

## **Dun Laoghaire Chess Club**

### **Code of Ethics**

1. To be respectful, considerate, patient, tolerant and inclusive towards other members, prospective members and members of the public irrespective of age, gender, orientation, nationality, race or religion.
2. To not bring the club into disrepute through actions, public statements or on social media.
3. To take responsibility for making the club a friendly and enjoyable experience.
4. To report any inappropriate behaviour swiftly to a member of the Club Committee.
5. To pay the appropriate club subscriptions in a timely manner.
6. In the event that you are selected to play representative matches for the club, to ensure you are a member of the Irish Chess Union so that the club does not suffer any points deductions.
7. To observe the rules of chess.
8. To protect and keep secure the club equipment.
9. To help set up and/or put away the equipment after a game.
10. When club members are engaged in competition whether with other DunLaoghaire Chess Club members, or with players from outside the club, they should:

- Act with respect towards opponents, opposing teams and club premises and equipment.
- Avoid conversations with anyone else and respect the need for quiet while games are in progress.
- Not open snack food wrappings, drink cans etc. at the board.
- Avoid distracting an opponent either verbally or through actions.

*Players who have finished their games, other observers, spectators and other club members present in the playing area should:*

- Adhere to the spirit of the above code for players.
- Ensure that mobile phones are turned off in the play area.
- Not under any circumstances give advice while the game is in progress.

- Not intervene or interfere in games in progress in any other way.
- Refrain from conversations while games are in progress.