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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 (1993)*
- *FIDE Senior Trainer (2005)*
- *International Chess Arbiter (1998)*
- *International Chess Organiser (1998)*

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 (2009-2018)*
- *Member of the FIDE Trainers' Commission (2019-)*
- *Director of the FIDE Grivas Chess International Academy (Athens-2012)*
- *Director of the UAE Chess Federation FIDE Academy (Abu Dhabi-2015)*
- *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), Germany (Women), Jordan (Men & 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 & 2017 (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 92 Books/DVDs in Arabic, English, French, Greek, Iranian, Italian, Mongolian, 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)
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- **Euroscacchi Periodiko** - Italy (www.accademiainternazionalediscacchi.com)
- **Greek Chess** - Greece (www.chessfed.gr)
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- **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)

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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...

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