of the Turkish Men's National Team (2006-2012)*
- *Head Coach of the Greek Men's National Team (2013)*
- *Head Coach of the Sri Lanka Men's National Team (2014)*
- *Head Coach of the United Arab Emirates Men's National Team (2016)*
- *Workshops with National Teams of Austria (Women), Jordan (Women), Mauritius (Men) and Sri Lanka (Men & Women)*
- *Winner of the FIDE Boleslavsky Medal 2009 & 2015 (best author)*
- *Winner of the FIDE Euwe Medal 2011 & 2012 (best junior trainer)*
- *Winner of the FIDE Razuvaev Medal 2014 (Trainers' education)*
- *Captain/Winner of the World Team - USA vs. The World U.17-14 2017*
- *Trainer of Various GMs & IMs - In 2009-2011 alone, he formed 7 GMs!*
- *Trainer of the FIDE World Women Champion Antoaneta Stefanova*
- *Trainer of the FIDE World Junior Champion U.20 2012 Alex Ipatov*
- *Trainer of the Gold Medal Winner (Group D') Team of Sri Lanka in the 41st Chess Olympiad*
- *Worked over 12.000 hours on training!*
- *Official Commentator of the FIDE World Rapid & Blitz Ch 2013*
- *Organiser of the European Youth Championships 1999, FIDE Congress 2015 & Asian Nations Cup 2015*
- *Lecturer at FIDE Seminars for Training & Certifying Trainers*
- *Author of 99 Books in Arabic, English, Greek, Italian, Spanish & Turkish languages*
- *Cooperating with the World's Most Important Magazines*

Efstratios Grivas tutorial program contains:

- *Build an Opening Repertoire*
- *Broaden your Tactical Abilities*
- *Become an Expert in Middlegame Handling*
- *Understand Endgame Techniques*
- *Deeply Analyse your Games*



*E.Grivas & V.Anand
Wijk aan Zee 2008*



*Boleslavsky Medal Award 2010
S.Polgar, U.Boensch, E.Grivas,
A.Mikhalchishin, K. Ilyumzhinov,
Z.Azmaiparashvili, A.Petrosian*

Efstratios Grivas has cooperated/cooperating as a contributor with the

following print and electronic magazines (Title-Country-Internet Site):

- **Black & White** - India (www.blackandwhiteindia.com)
- **British Chess Magazine** - England (www.bcmchess.co.uk)
- **Chess Chronicle** - Pakistan (shatirhyd@yahoo.com)
- **ChessBase Magazine** - Germany (www.chessbase.com)
- **ChessCafe** - United States of America (www.chesscafe.com)
- **Chess-Today** - Ireland (www.chesstoday.net)
- **Euroscacchi Periodiko** - Italy (www.accademiainternazionalediscacchi.com)
- **Greek Chess** - Greece (www.chessfed.gr)
- **L'Italia Scacchistica** - Italy (www.italiascacchistica.com)
- **MaviKale** - Turkey (www.tsf.org.tr)
- **New in Chess Magazine** - The Netherlands (www.newinchess.com)
- **New In Chess Yearbook** - The Netherlands (www.newinchess.com)
- **Schach Magazine** - Germany (www.schuenemann-verlag.de/schach-magazin)
- **Twic Theory** - England (www.chesscenter.com/twictheory)

Efstratios Grivas bibliography (non-Greek) consists of the following books & DVDs (Title-Publisher/Year-Language):

- **A Complete Guide to the Grivas Sicilian** (Gambit 2005-English)
- **Beating the Fianchetto Defences** (Gambit 2006-English)
- **Chess College 1: Strategy** (Gambit 2006-English)
- **Chess College 2: Pawn Play** (Gambit 2006-English)
- **Chess College 3: Technique** (Gambit 2006-English)
- **Modern Chess Planning** (Gambit 2007-English)
- **Practical Endgame Play - Mastering the Basics** (Everyman 2008-English)
- **Planification en el Ajedrez Moderno** (La Casa del Ajedrez 2008-Spanish)
- **Oyunortasında Ustalık Dersleri / Temeller ve Uygulamalar** (TSF 2010-Turkish)
- **Oyunsonunda Ustalık Dersleri / Temeller ve Uygulamalar** (TSF 2010-Turkish)
- **FIDE TRG Syllabus** (FIDE 2010-English)
- **Kalite Fedası & Konumsal Feda** (TSF 2010-Turkish)
- **Kötü Ata Karşı İyi Fil, Kötü File Karşı İyi At** (TSF 2010-Turkish)
- **Konumun Değerlendirilmesi & Fillerin ve Atların Etkinliği** (TSF 2010-Turkish)
- **Chess Expertise Step by Step Vol 1 - Unexpected Tactics** (ChessBase 2011-English)
- **Chess Expertise Step by Step Vol 2 - Mastering Strategy** (ChessBase 2011-English)
- **Chess Expertise Step by Step Vol 3 - Rook Handling** (ChessBase 2011-English)
- **Chess Expertise Step by Step Vol 4 - Endgame Magic** (ChessBase 2012-English)
- **FIDE TRG Yearbook 2011** (FIDE 2012-English)
- **Fil Oyunsonlari ve At Oyunsonlari** (TSF 2012-Turkish)
- **Fil Çifti ve Taş Seğişim Sanati** (TSF 2012-Turkish)
- **Piyon Çoğunluğu/Azinliği ve Kenardaki Taşlar** (TSF 2012-Turkish)
- **Bingeç Piyon ve Geri Kalmış Piyon** (TSF 2012-Turkish)
- **FIDE TRG Trainer Foundation Guide** (FIDE 2012-English)
- **Chess Analytics - Training with a Grandmaster** (Russell Ent. 2012-English)
- **Trivial Endings - Revealing the Secrets** (FIDE 2013-English)
- **FIDE TRG Yearbook 2012** (FIDE 2013-English)
- **Chess Steps - Volume A'** (FIDE 2014-English)
- **Chess Steps - Volume B'** (FIDE 2014-English)
- **Procediemnti Analitici** (Prisma 2014-Italian)
- **FIDE TRG Yearbook 2013** (FIDE 2014-English)
- **Advanced Chess School - Volume 1 - The Bishop Pair** (FIDE 2014-English)
- **Advanced Chess School - Volume 2 - The Exchange Sacrifice** (FIDE 2014-English)
- **Advanced Chess School - Volume 3 - Doubled & Backward Pawns** (FIDE 2014-English)

- *The Grandmaster Program* (Grivas Chess International Academy 2014-English)
- *Advanced Chess School - Volume 4 - Imbalances of Bishops & Knights* (FIDE 2014-English)
- *Advanced Chess School - Volume 5 - Majority-Minority & Edged Pieces* (FIDE 2014-English)
- *FIDE TRG Yearbook 2014* (FIDE 2015-English)
- *Advanced Chess School - Volume 6 - The Art of Exchanges* (FIDE 2015-English)
- *Entrene Ajedrez I* (La Casa del Ajedrez 2015-Spanish)
- *Entrene Ajedrez II* (La Casa del Ajedrez 2015-Spanish)
- *The Grandmaster Program* (FIDE 2015-English)
- *Chess Steps - Volume A'* (UAE CF 2015-Arabic)
- *Chess Steps - Volume B'* (UAE CF 2015-Arabic)
- *FIDE World Championship 2016* (FIDE 2017-English)
- *Endgame Manual - Queen & Bishop vs Pieces* (Chess Evolution 2017-English)
- *Endgame Manual - Rook & Knight vs Pieces* (Chess Evolution 2017-English)
- *FIDE Grand-Prix - Sharjah 2017* (FIDE 2017-English)
- *Advanced Chess School - Volume 7 - The Passed Pawn* (FIDE 2017-English)
- *Match of the Millennials* (FIDE 2017-English)
- *Georgios Makropoulos - A Profile* (FIDE 2017-English)
- *Bishop Endings: An Innovative Course* (Thinkers Publishing 2017-English)
- *Grivas Method: Middlegame Strategies* (Chess Evolution 2017-English)
- *Advanced Chess School* (IChess 2018 - English)
- *Linares Super Tournament Series* (FIDE 2018-English)
- *Bermuda Tournament Series* (FIDE 2018-English)
- *Sinquefield Cup 2013 - FIDE Women WC 2013* (FIDE 2018-English)
- *FIDE WC - Candidates 2018* (FIDE 2018-English)

For more information visit **Efstratios Grivas's** personal internet site:

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What do teachers know anyway? Michael Jordan, the greatest basketball player in the history of the game, was told by his High School coach that basketball was not a good fit for him. He cut Jordan from the High School basketball team and told him to take up baseball...

The good trainer is not dogmatic; he is trying to become better day by day...

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