



Johannesburg Metro Chess

CODE of CONDUCT for JMC Tournaments

All Johannesburg Metro Chess Tournaments are conducted according to the laws of chess set down by the governing body FIDE (Federation Internationale des Echecs).

A. Code of Conduct

Besides defining the rules of chess, the FIDE chess laws prescribe the manner in which the game is to be played; that is, in a quiet and considerate way which will maximise enjoyment and not distract others.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The proper conduct of the game of chess and of chess events depends on everyone involved observing
 - 1.1.1 the rules and conditions currently applying to the tournament; and
 - 1.1.2 the highest standards of fair play and good sportsmanship.
- 1.2 Disputes arising during a game or event are to be resolved according to the FIDE Laws of Chess and any other rules or conditions then applicable to the game or event.
- 1.3 This Code applies to –
 - 1.3.1 a person playing in, or organising, any tournament conducted by or for JMC
 - 1.3.2 a JMC member representing JMC in a team, either as a player or as an official.
- 1.4 This Code is to be read subject to the current FIDE Laws of Chess, and FIDE Articles refer to the FIDE Laws of Chess (Jan 2018 edition).

2. The Purpose of the Code of Conduct

- 2.1 The purpose of this Code is to ensure that the game of chess is played in a sporting and fair manner.

- 2.2 FIDE Articles 11 and 12 respectively deal with the conduct of players and the role of the arbiter. Those provisions are the primary authority on the matters with which they deal. The Preface to the FIDE Laws recognises that "the Laws cannot cover all possible situations that may arise during a game nor can they regulate all administrative questions".
- 2.3 It is impossible in this Code to define exactly each circumstance or standard of conduct expected of players, officials and spectators involved in a tournament or to list everything that would amount to a breach of this Code and lead to disciplinary action. Persons otherwise uncertain of the conduct expected of them should contact the arbiter or organisers of the tournament.
- 2.4 The following provisions of this Code, while not exhaustive, identify conduct that is of such a character as to attract censure and the manner in which it may be dealt with.

3. Breaches of the Code of Conduct

- 3.1 This Code is breached by a person who commits any of the following acts.
 - 3.1.1 Subject to FIDE Article 11.7, repeatedly or grossly violating the FIDE Laws of Chess or the rules or conditions applicable to a particular tournament.
 - 3.1.2 Cheating, or attempting to cheat, during a tournament.
 - 3.1.3 Pre-arranging, or attempting to pre-arrange, the result of a game or tournament.
 - 3.1.4 Withdrawing from a tournament without valid reason.
 - 3.1.5 Failing to comply with normally accepted standards of courtesy and chess etiquette.
 - 3.1.6 Engaging in misbehaviour of a personal nature that is generally unacceptable by normal social standards.
 - 3.1.7 Engaging in violent, threatening, manipulative or other unacceptable behaviour during, or in connection with, a game or tournament.
 - 3.1.8 Making unjustified accusations towards other players, officials or sponsors of a tournament.

3.1.9 Engaging in conduct likely to injure the reputation of JMC, its events, organisers, participants or sponsors.

3.2 Being an organiser, tournament director, arbiter or other official of an event:

3.2.1 failing to perform his or her functions in relation to that event in an impartial and responsible manner; or

3.2.2 failing to take necessary steps to ensure the proper conduct of the event, or games in the event, according to the FIDE Laws of Chess and the tournament rules or conditions.

4. Complaints and Penalties

4.1 All complaints concerning the behaviour of players during an event must be made to the Chief Arbiter of the event who may impose an appropriate penalty.

4.2 Any player who, either in the capacity of player or spectator, engages in behaviour in contravention of Code items under 3.1 may be forfeited one or more games depending on the severity of the offence.

4.3 Other complaints or reports of an alleged breach of this Code may be made to the JMC EXCO which shall consider and decide the matter.

4.4 Any player or spectator acting in contravention of this Code can be excluded from games or events to which it applies for an appropriate period.

4.5 Any arbiter or other official acting in contravention of this Code can be excluded from performing the functions of arbiter or official in, or in relation to, any event to which this Code applies for an appropriate period.

4.6 A player who is found to have contravened Code item 3.3 can be excluded from representing JMC in some or all events for an appropriate period.

4.7 A penalty under Code item 4.4, 4.5 or 4.6 shall be imposed only by the JMC EXCO after proper inquiry in accordance with the principles of procedural fairness in which anyone alleged to have breached the Code is told of the allegation against them and is given the opportunity to present their case in reply to the allegation.