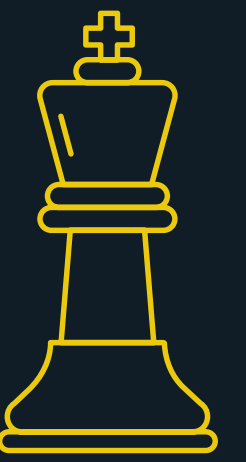
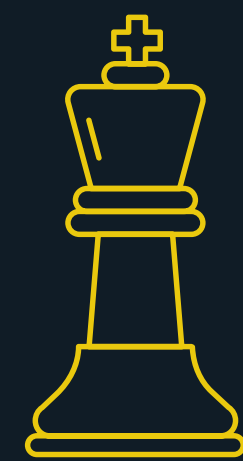


Tournament Rules



Away from the Board

- Players and parents are only allowed on the second floor or outside. The first floor is strictly off-limits.
- Players and parents are not permitted to take any equipment from the facility, including sports or chess equipment.
- Children who finish their matches early must report immediately to the waiting room. They are not allowed to be unsupervised in the hallway. Children accompanied by a supervising adult or adult players may go outside.
- Siblings who are in attendance must also be supervised at all times and are not allowed to wander the facility unsupervised.
- Eating in the hallway is not allowed.
- Anyone who uses an ICA chess board must set it up properly after use. Additionally, all food and personal belongings must be cleaned up before leaving.
- All players, parents, and visitors are expected to respect the facility and those around them. Please be mindful of noise levels and treat the space, staff, and fellow participants with courtesy.
- Anyone who violates these rules will receive a warning. Repeat offenses may result in a ban from our tournaments.



At the Board

- If you touch your piece and you can move it, you must move it! The only exception is if you say “adjust” beforehand.
- If you touch your opponent’s piece and you can capture it, you must capture it!
- All moves must be recorded on a scoresheet, unless you or your opponent are below 5 minutes. In that case, both players may choose to stop recording.
- If an illegal move is made, call a Tournament Director (TD).
- Talking between opponents is prohibited during the match. Players in violation will receive a two minute deduction.
- Any communication between players from different games, as well as between spectators and players during a match, will be considered cheating and will result in disqualification and a potential ban.
- No food or drinks are allowed to be eaten at the board.
- Breaks between rounds are limited to five minutes. Players who violate this rule without prior permission from a TD will have their clock started by the TD.
- All phones and smartwatches must be placed on a desk away from the players.
- If you have any questions regarding the rules or while at the board, call a TD for help!