

CHESS KIDZ

Expected Behavior

To make the chess club a great experience for all participants, we have set up the following expectations. Please read them carefully to your child, so that he/she is aware of the importance and consequences of these expectations.

Behavior Expectations

It is our intention to ensure that all students have a fun, enjoyable experience with chess. We are dedicated to providing a fun environment for the kids to learn and play chess. In order for everyone to have fun, students are expected to maintain reasonable standards of discipline and respect for their teachers and fellow peers. Disruptive behavior can include a plethora of things and need not be listed here.

Good sportsmanship is an important part of chess. At the professional and amateur levels, chess players always shake hands after a game, no matter the outcome, and exchange the words “good game”. This is a meaningful part of the game. Chess promotes a learning atmosphere where everyone should be encouraged to do their best. Gloating and name-calling are not part of the ChessKidz way. Warnings come first, and then zero tolerance applies.

If there is a case of serious discipline problems, our policy is to first speak with the student about the problem. If it continues, the next step is to speak with the parents. The second to last step would be to have the child attend only if supervised by a parent for several classes. The final step would be to inform the parents and the student that he/she is no longer welcome at the chess club and may see a possible future ban of sessions enforced.

Our instructors have been teaching for a very long time and in our experience, we have never had to ban a student from the club. However, this may be the result of such situations.



Snacks

It is always a great idea to have a cold snack and a drink that your child can have during the start of chess club. This helps to get the brain moving again after a long day of school! Snacks are allowed only during the lesson time available which is usually up to 30 minutes of our total time in the club. Snacks are only allowed for classes that are held in areas in which the school allows snacks. If the club is held in the library, students are responsible for snacking right before the class. Each of our programs allow five minutes for the student to arrive to class on time and this time can be used to munch something down before entering the library.