



Chess Association Kerala

(Affiliated to All India Chess Federation)

Code of Conduct for All Arbiters

- 1) Arbiters shall register with the Chess Association Kerala through their respective District Associations by paying the Annual Registration Fee as prescribed by CAK financial regulations from time to time to be considered for appointment as arbiters in any tournament.
- 2) Arbiters shall be unbiased in tournaments and shall exhibit no nepotism or favouritism in delivering decisions.
- 3) Arbiters have to be thorough with the Laws of Chess, Rating Regulations, Pairing Regulations, Title Regulations, and other related topics.
- 4) Arbiters have to abide by the rules and regulations of the Chess Association Kerala / All India Chess Federation and FIDE.
- 5) Arbiters shall obtain prior permission from the Chess Association Kerala (through their District associations) to officiate in tournaments in other states.
- 6) An arbiter who wishes to officiate in tournaments held outside their own district must obtain prior permission from their district association. Only those who comply with this rule will be eligible for consideration in district championships, state championships, national championships, Norm championships, and Norm events.
- 7) Only qualified arbiters shall serve in tournaments. For state championships, International/FIDE Arbiters shall be appointed as Chief Arbiter. For other state-level tournaments, IA/FA/Senior National Arbiters shall be appointed as Chief Arbiter. For district-level tournaments, at least State Arbiters shall be appointed as Chief Arbiter. For rating tournaments, the Chief Arbiter shall be at least a FIDE Arbiter.
- 8) Arbiters shall be in proper attire during tournaments. If a uniform T-shirt/waistcoat/blazer is provided by organizers, they shall wear it. Otherwise, they must wear a half or full shirt or coat with full pants, and an easily identifiable badge. A necktie is preferable.
- 9) Wearing shoes is mandatory in all tournaments and championships.
- 10) An arbiter must arrive at the tournament hall well in advance.
- 11) An arbiter shall not leave the playing venue during games without permission from the Chief Arbiter.

- 12) At the end of a round in a tournament, arbiters must leave the venue only after informing the Chief Arbiter.
- 13) Arbiters shall not use mobile phones in the playing area under any circumstances. They shall maintain silence in the tournament hall and avoid speaking with other arbiters in the playing hall.
- 14) Arbiters are expected to be proficient in handling chess clocks.
- 15) During time pressure periods in tournaments, all arbiters must be alert and attentive.
- 16) If any problem on or off the board during a round is resolved by an arbiter, it must be reported to the Chief Arbiter.
- 17) Abusing players, especially children, in tournaments must be avoided.
- 18) The behaviour of arbiters both during and outside tournaments shall not bring disrepute to the game of chess.
- 19) Any arbiter not following the above rules shall be subject to disciplinary proceedings. Furthermore, arbiters will also fall under the provisions of the Bye-laws and the Constitution of CAK when dealing with matters concerning discipline.

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