

New Zealand Chess Federation

Code of Conduct for Players – 2026 Chess Olympiad, Uzbekistan

1. Purpose

This Code of Conduct sets the standard for behaviour expected of all players and others representing New Zealand at the 2026 Chess Olympiad. It aims to uphold the values of sportsmanship, integrity, and respect, ensuring a positive experience for all involved.

2. Scope

This Code applies to:

- All players selected to represent New Zealand.
- Team captains and accompanying officials.
- Any NZCF-affiliated personnel attending the Olympiad.

3. Core Values

All representatives of the NZCF are expected to embody the following values:

- Integrity: Compete honestly and uphold the spirit of the game.
- Respect: Treat all individuals—players, officials, organizers, and the public—with dignity and foster a harassment-free environment.
- Responsibility: Be accountable for your actions on and off the board.
- Fair Play: Avoid any form of cheating, collusion, or unsporting behavior.

4. Player Responsibilities

Players must:

- Compliance: Follow FIDE rules, Olympiad regulations, and NZCF policies.
- Punctuality: Arrive on time for all games, designated sessions with Captains, team meetings, and official functions.
- Team Culture: It is a player's responsibility to support their team captains and therefore to abide by their directives and decisions. Individual team members should endeavour to be supportive of their team in order to create a positive team environment for all.
- Dress Code: Adhere to the Olympiad dress code and present yourself professionally.
- Substance Use: Refrain from alcohol or prohibited substances during competition

hours, or at times where subsequent performance will likely be impaired.

- Social Media: Use social media responsibly; avoid posting content that may harm the team's reputation, violate event rules, or bring the NZCF into disrepute.

5. Prohibited Conduct

The following behaviors are strictly prohibited:

- Cheating: Any form of assistance, collusion, or use of unauthorized devices.
- Harassment: Verbal, physical, or online harassment of any kind.
- Disruptive Behaviour: Actions that interfere with the event or bring the NZCF into disrepute.
- Disobedience: Refusal to follow reasonable instructions from team officials or event organizers.

6a. Team Captain and Officials

Captains and officials are expected to:

- Lead by example in professionalism and conduct.
- Support players' well-being and performance.
- Report any violations of this Code to NZCF leadership.

6b. Accompanying NZCF-affiliated personnel

Persons accompanying the team are expected to:

- Refrain from behaviour that may impact negatively on individual or team performance and/or culture.
- Support players' well-being, working through the Head of Delegation to achieve this.
- Report any violations of this Code to NZCF leadership, being the Head of Delegation in the first instance.

7. Disciplinary Procedures

Reporting: Violations should be reported to the team captain or NZCF Head of Delegation.

Investigation: The NZCF, through the HoD, will investigate all reported incidents fairly and confidentially.

Sanctions: May include warnings, suspension from matches, removal from the team, or referral to the NZCF Council and/or FIDE Ethics Commission.

8. Declaration

All players and officials must sign a declaration acknowledging their understanding and acceptance of this Code prior to departure.

Acknowledgment

I, the undersigned, acknowledge that I have read and understood the Code of Conduct for Players representing New Zealand at the 2026 Chess Olympiad in Uzbekistan. I agree to abide by the rules and standards set forth in this document.

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____