

# Parental Consent Form for Chess research

My name is Faye Gong. I am a visiting researcher from Florida State University. Your child is invited to be in a study about chess skill. We are asking that your child take part because your child is in the age group we want to study. We ask that you read this form and ask any questions you may have before agreeing to allow your child to take part in this study.

**The study:** The purpose of this study is to find what helps children at different ages improve at chess and how chess players study chess positions. Then we will show your child some chess boards and ask him/her to learn them and then to reproduce them. Occasionally your child will be asked to select the best move for the position before recalling it. While you do this task we will ask you to think out loud and we will tape that but we won't save any pictures of your child. We are asking for your child's name so we can confirm his/her chess rating. No one but me will be able to see your child's name. This will take about 30 minutes.

**Risks and benefits:** There are no risks to your child. There are no benefits to you or your child for helping.

**Compensation:** Chess players with USCF ratings or FIDE rating will be financially compensated for their time.

**Confidentiality:** The records of this study will be kept confidential, to the extent permitted by law. The survey and the demographics will be kept on opposite sheets of paper and coded before being studied. All identifying information we collect will be recoded and password protected with only the researcher and his advisor having access to it and will not be kept in any form for more than 18 months. After being typed recordings will be erased. It will not be possible to identify your child's answers after coding. Surveys will be kept securely for three (3) years after this study ends in a locked cabinet and office.

**Voluntary Participation:** Your child's participation in this study is completely voluntary. Your decision whether or not to allow your child to take part will not affect your current or future relationship with Florida State University. If you decide to allow your child to take part, your child is free to not do the survey, skip any questions, or stop at any time. You are free to withdraw your child at any time.

The researcher for this study is Jerad Moxley. You may reach him at (850)644-9850, or [moxley@psy.fsu.edu](mailto:moxley@psy.fsu.edu). The faculty advisor for this project is Anders Ericsson who may be reached at (850)644-9850, or [ericsson@psy.fsu.edu](mailto:ericsson@psy.fsu.edu).

Please feel free to ask any questions you have now, or at any point in the future. If you have any questions or concerns about your child's rights as a research subject, you may contact the FSU Institutional Review Board (IRB) at 850-644-8633, by email at [humansubjects@magnet.fsu.edu](mailto:humansubjects@magnet.fsu.edu) or you may access their website at

<http://www.fsu.research.edu>. You will be given a copy of this consent form for your records.

Please enter your child's name and sign below if you give consent for your child to participate in this study.

Your child's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_