

## Code of Conduct

In order to participate in the St. Charles Chess Club, players are expected to:

- 1) Be respectful of their opponents
  - i) Shake hands before and after each game
  - ii) Do not taunt, make fun of, or belittle
  - iii) Thoughtfully make your moves in a reasonable amount of time
  - iv) Do not brag about chess games at any time
  - v) Generally show humility
  - vi) Keep the noise level down while other games are being played
- 2) Abide by Club rules
  - i) Touch rule
  - ii) Take back, and allow your opponent to take back, illegal moves
  - iii) Raise your hand for an adult advisor to settle any disputes
  - iv) Respect adult advisors by following their directives
- 3) Be respectful of Club Property
  - i) Don't let pieces fall off the table or get mixed up with other pieces
  - ii) Set up your board at the end of your game
  - iii) Be gentle with chess clocks
  - iv) Never throw pieces or wipe out a board in frustration
- 4) No cheating
  - i) By willful disregard for chess rules
  - ii) By deception
  - iii) By helping anyone during their game

Repeated disregard for any of these rules, or a single occurrence of one of the more serious infractions, will result in suspension from the Club. Ratings penalties may be enforced in some circumstances.