

Chess Club Basics

1. All members are expected to be respectful to the coaches, parent volunteers, and other members / opponents at all times. A continuing behavior pattern that fails to follow these basic rules will result in removal from the club, and pro-rated return of membership dues. Members that are disruptive during club (and continue to be so after a warning) may be placed into Extended Care, and their parents will be responsible for the charges incurred. These behavior expectations apply to both club meetings, **and even more so** to any tournaments attended, where we expect our members to be examples to the community at large.

2. Chess Club starts promptly after school dismisses on Thursdays (3:00). Members are expected to report as promptly as reasonably possible to the check-in and snack area in Fellowship Hall, so that others don't have to wait on their arrival.

3. Chess Club snacks are to be consumed in the check-in area only; and members are to stay off any steps, railings, landings, or other equipment. Chess Club prizes such as Starbursts must be promptly placed in member's pockets, and are only to be consumed after both club dismissal and their parent's approval.

4. Chess Club chess games are ALWAYS automatically considered to be 'touch-move', using the normal WA Scholastic interpretation of this rule. This means that if you touch your piece with your hand (not if you accidentally brush it with another part of your body) you must move that piece if there is any legal move, even if that means you lose the game in one move! If you touch your opponent's piece with either your hand or your piece, you must capture that piece if there is a legal move to do so. There is no accidental defense available for pieces touched with your hand or your piece – you are responsible to make your moves carefully. Bughouse games (partners chess - only allowed on announced Bughouse Weeks) are the only exception to this touch-move rule.

5. Kibitzing (offering advice or comments about your neighbor's games) about games around you is **never, ever**, allowed. At tournaments, this activity will cause you to forfeit your match (ask your fellow members – they know!) so it is our policy to enforce this during club meetings, as well, to encourage proper tournament behavior.

6. Chess is a game of honor; our members are expected to always act in an honorable manner. Chess Club is meant to be a place where we can have some fun with our friends, learn some about chess, and always do so in a Christ-honoring manner!

Thanks for joining us!