

1 Starting out with chess.com

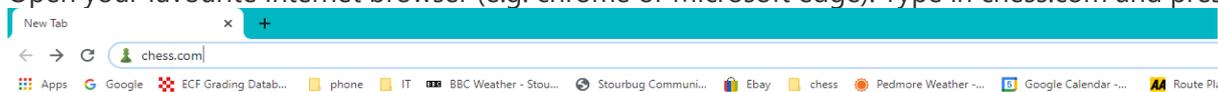
Contents

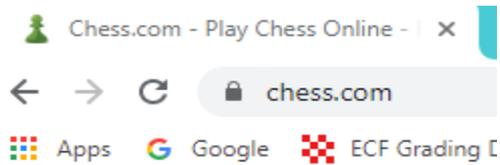
1	Starting out with chess.com.....	1
2	Sign up.....	1
3	Play your first game	3
4	Join a club.....	7

This document is intended to help players who are new to playing chess online to get set up and playing chess on chess.com. It assumes the user is using a laptop or desktop computer rather than a mobile phone.

2 Sign up

Open your favourite internet browser (e.g. chrome or Microsoft edge). Type in chess.com and press enter.





From the Chess.com home page click 'sign up' and you'll be taken to a sign up page:

Join Now — It's Free & Easy!

Username

Email

Password



Skill Level

Advanced



Create Your FREE Account

Pick your username! This is the name others will see when playing chess. It can be your real name, or anything you want. If someone else has already picked the name, you'll see a notice to pick something else.

Username

dave

That username is taken. If this is you, [log in!](#)

Suggestions...

GuardedPlot

ColorfulToothbrush

ForgetfulSkate

dave5890

dave463

dave0343

Next, enter your email address.

Choose a strong password! Passwords must be at least six characters, and good passwords use a mix of case, letters, numbers and special characters.

Choose your skill level! These are the options:

- New to chess: 400
- Beginner: 800
- Intermediate: 1200
- Advanced: 1600
- Expert: 2000

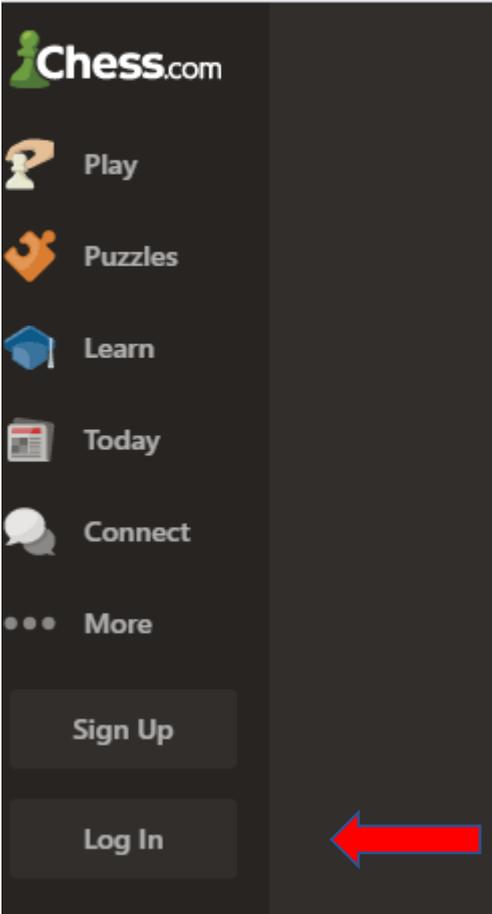
When you've got everything ready, click '**create your free account**' and you're ready to start playing chess! Just like that!

Remember to check your email! Even though your account is created, **be sure to check your email for the activation email!** Click on the link in the email.

You won't be able to chat or post in forums until you've activated your account!

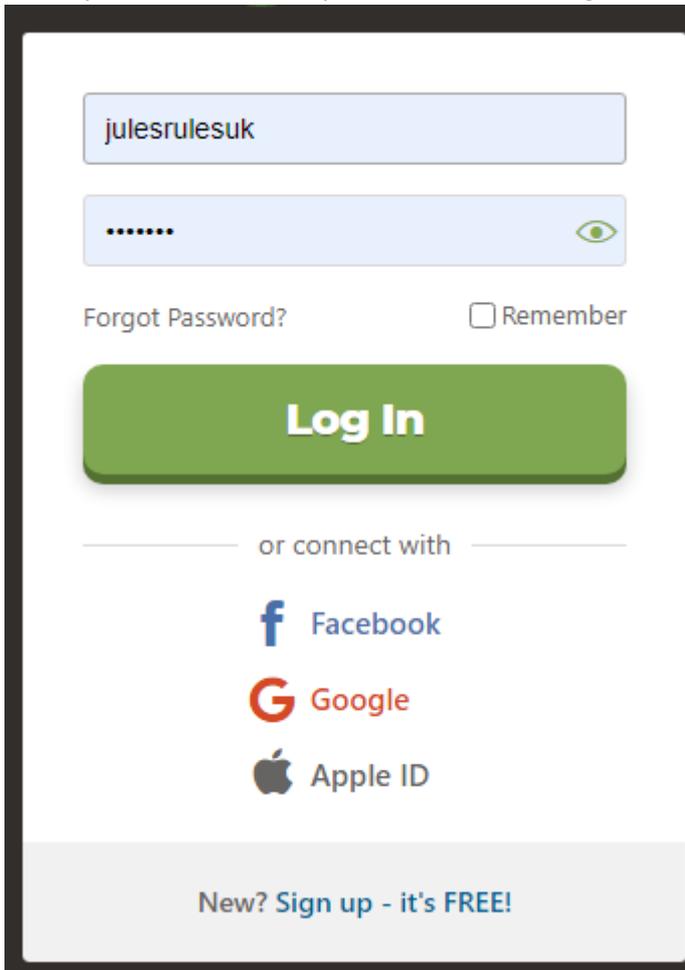
3 Play your first game

Browse to chess.com and select "Log In" (if you are not already logged in.)



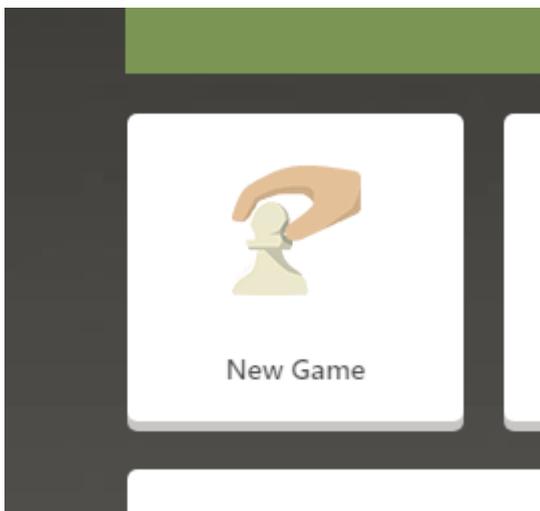
The image shows a dark-themed navigation sidebar for Chess.com. At the top is the Chess.com logo. Below it are several menu items, each with an icon: 'Play' (chess knight), 'Puzzles' (orange puzzle piece), 'Learn' (blue graduation cap), 'Today' (calendar), 'Connect' (speech bubbles), and 'More' (three dots). At the bottom of the sidebar are two buttons: 'Sign Up' and 'Log In'. A red arrow points to the 'Log In' button.

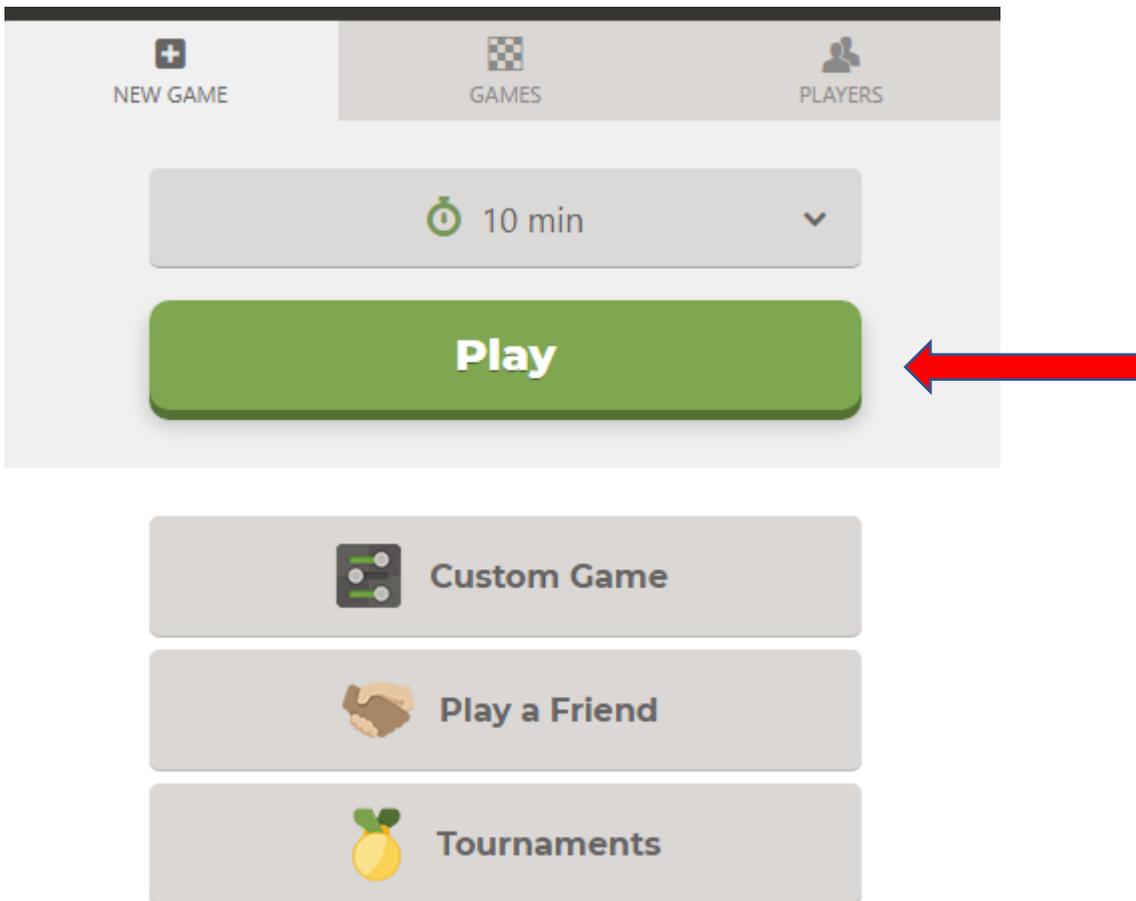
Enter your username and password and click Log in



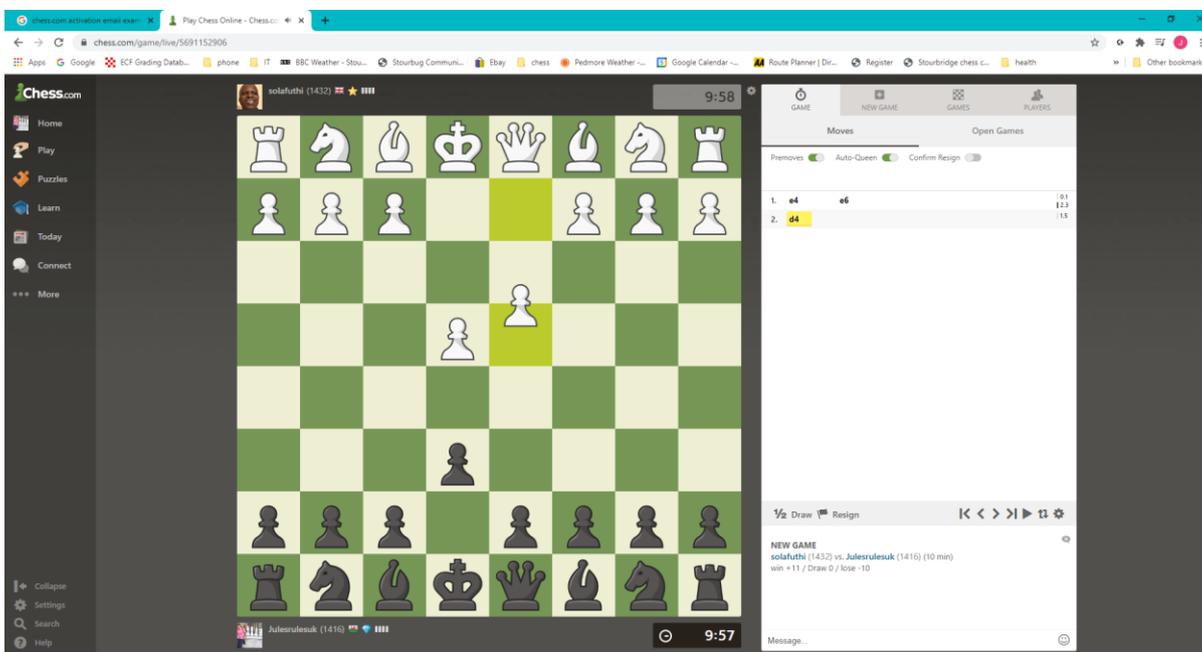
The image shows a login form for Chess.com. It features a text input field containing the username "julesrulesuk". Below it is a password input field with a masked password "*****" and a toggle icon for visibility. To the left of the password field is a link for "Forgot Password?". To the right is a checkbox labeled "Remember". A large green button with the text "Log In" is positioned below the password field. Underneath the button, the text "or connect with" is centered, followed by three social media options: Facebook (with the 'f' icon), Google (with the 'G' icon), and Apple ID (with the Apple logo icon). At the bottom of the form, there is a link that says "New? Sign up - it's FREE!".

This brings you to your home page (chess.com/home). Select "New Game".





Then click on “Play”. Chess.com will automatically find an opponent of roughly your strength and the game will begin immediately with the default time control of game in 10 minutes.



You move the pieces by dragging and dropping them with your mouse or finger. You can offer a draw by clicking on the $\frac{1}{2}$ next to the board and you can resign by clicking on the flag.

During or after your game, you can “chat” with your opponent by typing in the message box at the bottom right hand corner of the page and add an emoji by clicking on the little face and selecting an image.

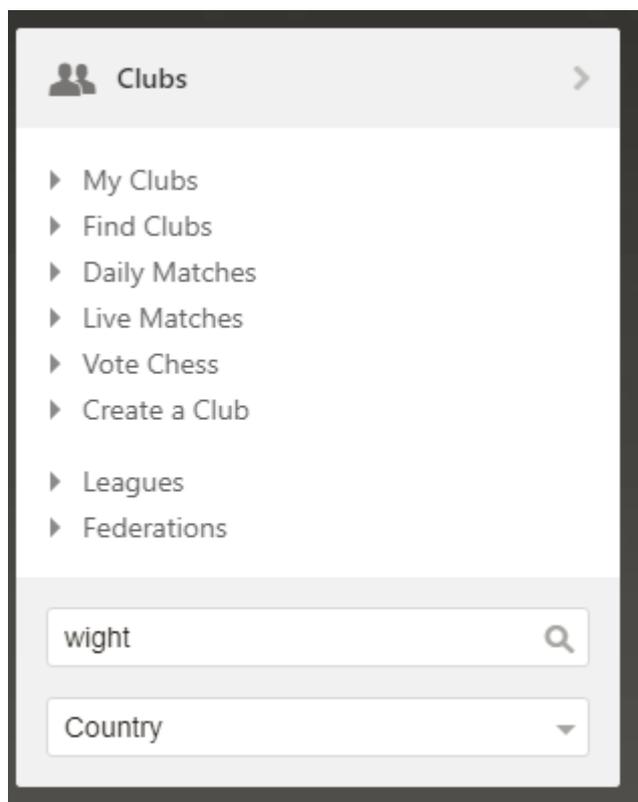
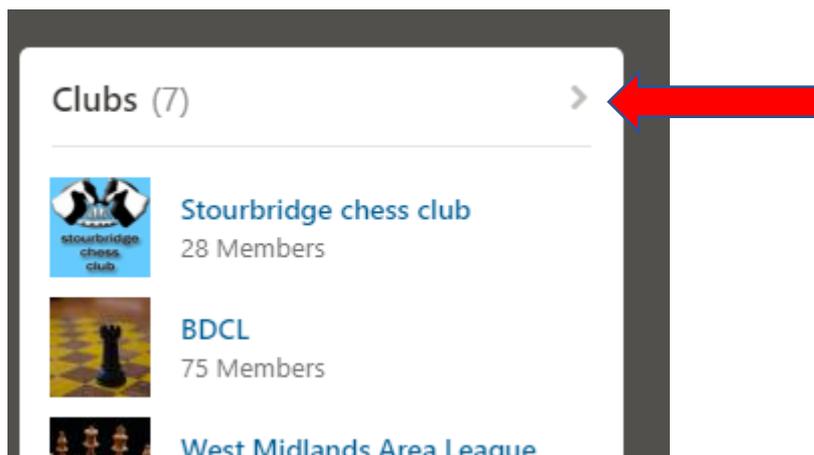


4 Join a club

Log in to chess.com.

To join Stourbridge online chess club, browse to <https://www.chess.com/club/stourbridge-chess-club> and click on “join” and that’s it.

To find another club, go to your home page (chess.com/home) then scroll down to the “clubs” section on the left hand side. Click on the >.



1.

Type in part of the name of the club you are looking for. Do not select a country. Then click on the magnifying glass. The search results will appear in the middle of the screen. Click on the club you are interested in and then click on “join” to join the club.



Tonight 6pm to late
Chess Club
Free tea or coffee for players
call or come in tonight

Only £2 per session

Wood pushers Isle of Wight Chess Club

 Location: Isle of Wight
 Founded: May 18, 2018
 Members: 29

[Join](#)

Info

If you live on the Island, join us!
We specialise in pushing pieces of sculptured wood around a Chess board. We have no idea why, but it pleases the people that attend and they enjoy a wonderfully made tea, coffee and sometimes home made biscuit from our resident tea "lady Margaret".
The meeting of new people with like minded discussions is enjoyed each Thursday evening.
Come and join. See us on Facebook group pages- Isle of Wight Chess. Or e-mail:
chessplay@mail.com.....

Upcoming Events