



Chicago Chess Foundation

Code of Conduct

Effective January 2025

The Chicago Chess Foundation is dedicated to fostering a positive, respectful, and enjoyable environment for all participants in our chess tournaments, including players, parents, coaches, and volunteers. This Code of Conduct outlines the expectations and standards of behavior required to participate in CCF events.

By registering for a tournament, you agree to abide by the following principles:

1. Respect for Volunteers and Staff

- Follow the directions of CCF volunteers and staff promptly and courteously.
 - Understand that any physical or verbal harassment toward volunteers, staff, or other participants is strictly prohibited.
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2. Respect for Spaces and Property

- Treat the host venue with care and respect.
 - Refrain from entering areas marked or described as "off limits."
 - Refrain from using or disturbing school equipment or property not designated for tournament activities.
 - Leave all spaces clean and orderly, including common areas, classrooms, and bathrooms.
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3. Sportsmanship and Conduct

- Demonstrate good sportsmanship both during games and throughout the day.
 - Avoid disruptive or unsportsmanlike behavior, including but not limited to knocking over chess equipment or trophies, shouting, or creating disturbances.
 - Parents and coaches: supervise your players and intervene if misconduct occurs.
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4. Accountability and Consequences

- Violations of this Code of Conduct may result in immediate disciplinary action by CCF, including but not limited to:
 - Verbal or written warnings
 - Suspension from the tournament
 - Suspension or disqualification of a player/coach/team from specified events
 - Permanent ban (in extreme cases) from all future CCF events
 - CCF staff and leadership reserve the sole authority to determine the appropriate response to misconduct, and any disciplinary action if needed.
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5. Commitment to the Community

- By participating in CCF events, all players, parents, and coaches commit to fostering a positive and inclusive environment where everyone can enjoy chess.
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Enforcement

This Code of Conduct will be enforced consistently and fairly. While we hope to rarely, if ever, invoke these measures, CCF prioritizes the well-being of all participants and the sustainability of our events.

Acknowledgment

By registering for a CCF tournament, players, parents, and coaches acknowledge and accept the terms of this Code of Conduct.

Together, let's ensure that every CCF tournament is a celebration of chess, learning, and community spirit. Thank you for your cooperation!