

Chess Etiquette

There are some official and unofficial rules of etiquette in the game of chess. The general theme of chess etiquette is to be a good sport and to be respectful. Some of the more common official rules of etiquette are as follows:

- Every game must begin and end with the players shaking hands.
- Between the two handshakes, no talking is permitted.
- Never do anything to distract any other player in the tournament, especially your opponent.
- Always use the "touch move" rule. (Or Touch-Take)
- If an illegal move is made, the tournament director should be summoned by raising your hand.
- Never gloat over a victory or become despondent or hostile following a defeat.

It is always best to analyze the game with your opponent, after the game ends, and in a different room from where you played. Leave the playing room quietly when you finish so as not to distract the other people who are still playing.

- Never comment on a game that is in progress, whether the game is yours or one that you are just watching.

These rules of etiquette generally apply to tournaments, but it is always a good idea to follow these. Being a good sport in chess and having fun generally makes for a better chess player.