



FOR STUDENTS

BETA

A chess coach in every chat.

Connect your CoaChess account to Claude, ChatGPT or Gemini so it knows your courses, your homework and your openings. This guide takes about two minutes and there is no API key to create.

WHAT YOU CAN ASK FOR ONCE IT IS CONNECTED

“What homework do I have, and when is it due?”

Reads your real assignments and what you have finished.

“Why is this move played here?”

Explains the plan, the pawn breaks and why the alternative is worse.

“Where are the holes in my repertoire?”

The common replies you have no answer to, worst first.

“Give me a puzzle around 1200 on forks.”

Hands you a real rated puzzle to solve — you play it, not the assistant.

Do you run an academy?

There is a separate CoaChess Org server, with its own guide, for coaches and academy staff: schedules, materials, homework and reports.

STEP 1

Copy your server URL

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

Your courses, homework, schedule, repertoire, puzzles and progress.

```
https://api.coachess.net/player/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 homework do I have 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/player/mcp
```

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

```
{  
  "mcpServers": {  
    "coachess": {  
      "httpUrl": "https://api.coachess.net/player/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/player/mcp</pre>
Cursor	<pre>~/.cursor/mcp.json { "mcpServers": { "coachess": { "url": "https://api.coachess.net/player/mcp" } } }</pre>
Any stdio	<pre>uvx fastmcp-remote https://api.coachess.net/player/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 your courses, homework, sessions, session feedback, profile, progress reports, imported games and bootcamps
- ✓ Read your opening repertoires and where your games left them; create repertoires, add lines to them and change your training limits
- ✓ Look up openings, endgames, position ideas, cloud evaluations and videos
- ✓ Give you puzzles to solve

It cannot

- ✗ Record practice results or submit homework for you
- ✗ Change your account, profile or billing

Your progress stays yours

The assistant can hand you a puzzle, but only you can solve it. When you play it, the app records the result. No tool lets an assistant mark work as done on your behalf.

REFERENCE

What the Player server exposes

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

Orient

Your profile, your schedule, and where you left off last time

Learn

Your courses and chapters, your homework and what is still open

Repertoire

Your opening books: lines, coverage, the gaps, and where real games left the book. It can add lines when you agree

Position

Why a move is played, what people play here, exact endgame results, cloud evaluations, and videos of the position

Practice

One unsolved puzzle at a time, filtered by rating and theme

Progress

A progress report over 7/30/90 days, your session feedback from coaches, and your imported games

IF SOMETHING GOES WRONG

Troubleshooting

“Not found” when you know it exists

That is the permission system answering, not a bug. The item is either not yours or not assigned to you. Check it 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 homework do I have this week?”

“How am I doing this month?”

“What did my coach say after the last session?”

“Give me a puzzle and don't tell me the answer.”

It will not do your training for you

That is deliberate. The assistant can explain, find and organise — but the moves have to be yours, or the progress your coach sees would be a lie.

Ready when you are.

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

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