

New Bern Noble Knights Chess Club - Code of Ethics:

Noble Knights (NBNK) or The Club

1. The purpose of this **Code of Ethics** is to set forth standards to which the conduct of players, parents, volunteers, sponsors, and other individuals and entities participating in the affairs of the **New Bern Noble Knights Chess Club (NBNK)** including tournaments and other activities sponsored, sanctioned, or participated in by the club, should conform.
2. The actions and behavior of individuals participating in Noble Knights activities, or in events sponsored by or sanctioned by or attended by the CLUB, shall be lawful and in accordance with all rules and regulations, and consistent with the principles of fair play, good sportsmanship, honesty, and respect for the rights of others.
3. The following is a list of examples of actions and behavior that are considered unethical. The list is not intended to be exhaustive, and any action or behavior that is unlawful or violates Club rules and regulations, or is inconsistent with the principles of fair play, good sportsmanship, honesty, and respect for the rights of others, may be considered to fall within the scope of this Code of Ethics.
  - a. Intentional violations of tournament regulations, or of any other regulations pertaining to Club activities and goals, particularly after being warned.
  - b. Cheating in a game of chess, for example by any of the following means:
    - i. Illegally giving, receiving, offering, or soliciting advice;
    - ii. Tampering with clocks;
    - iii. The use of notes made during a competitive game as an aid to memory, aside from the actual recording of moves, draw offers, and clock times, and the header information normally found on a scoresheet;
    - iv. Analyzing a competitive game in progress using another chessboard or computer;
    - v. During a competitive game, intentionally distracting the opponent.
  - c. Deliberately losing a game for payment, or to lower one's rating, or for any other reason; or attempting to induce another player to do so. Deliberately failing to play at one's best in a game, in any manner inconsistent with the principles of good sportsmanship, honesty, or fair play.
  - d. Deliberately misrepresenting one's playing ability in order to compete in a tournament or division of a tournament intended for players of lesser ability; players with foreign ratings are expected to disclose those ratings.
  - e. Purposely giving false information in order to circumvent or violate any rule or regulation or goal recognized by the Club.
  - f. Attempting to interfere with the rights of any NBNK Club member, such as by barring someone from entering a-sanctioned event for personal reasons. Generally, no individual should be barred from a NBNK-sanctioned event for which he or she meets the advertised qualifications, without appropriate due process, and for behavior inconsistent with the principles of this code and/or the rules of chess. If a ban on future participation is imposed, the individual should be notified of the ban prior to his attempting to appear at future events.
  - g. Violating federal, state, or local laws while participating in activities that are associated with the New Bern Noble Knights Chess Club.