



## *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 Organiser*

*His main successes over the board were:*

- *Silver Medal Olympiad 1998 (3<sup>rd</sup> Board)*
- *Gold Medal European Team Championship 1989 (3<sup>rd</sup> Board)*
- *4<sup>th</sup> 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*
- *Director of the FIDE Grivas International Chess Academy (Athens)*
- *Director of the UAE Chess Federation FIDE Academy (Abu Dhabi)*
- *Technical Director of the Greek Chess Federation (1996-1999)*
- *Technical Director of the United Arab Emirates Chess Federation (2014-2016)*

- *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), Jordan (Women), Mauritius (Men) and Sri Lanka (Men & Women)*
- *Winner of the FIDE Boleslavsky Medal 2009 & 2015 (World's best author)*
- *Winner of the FIDE Euwe Medal 2011 & 2012 (World's 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 41<sup>st</sup> 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 in Arabic, English, Greek, Italian, Spanish & Turkish*
- *Cooperating with the World's Most Important Magazines*

*His Most Successful Trainees:*

*Alexander Ipatov (GM-Turkey) - Ex FIDE World Champion U.20*

*Antoaneta Stefanova (GM-Bulgaria) - Ex FIDE Women World Champion*

*Baris Esen (GM-Turkey)*

*Batuhan Dastan (GM-Turkey)*

*Cemil Can Ali Marandi (GM-Turkey) - Ex European Champion U.10 - U.12 - U.14 - U.16 - U.18*

*Christian Chirila (GM-Romania)*

*Dragan Solak (GM-Turkey)*

*Emre Can (GM-Turkey)*

*Evgenios Ioannidis (Greece) - Ex European Champion U.10*

*Hristos Banikas (GM-Greece) - Ex World 2<sup>nd</sup> Winner U.20*

*Ioulia Makka (WIM-Greece)*

*Kivanc Haznedaroglu (GM-Turkey)*

*Mohamed Bhawoodien (South Africa) - Ex African Champion U.16*

*Mustafa Yilmaz (GM-Turkey) - Ex World 6<sup>th</sup> Winner U.16*

*Spiridon Kapnisis (GM-Greece)*

*Vahap Sanal (GM-Turkey)*

*Numerous other trainees achieved GM & IM norms, as well as FM and other national titles and won championships.*

*Start training with **Efstratios Grivas** via Skype & TeamViewer 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](http://www.blackandwhiteindia.com))*
- *British Chess Magazine - England ([www.bcmchess.co.uk](http://www.bcmchess.co.uk))*
- *Chess Chronicle - Pakistan ([shatirhyd@yahoo.com](mailto:shatirhyd@yahoo.com))*
- *ChessBase Magazine - Germany ([www.chessbase.com](http://www.chessbase.com))*
- *ChessCafe - United States of America ([www.chesscafe.com](http://www.chesscafe.com))*
- *Chess-Today - Ireland ([www.chesstoday.net](http://www.chesstoday.net))*
- *Euroscacchi Periodiko - Italy ([www.accademiainternazionaleiscacchi.com](http://www.accademiainternazionaleiscacchi.com))*
- *Greek Chess - Greece ([www.chessfed.gr](http://www.chessfed.gr))*
- *L'Italia Scacchistica - Italy ([www.italiascacchistica.com](http://www.italiascacchistica.com))*
- *MaviKale - Turkey ([www.tsf.org.tr](http://www.tsf.org.tr))*
- *New in Chess Magazine - The Netherlands ([www.newinchess.com](http://www.newinchess.com))*
- *New In Chess Yearbook - The Netherlands ([www.newinchess.com](http://www.newinchess.com))*
- *Schach Magazine - Germany ([www.schuenemann-verlag.de/schach-magazin](http://www.schuenemann-verlag.de/schach-magazin))*
- *Twic Theory - England ([www.chesscenter.com/twictheory](http://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)*
- *Planificación 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 Feda (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)*
- *Chess Steps - Volume A' (FIDE 2014-English)*
- *Chess Steps - Volume B' (FIDE 2014-English)*
- *Procediemnti Analitici (Prisma 2014-Italian)*
- *FIDE TRG Yearbook 2013 (FIDE 2014-English)*
- *Advanced Chess School - Volume 1 - The Bishop Pair (FIDE 2014-English)*
- *Advanced Chess School - Volume 2 - The Exchange Sacrifice (FIDE 2014-English)*
- *Advanced Chess School - Volume 3 - Doubled & Backward Pawns (FIDE 2014-English)*
- *The Grandmaster Program (Grivas Chess International Academy 2014-English)*
- *Advanced Chess School - Volume 4 - Imbalances of Bishops & Knights (FIDE 2014-English)*
- *Advanced Chess School - Volume 5 - Majority-Minority & Edged Pieces (FIDE 2014-English)*
- *FIDE TRG Yearbook 2014 (FIDE 2015-English)*
- *Advanced Chess School - Volume 6 - The Art of Exchanges (FIDE 2015-English)*
- *Entrene Ajedrez I (La Casa del Ajedrez 2015-Spanish)*
- *Entrene Ajedrez II (La Casa del Ajedrez 2015-Spanish)*
- *The Grandmaster Program (FIDE 2015-English)*
- *Chess Steps - Volume A' (UAE CF 2015-Arabic)*
- *Chess Steps - Volume B' (UAE CF 2015-Arabic)*
- *FIDE World Championship 2016 (FIDE 2017-English)*
- *Endgame Manual - Queen & Bishop vs Pieces (Chess Evolution 2017-English)*
- *Endgame Manual - Rook & Knight vs Pieces (Chess Evolution 2017-English)*
- *FIDE Grand-Prix - Sharjah 2017 (FIDE 2017-English)*
- *Advanced Chess School - Volume 7 - The Passed Pawn (FIDE 2017-English)*
- *The Bishop's University (Thinkers Publishers 2017 - English)*
- *40 Roads to Chess Knowledge (Chess Evolution 2017 - English)*

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

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*The good trainer is not dogmatic; he is trying to become better day by day...*

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