



## STUDENT CONDUCT AT TOURNAMENTS AND EVENTS

There have been several issues with the unacceptable conduct of students at chess tournaments, mainly outside the tournament playing hall. These included:

- Running in the hallway
- Kicking balls inside the building
- Throwing items to each other across the room
- Smashing food on the tables and floors
- Climbing on furniture and windowsills
- Throwing wet wadded up paper towels against the walls in the bathroom
- Joy riding on the elevator
- Going outside without being escorted by a chaperone
- Not cleaning up after themselves

This behavior is not appropriate, is in violation of the Chicago Public Schools' [Student Code Conduct](#).

Before coming to a tournament, schools are required to have received signed **Academic Chess Parental Permission** forms from each student signed by the student and a parent agreeing that *"All students are expected to comply with the Chicago Public Schools' Student Code Conduct at school and during every chess competition."*

Each school is required to provide chaperones for their students at the tournaments. These chaperones are required to undergo the appropriate CPS background check before having contact with students. Part of these chaperones responsibilities is to watch over and correct their student's behavior outside the tournament hall.

Our policy on the number of chaperones for a school has been a minimum of 2, 3 if more than 12 students are registered for a tournament. We have also allowed additional chaperones on a case-by-case basis for students with medical conditions or who have an IEP.

Coaches, you should talk with your students and the designated chaperones about the expected behavior of students and the responsibilities of the chaperones at tournaments. Chaperones assumes the applicable coaches' responsibilities listed in the ***CPS Chess Rules & Regulations***.

Students violating the Chicago Public Schools' [Student Code Conduct](#), engaging in unsportsmanship like conduct or in unacceptable behavior are subject to being withdrawn from the tournament and being banned from participation in future tournament(s).

## **CHAPERONE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

Each school is required to provide chaperones for their students at the tournaments. Part of these chaperones responsibilities is to watch over and correct their student's behavior outside the tournament hall.

Chaperones, coaches, and students whose games have finished are not allowed inside the tournament playing rooms while games are in progress. Our Tournament Directors, CPS Academic staff, and security are in these rooms to assist and monitor the students.

School chaperones and coaches are responsibilities to watch over and correct their student's behavior outside the tournament playing rooms. Our policy on the number of chaperones allowed per school is a minimum of 2, and 1 additional chaperone per 6 students above 12 registered for a tournament.

Thank you for helping make our chess program one of the best in the nation and for helping to keep our students safe at chess tournaments. If you have any questions or comments, don't hesitate to contact us.