



Code of Conduct



This code of conduct applies to all of those who participate in chess games organised by the HDCA, whether as players or observers. It is not a set of rules but guidance as to what sporting behaviour in chess looks like. It should be read in conjunction with the FIDE Rules of Chess, Article 12.

Clubs

Clubs should ensure their premises, conditions, and playing equipment are as comfortable and accommodating to the opposition as possible, and that opposing teams are made welcome.

Clubs, teams, captains and players

The responsibility for ensuring fair play resides with clubs, teams, captains, and players. At the start of every match the home captain should welcome all players and remind them about the mobile phone rule, and what's expected when they finish their games.

Players should:

- Act with respect towards opponents, opposing teams, and club premises and equipment.
- Respect the need for quiet during games and avoid discussions that could distract their opponent or others playing.
- Avoid conversations with anyone else while their game is in progress (other than quietly asking about an on-going match score with the Captain).
- Not open snack food wrappings, drink cans, etc. at the board.
- Avoid distracting an opponent either verbally or through actions.
- Players who have finished their games, other observers, spectators, and other club members present in the playing area should:
 - Adhere to the spirit of the above code for players.
 - Ensure that mobile phones are turned off whilst in the playing area.
 - Not under any circumstances give advice while the game is in progress.
 - Not intervene or interfere in games in progress in any other way.
 - Refrain from conversations whilst games are in progress.
 - Refrain from discussing any of the games still in play, even amongst themselves.
- Observers (or spectators) are not allowed to discuss any of the games still play, even amongst themselves.