

London Chess Club: Code of Conduct

The London Chess Club is committed to fostering a positive and respectful environment within the chess community. This Code of Conduct outlines the expected behavior of all individuals attending our events, including players, coaches, volunteers, children, guardians, and spectators.

- 1. Sportsmanship:** Participants shall exhibit good sportsmanship, fair play, and respect for opponents, organizers, and officials. Unsportsmanlike conduct, cheating, or any attempt to gain an unfair advantage will not be tolerated.
- 2. Respect:** All individuals are expected to treat each other with dignity and respect, regardless of age, gender, race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or ability. Discrimination, harassment, or any form of disrespectful behavior is strictly prohibited.
- 3. Professionalism:** All members must maintain a high standard of professionalism. This includes adhering to tournament rules, following schedules, and paying attention to announcements.
- 4. Maintenance:** All participants are responsible for maintaining the integrity of the chess environment. This includes maintaining a quiet playing atmosphere, keeping the area clean and tidy, and respecting the rights of fellow participants to focus on their games.
- 5. Compliance:** Participants must comply with all applicable laws, regulations, and London Chess Club tournament rules.

6. Cooperation: Participants shall cooperate fully with all organizers. Disputes/disagreements should be addressed immediately with the tournament directors and/or club leaders, and will be handled at their discretion. Escalations/appeals may be privately communicated at a later time through requesting a meeting with a club leader or by sending an email (welcome@londonchess.ca).

7. Consequences: Violations of this Code of Conduct may result in disciplinary actions, including written warnings, point deductions, and lost privileges. Relevant authorities may be reported to if necessary.

8. Improvement: The London Chess Club is committed to continuously enhancing all areas of our chess community. Feedback from members is to be delivered respectfully to club leaders and will be used to improve all aspects of the club.

It is not feasible to cover every specific eventuality in this document, so members should be aware of the general spirit of these standards just as much as the code's wording. Any disciplinary situation that exists outside of the written code will be assessed and addressed at the discretion of the President and Board Members of our club.