

Doncaster Junior Chess Club – Code of Conduct

Overview

The following document outlines the expected conduct of all members, coaches, parents, carers, and peoples associated with the Doncaster Junior Chess Club. All members and associated adults (including parents and carers) agree to follow this code of conduct where reasonable and to uphold its values. This code of conduct is not an exhaustive list of acceptable behaviours but should be taken as a guide.

Junior Members

As a member of the Doncaster Junior Chess Club, I agree to:

- Uphold the Golden Rules of Doncaster Junior Chess.
- Treat my peers and coaches with respect, which includes no rude behaviour, name-calling, or otherwise hurtful comments.
- Attend regularly and punctually.
- Treat the equipment and venue with respect, including helping to pack away at the end of sessions.
- Maintain a high standard of behaviour, not dissimilar to the behaviour expected within a school setting.
- Not use phones or electronic equipment during sessions.
- Not leave the premises without an adult collecting me and club staff being made aware of who I am leaving with as I leave.
- Not make comments (on social media, through text, through email, or through other means of communication) about coaches, peers, or any other person with affiliation to the club.
- Address any concerns with a trusted adult as soon as possible.

Parents and Carers

As my child or children attend the Doncaster Junior Chess Club, I agree to:

- Ensure that my child adheres to the agreed code of conduct.
- Ensure that I collect my child at the agreed time and ensure that club staff are aware of who I am and that I have collected my child.
- Treat other parents and carers with respect, alongside coaches and other adults involved in the chess community.
- Encourage my child to follow the Golden Rules.

- Praise my child whenever possible for their efforts and positive attitude towards a difficult, and at times devastating, game.
- Not push my child to take part when they are not enjoying the game, or pressure them to achieve victories or trophies as a prize above the love of the game and the learning they are doing.
- Not make comments (on social media, through text, through email, or through other means of communication) about coaches, players, or any other person with affiliation to the club.
- Be available on the emergency contact number given while my child is in the care of club's staff.
- Not take photos or videos without the permission of the staff (to ensure that pupils without photo consent do not appear elsewhere).
- Try to support my child by taking them to tournaments throughout the year, such as the UKCC or the Yorkshire Junior Grand Prix.
- Address concerns or issues in a positive and polite manner to the volunteers helping to run the club. (NB: Aggressive or abusive behaviour will not be tolerated in any way).
- To try and avoid excuses, board-flipping, or other outbursts once my child beats me for the first time. This does remove my right of exacting revenge in any future rematches.

Coaches and Club Staff

As a coach or staff member of the Doncaster Junior Chess Club, I agree to:

- Treat all members (and supporting adults including parents and carers) with mutual respect at all times.
- Adhere to the safeguarding policy of the club in full.
- Act as a role model for the juniors by setting a good example of behaviour and sportsmanship.
- Encourage pupils to improve in a supportive environment, whilst not pressuring pupils.
- Not leave juniors unsupervised at any time.
- Remember that the club is not a chance to fix their own failed dreams of becoming a super grandmaster, and as such, promote fun experiences for its members.
- Not make comments (on social media, through text, through email, or through other means of communication) about coaches, juniors, or any other person with affiliation to the club.

- Address concerns wherever possible when these have been raised in the correct manner.