

BCCF Safe Play Code of Conduct

In the Province of British Columbia, sports are overseen by ViaSport, BC. Policies regarding unacceptable behavior in sports are contained within the BC Universal Code of Conduct (BC UCC). <https://viasport.ca/resources/bc-universal-code-of-conduct/>

The BCCF is not accredited with ViaSport, however the BC UCC is a useful reference for any organizer or tournament director faced with a behavioral issue at a chess event.

Definition (taken from the BC UCC)

“A safe play violation is behavior that has a serious and detrimental impact on another participant or could undermine the integrity of the sport”. Examples of safe play violations could include bullying, harassment or threatening behavior toward an attendee.

Authority and Responsibility

An organizer or arbiter at any chess event in BC has the responsibility to take appropriate action in response to an observed or reported violation of Safe Play. They are expected to use diplomacy and judgement in considering appropriate actions to protect our members. No player, parent, coach or spectator may interfere with a tournament official in the performance of their duties.

Scope of Responsibility

The authority of BCCF event officials is normally limited to the venue and timeframe of the event. However, if an observed or reported incident outside the venue has a direct impact on the safe conduct of the event, it should be investigated. Any complaints that appear to be of a criminal nature must be referred to security or law enforcement authorities.

Actions to be Taken

Organizers and arbiters are authorized to take whatever immediate actions they deem appropriate to protect the safety of our members. In considering such actions they must consider the seriousness of the incident, the impact on all parties involved, and the testimony of the people involved including witnesses

Authorized actions could include:

Warning

Removal from the venue for a specified time such as the current round

Expulsion from the event

Report Required

If action taken is greater than a warning, a report shall be submitted in writing to the BCCF containing the dates, times and names of individuals involved including witnesses, a summary of the incident and recommendations for further action by the BCCF.