

# **CHATTANOOGA CHESS CLUB CODE OF CONDUCT**

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## **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Code of Conduct is to ensure that the members of the Club and any person playing chess at the Club, or participate in any Club sanctioned activity, conduct themselves in a sporting and fair manner at all times.

While not every circumstance can be addressed, this Code seeks to identify general areas of conduct which are inappropriate and liable to draw disciplinary action by the Club up to and including revocation of membership and/or banishment from Club activities in any venue.

## **GUIDELINES**

### **1. Understand and play by the rules**

Generally speaking, the rules of chess play, as established by the USCF and FIDE, will govern both tournament and casual play at Club with allowance for more informal conversation during casual play.

### **2. Verbal abuse**

Verbally abusing or deliberately distracting or provoking participants is not acceptable.

### **3. Smoking or consumption of alcohol**

Smoking and alcohol are not allowed on the premises or at any Club activity.

### **4. Noise**

It is expected that during tournament and casual play participants will wish to discuss and analyze their games. During tournament play, USCF rules will apply. During casual play, it is expected that participants will keep their voices low out of respect for the other players.

Scholastic players (those under age 17) must be accompanied at all times by a parent or guardian whose responsibility it will be to keep the behavior of their charges within this code of conduct.

**End Code of Conduct**