



COVID-19 PROTOCOLS FOR OVER THE BOARD CHESS TOURNAMENTS

Protocols for players

1. On entering the playing site:
 - a. Only players will be allowed to enter the playing site.
 - b. All players will sign a declaration form on entering the building.
 - c. All players will have their temperature taken. If it is not within the acceptable range (37.5°C or below), the player will not be allowed to enter.
 - d. All players must wear a face mask.
 - e. Hands must be sanitized with sanitizers with at least 70 per cent alcohol or soap and water.

2. In the playing hall, players should:
 - a. Avoid shaking hands before and after games.
 - b. Cover face with a mask.
 - c. Do not eat during the game.
 - d. Clean the surface of water bottles thoroughly and regularly.
 - e. Use hand sanitizer liberally.
 - f. Avoid touching other people, shaking hands, hugging or kissing.
 - g. Avoid touching your face especially your mouth, nose and eyes.
 - h. Sneeze or cough into a tissue. Using the inside of your elbow is not recommended since the droplets will adhere to your skin or clothes.
 - i. If a person begins to feel ill or sees another player is ill, the player should inform the tournament arbiters/organisers.
 - j. Players should avoid traversing the playing hall.

- k. Players should endeavour to stay one metre (three feet) away from other players bar their opponent.
- l. At the end of their respective games, players should leave the playing site.

Protocols for Arbiters

- a. Adhere to all the good hygienic requirements.
- b. Wear disposable gloves, new pairs for each round.
- c. Pause the clock and remove players to an area where you can communicate to them without getting too close.
- d. Wear masks especially if there are sick players in your area.
- e. Observe all players for symptoms, report up the chain if you see something.

Protocols for the environs

- a. Space per player in playing halls shall be increased to cover at least the requirement of one metre distance between the players' boards.
- b. The indoor playing hall must be ventilated regularly and efficiently before, during and after the rounds. It is not recommended any tournaments be played in rooms with no proper ventilation.
- c. Chess pieces, boards, clocks are to be disinfected between rounds.
- d. All other frequently touched surfaces are to be disinfected regularly.
- e. Dirty surfaces must be cleaned immediately then disinfected.
- f. Hand sanitizer in generous quantities must be available to all.
- g. Bathroom surfaces must be cleaned regularly.
- h. Devices used to enter game moves must be cleaned regularly.
- i. Closed trash receptacles to be placed at every board and lined with plastic bags.

Other Guidelines

- a. Cleaning and sanitizing personnel must wear gloves when performing their duties.
- b. The room, pieces, clocks, chess boards, tables and chairs must be properly disinfected beforehand and after each round.
- c. In the toilet facilities, adequate cleaning and disinfection of the premises and constant ventilation must be ensured. Participants should move in such a way that a distance of one metre is observed at all times.
- d. Signage on the “do’s” and “do not’s” must be displayed.

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