

Parental/Coach Responsibilities at chess tournaments:

Listen to and follow Organizer's instructions.

Know where your chess player is at all times.

Make sure your chess player knows where to find you. You must remain at the tournament or arrange for another adult to be responsible for your child during the event. No drop-offs allowed.

Help your chess player with their pairing assignment if needed. (Ask other parents for help as needed!)
At this event all pairings will be posted online only.

Make sure your chess player knows their correct board number and at the correct color each round of the event. Write it down, so your child can find their own seat.

Verify all of your chess player's posted information after the first round and report any errors to the tournament staff.

Keep your chess player physically (healthy drinks & snacks) and emotionally balanced. When your chess player loses a game, listen and empathize. Please report any issues of unsportsmanlike conduct as soon as possible, even if after the game. HOWEVER, keep in mind that it is your chess player's responsibility to voice complaints while a game is in progress. That is the only way for the director to act on any issues. Do NOT expect the tournament director to change your child's score.

Never berate your chess player for a loss. Console your chess player. Chess is a very difficult game and a growth opportunity for your family. If you feel chess is easy, we invite you to participate in the open section. It's an eye-opening experience!

Look at the wall charts each round and bring any mistakes to the attention of the staff ASAP. If you say your chess player won a round 2 game and it is marked as a loss, tell the staff before or during round 3. We will not alter awards once they have been determined. Mistakes in results reported more than 2 rounds after they occur will not be changed for award-purposes. However, mistakes will always be corrected for rating-purposes. Encourage your chess player to take notation. Sometimes this is the only proof when a game result is in dispute.

Help police the cafeteria area and pick up the boards and sets before the award ceremony.

Encourage your chess player to win with grace and lose with dignity.