



## BE A GOOD SPORT

One of the main purposes of having a chess club & chess team is to teach you good sportsmanship. How you act is more important than whether you win or lose.

BE A GOOD WINNER: Don't brag or make fun of your opponent.

BE A GOOD LOSER: Congratulate your opponent for winning. Don't say that you should have won.

BE FRIENDLY: Be polite & greet your opponent while waiting for the game to begin.

BE POLITE: Shake hands right before you start the game.

DO NOT BOTHER PEOPLE: Captured pieces should be put aside; do not play with them. Do not twirl your pen or pencil. Do not eat food at the table. Do not talk or make noise at the board during tournaments. After your game ends, be quiet & do not analyze it where people are still playing.

BE QUIET DURING INSTRUCTIONS: Give others a chance to hear what is being said.

PLAY BY THE RULES: Being fair is more important than winning. A chess player is required to play without outside help. You may not give or get help. During a tournament match do not speak to anyone on your team, either at the table or away from the board. Do not read anything about chess, even away from the board during tournament games. Make sure everyone knows you are an honest person.

HAVE CHESS BE FUN: Chess is more fun when everyone is a good sport. Do your share... **BE A GOOD SPORT!**