

## **Intro**

We are the checkmates. As you might know we are the chess social of Thalia. The Checkmates is a small group of people who like to play chess together. Our goal is to provide a platform for members, honorary members or benefactors of Thalia to enjoy their hobby together. We usually play in the evenings in the Mercator building if it's free. Checkmates was established on the 11th September 2018.

## **Members**

Currently we have 11 members:

- Abe Heemskerk
- Rick Lukassen
- Gijs Hendriksen
- Jan Martens
- Joris Reichert
- Marthijn van den Nieuwenhuizen
- Noel Bangma
- Sjors Clabbers
- Maarten Smit
- Bart Gruppen
- Ward Theunisse

There are also a couple of other students who have expressed interest in joining us for at least one evening.

## **Internal activities**

About once every 2 weeks we find an evening using a Doodle and we meet up for an evening of chess. We've tried to find one or more set days, but this proved to be impossible. During these evenings we have a variety of activities, some examples are: tournament of blitz chess, games of bughouse chess<sup>1</sup>, some 'lessons' on chess and trying to find the solutions to chess puzzles. We also like to enjoy a beverage during these evenings.

## **Open activities**

We have a couple of ideas for open activities, we will limit ourselves to 1 activity in the remainder of this academic year. We are thinking of hosting a chess tournament, or an open training evening. Of course everyone is welcome to join us anytime.

## **Growth**

Everyone is welcome and there is no real cap for our society. The only struggle is the amount of chess boards, but if new members can also bring a chess board during one of the evenings the problem is (temporarily) solved.

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<sup>1</sup> [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bughouse\\_chess](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bughouse_chess)