



Meltham and Denby Dales - Code of Conduct v1.0

The conduct of MaDD members is nothing short of exemplary. However, as the club continues to expand it is necessary to formalise the clubs expectations in order for it to maintain a warm and friendly environment. Therefore, the following points are what the club committee feel are important qualities and members breaking one or more of these may have their membership revoked or refused.

- 1) Games are played in a friendly environment. It is standard etiquette that the competing players shake hands before and after a game.
- 2) Players will not attempt to distract or interfere with their opponent or other games occurring in the same venue.
- 3) The chess board is no place to have an argument. If there is a disagreement, raise your hand and one of our team coaches or arbiters will resolve the matter.
- 4) No threats (verbal or physical) are tolerated and any such will lead to an immediate revoking of membership.
- 5) Swearing or poor language is not permitted. If this occurs during the junior sessions then it may result in a revoking of membership.
- 6) If a player has been found to have cheated during a game, then this will result in an automatic revoking of membership and possible reporting to the English chess federation (depending on the circumstances).
- 7) Any abusive behaviour targeted at specific groups will result in an immediate revoking of membership.