



Efstratios Grivas

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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 Organizer*

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 characterized 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*
- *Head Trainer of the Turkish Men's National Team (2006-2012)*
- *Head Trainer of the Greek Men's National Team (2013-)*
- *Winner of the FIDE Boleslavsky Medal 2009 (best author)*
- *Winner of the FIDE Euwe Medal 2011 (best junior trainer)*
- *Trainer of Various GMs & IMs - In 2009-2011 alone, he formed 5 GMs!*
- *Trainer of the FIDE World Junior Champion U.20 2012 Alex Ipatov*
- *Director of the FIDE Grivas International Chess Academy (Athens)*
- *Worked over 12.000 hours on training!*
- *Lecturer at FIDE Seminars for Training & Certifying Trainers.*
- *Author of Various Books (see list)*
- *Cooperating with the World's Most Important Magazines (see list)*

*Start training with **Efstratios Grivas** via Skype and:*

- *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 Fedası* (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 Seçişim 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)

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

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