

Parental Responsibilities at chess tournaments:

Listen to and follow Organizer's instructions.

Know where your child is at all times.

Make sure your child knows where to find you. You must remain at the tournament or arrange for another adult to be responsible for your child during the event. No drop-offs allowed.

Help your child with his/her pairing assignment if needed. (Ask other parents for help as needed!)

Help get your child seated at the correct board and at the correct color each round of the event.

Verify all of your child's posted information after the first round and report any errors to the tournament staff.

Keep your child physically (healthy drinks & snacks) and emotionally balanced. When your child loses a game, listen and empathize. Please report any issues of unsportsmanlike conduct as soon as possible, even if after the game. HOWEVER, keep in mind that it is your child's responsibility to voice complaints while a game is in progress. That is the only way for the director to act on any issues. Do NOT expect the tournament director to change your child's score.

Never berate your child for a loss. Console your child. Chess is a very difficult game and a growth opportunity for your family. If you feel chess is easy, we invite you to participate in the open section. It's an eye-opening experience!

Look at the wall charts each round and bring any mistakes to the attention of the staff ASAP. If you say your child won a round 2 game and it is marked as a loss, tell the staff before or during round 3. We will not alter awards once they have been determined. Mistakes in results reported more than 2 rounds after they occur will not be changed for award-purposes. However, mistakes will always be corrected for rating-purposes. Encourage your child to take notation. Sometimes this is the only proof when a game result is in dispute.

Help police the cafeteria area and pick up the boards and sets before the award ceremony.

Encourage your child to win with grace and lose with dignity.