

When at the Club

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I. Equipment

- You must bring your own USCF approved equipment and have the following items:
 - Board, pieces, clock
 - **Allowed:** Score Sheet, Score book, **ChessNoter**
 - **Not Allowed:** turned-on cell phones, tablets
- USCF rules dictate that all players must keep score of the moves.

II. Facility Rules

- All youth shall have someone responsible for them always present.
 - At least one adult per 5 youths
- Only use the areas allowed and maintain proper decorum while on church property.
- Players or others present may be personally liable if responsible for the loss or damage to any equipment or property within the grounds or building of the church.
- Everyone is expected to pick up or clean up after themselves.
- All food and drinks are to be kept away from carpeted areas.
- Smoking is not permitted on the property, inside or outside of the buildings.
- No alcoholic beverages are permitted inside or outside the facility.
- Running is not allowed.

III. Once the round has started

- Phones shall remain off in the playing room and shall be kept out of sight and not accessed.
- No food of any kind may be consumed in the playing room.
- Beverages are permitted at the board.
- Repeated access to lozenges which make noise is not permitted.
- Conversations are not allowed.
 - Any necessary discussion should be brief and quiet; otherwise, leave the room to talk.
- Only players in the event and Tournament Directors (TDs) may watch games in progress.
- People Responsible for youth are not permitted to remain in the playing room.
- A reminder to all – it is against USCF rules to discuss **any game anywhere** in progress.
- Players are to avoid frequent entry and exit from the playing room.

IV. Good Sportsmanship

Failure to comply with the following guidelines may result in penalties being assessed by the Tournament Director (TD) which may include forfeiting the Player:

- It is expected that you and your opponent will speak and behave in good faith for any issues discussed with a TD.
- It is expected that you will attempt to resolve annoyances in a polite and courteous manner.
- If someone is making a noise that is disturbing you, please ask them politely to stop.
 - If after a second reminder they persist and you believe it to be intentional or so severe as to affect your play and others nearby, seek out a TD to resolve the matter.
 - If you or your opponent have a disagreement or are uncertain about the rules, inform your opponent you are seeking a TD and stop the clock.