



**Bahar “Coach Holly” Hallayeva**

did not begin playing chess until the age of 9, but was already Turkmenistan’s Youth Champion by the following year, a title which she held onto for the next ten years! She attained the title of Woman Fide Master (WFM) in 2002 and was Turkmenistan’s overall



National Women’s Champion in 2010, 2013, 2014, 2017 & 2018. Coach Holly has achieved two of three tournament norms required to earn the title of Woman International Master (WIM), which she is poised to attain in 2021. *Coach Holly is currently rated USCF 2285 and FIDE 2166 and is among the top twenty women players in the United States!*

Coach Holly is passionate about teaching chess to girls (“GRRLS”) and is a co-developer of the Start Right Chess Curriculum: “The Top 10 Things Kids Need to KNOW and be able to DO in Chess!”

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