



Chicago Chess Academy Behavior Policy

At Chicago Chess Academy, our goal is to provide a safe, supportive, and engaging learning environment where students can develop their chess skills, focus, and strategic thinking in a positive atmosphere. To ensure that all students have the opportunity to learn and enjoy the program, we have established clear behavior expectations and guidelines.

Behavior Expectations:

1. Respect & Sportsmanship

- Students are expected to treat instructors, classmates, and staff with kindness and respect at all times.
- Good sportsmanship is a core value in chess—students should be gracious in both victory and defeat.
- Disruptive behavior, name-calling, or inappropriate language will not be tolerated.

2. Focus & Engagement

- Students should remain attentive and actively participate in lessons and gameplay.
- Electronic devices (phones, tablets, etc.) should not be used during class unless permitted by the instructor for a chess-related activity.
- Disruptive side conversations or excessive distractions will be addressed using our three-attempt rule.

3. Behavior Management: Three-Attempt Rule

To ensure all students can participate in a focused and respectful manner, we will implement the following three-attempt rule for addressing continuous disruptions:

1. First continuous disruption – The student will receive a time-out to refocus.
2. Second continuous disruption – The student will be excused from the class and sent to the main office.
3. Third continuous disruption – The student will be removed from the program without a refund.



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4. Zero-Tolerance Policy for Fighting

- Any instance of physical fighting will result in the immediate removal of the student from the class without a refund.
- Students are expected to resolve conflicts peacefully and with the guidance of an instructor when necessary.

5. Bullying & Disrespectful Behavior

- Bullying of any kind—verbal, physical, or online—will be addressed promptly and appropriately.
- If a student is found to be engaging in bullying behavior, a meeting with the instructor, administration, and parent/guardian will be required.

6. Respect for Property & Materials

- Students must respect all chess equipment, school property, and materials provided for the class.
- Any intentional damage to chess sets, boards, or school property may result in removal from the program.

Commitment to a Positive Learning Environment

Our instructors are dedicated to reinforcing positive interactions and addressing any concerns immediately to ensure a safe and enjoyable space for all participants. By working together, we can create an environment where students not only grow in their chess abilities but also learn valuable lessons in teamwork, discipline, and mutual respect.

Final Acknowledgment

By enrolling in the program, students and parents/guardians agree to follow these guidelines. Our goal is to create a positive and engaging experience for all students, and we truly appreciate your understanding and support in helping us maintain that environment.