



FOR COACHES AND ACADEMY STAFF

BETA

Run your academy by talking to it.

Connect your CoaChess academy to Claude, ChatGPT or Gemini and run it in plain language. This guide takes about two minutes and there is no API key to create.

WHAT YOU CAN ASK FOR ONCE IT IS CONNECTED

“What's on my schedule this week?”

Reads your real sessions, with the group and the time.

“Pull the last 30 days of insights for my beginners group.”

Attendance, streaks, homework and practice, with a previous-period comparison.

“Find eight puzzles rated 400–900 and build a material called Test.”

Searches the shared library, builds the sections and chapters, fills them.

“Assign it as homework to my new group.”

And if that group is empty, it stops and tells you before anything is sent.

Are you a student, not a coach?

There is a separate CoaChess Player server, with its own guide, for your own courses, homework, repertoire and puzzles. Ask your academy for the Player install guide.

STEP 1

Copy your server URL

This is the only value you paste anywhere. It is the CoaChess Org server.

Schedule, members, materials, homework, attendance and reports.

```
https://api.coachess.net/org/mcp
```

You sign in with the CoaChess account you already have

There is no API key and no password to paste into your assistant. The first time you connect, CoaChess opens its own sign-in page, shows you exactly what the assistant will be allowed to do, and asks you to approve it. You can disconnect at any time from your assistant's settings.

STEP 2 — CLAUDE

Claude (web, desktop and mobile)

Custom connectors work on Free, Pro, Max, Team and Enterprise plans. On Free you can have one custom connector.

- 1 **Open Customize → Connectors**
claude.ai/customize/connectors
- 2 **Click “+”, then “Add custom connector”**
- 3 **Paste the URL from step 1, then click “Add”**
- 4 **Sign in to CoaChess and approve the permission screen**
- 5 **In a chat, open the “+” menu → Connectors and turn CoaChess on. Then ask:**
“What's on my CoaChess schedule this week?”

On Team and Enterprise, an Owner goes first

An Owner adds the connector once under Organization settings → Connectors → Add → Custom → Web. After that each member connects it themselves, so everyone still only sees their own data.

STEP 2 — CHATGPT

ChatGPT

MCP servers are added through developer mode, on Pro, Plus, Business, Enterprise and Education plans, on the web.

- 1 **Open Settings → Security and login and turn on Developer mode**
It is under Security and login, not under Connectors.
- 2 **Go to chatgpt.com/plugins and click the “+” button**
- 3 **Paste the URL from step 1 and choose OAuth**
Sign in to CoaChess and approve the permission screen.
- 4 **Your new app appears under “Drafts”**
- 5 **In a chat, choose Developer mode from the “+” menu and select CoaChess**

It asks before it changes anything

ChatGPT requires confirmation before any tool that writes. You see the exact request before it is sent.

STEP 2 — GEMINI

Gemini

Gemini supports MCP through the Gemini CLI. One command adds it:

```
gemini mcp add --transport http coachess \  
https://api.coachess.net/org/mcp
```

Or add it by hand in ~/.gemini/settings.json :

```
{  
  "mcpServers": {  
    "coachess": {  
      "httpUrl": "https://api.coachess.net/org/mcp"  
    }  
  }  
}
```

Sign in with /mcp auth coachess

The CLI opens a browser and listens on localhost:7777 for the reply, so run it on a machine with a browser — not over a plain SSH session. Use /mcp to check the connection afterwards.

Worth knowing

The consumer Gemini app does not yet accept custom MCP servers the way Claude and ChatGPT do — the CLI is the supported path today.

OTHER CLIENTS

Editors and CLIs

Claude Code	<pre>claude mcp add --transport http coachess \ https://api.coachess.net/org/mcp</pre>
Cursor	<pre>~/.cursor/mcp.json { "mcpServers": { "coachess": { "url": "https://api.coachess.net/org/mcp" } } }</pre>
Any stdio	<pre>uvx fastmcp-remote https://api.coachess.net/org/mcp</pre>

STEP 3

What you are approving

The connector acts as you. Every request is checked against your real CoaChess account, so it can never reach data that is not yours, or do something your account is not allowed to do. This is the wording you will see on the approval screen.

It can

- ✓ Read the courses, materials and schedules of academies you belong to
- ✓ Search the shared puzzle library
- ✓ Create, edit and cancel training sessions your role allows
- ✓ Build training materials: courses, chapters, games and puzzles
- ✓ Create homework and assign it to your groups
- ✓ Record attendance and evaluations for sessions you teach

It cannot

- ✗ Delete courses, materials or accounts
- ✗ Do anything your CoaChess role does not already allow
- ✗ See academies you are not a member of

There are deliberately no delete tools

Removal tools detach an item from a chapter or a homework. They never destroy content.

REFERENCE

What the Org server exposes

42 tools, grouped the way you actually work. You never call these by name — your assistant picks the right one from what you asked.

Plan

Your schedule, an academy's sessions, the detail of one session

People

Groups and members, for invitations and assignments

Run

Create, update or cancel a session; invite people; record attendance and 1–5 skill evaluations for sessions you teach

Browse

Materials, their chapter trees, individual items, and the shared rated-puzzle library

Author

Build a course: materials, sections, chapters; add games, puzzles and questions; reorder or detach items

Homework

Create homework, attach material, assign to groups, update or unassign

Report

Member and group insights over 7/30/90 days or all time, homework progress, session attendance

IF SOMETHING GOES WRONG

Troubleshooting

“Not found” when you know it exists

That is the permission system answering, not a bug. You are either not a member of that academy, or your role does not include that action. Check your role in the CoaChess app.

It asks you to sign in again

Sessions expire. Remove the connector and add it again. It takes about twenty seconds and no data is lost.

The assistant cannot see the connector

Custom connectors are a paid-plan feature in both Claude and ChatGPT, and in ChatGPT they need developer mode switched on. Also start a NEW chat after adding one.

Visual panels do not appear

Not every client draws them, and mobile apps often do not. The written answer is always complete on its own.

FIRST QUESTIONS WORTH ASKING

“What's on my CoaChess schedule this week?”

“Pull the last 30 days of insights for my beginners group.”

“How is everyone doing on last week's homework?”

“Find a free evening next week and book a session.”

Ask for the numbers, not a guess

The server is built so the assistant reports only what the tools returned. If something cannot be measured it will say so rather than estimate. That is what makes the reports safe to forward to a parent.

Ready when you are.

Paste the URL into your assistant and ask it the first question.

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