

SACA Player and Parent Conduct Policy

Due to circumstances that have occurred during recent SACA chess tournaments hosted at hotels, we are instituting a **ZERO TOLERANCE** conduct policy for all youth players (ages 17 and under) and their parents or responsible adult. Though we understand that only some individuals are responsible for the problems we have experienced, SACA is forced to take this action to hold events that are fair and equitable to everyone.

Minors may not be left unattended at a hotel. All players and parents are expected to follow the policy outlined below. For youth under 14 years of age, a parent or responsible adult **must sign** this policy and include a mobile phone number where they may be contacted if there is an issue. Players between 14 through 17 may sign for themselves; their parents may sign if in attendance.

The following version of the conduct policy is specific to the **Tucson Open and Scholastics event on Jan. 20-22, 2017** at the Hilton Tucson East. Several items in this letter have been specifically requested by hotel management based on last week's tournament.

Policy Details:

SACA's objective is to hold a harmonious and enjoyable tournament where our players and parents conduct themselves in a respectful manner. To that end, when not playing tournament games, **youth players must:**

- **Be under the supervision** of a parent or responsible adult.
- Always be respectful to all staff (both Hotel and SACA), all players, as well as any non-tournament hotel guests.
- Stay in designated areas and engage in non-disruptive activities such as reading, board/electronic games or talking with friends when not playing a tournament game.

Players or Parents may not:

- Enter outside grounds (including the pool and fitness room) or play in streets or medians.
- Throw anything indoors including balls, food, trash, etc.
- Run through the hotel or "ride" the elevators
- Enter private areas or meeting rooms; or disturb guests.
- Block public access or fire routes or commit acts of vandalism (i.e. damage hotel property).
- Leave garbage or debris anywhere except in designated garbage bins.
- Set up lawn chairs inside the hotel. Parents and coaches may bring their personal chairs and items to the designated area of the south parking lot which will be partitioned off. Since the area is outdoors, please plan accordingly.

Failure to comply with these rules may result in a warning or more likely **immediate ejection** from the tournament depending on the severity of the infraction. Tournament and hotel staff have the final word on ejections and there is no possibility of appeal or refund of tournament fees.

Bringing outside food into the hotel is generally not permitted unless you eat it in your hotel room. We understand that children sometimes need to blow off steam but hotel property is not the place to do that. STEFAN GOLLOB PARK is located at 395 S. Prudence Road, very close to the Tucson Hilton East. We recommend that parents take their children there between games if they wish to engage in active play.

To enforce these rules, SACA will have volunteer monitors that will look out for policy violations. In addition, the hotel staff will immediately advise tournament staff if they observe any unacceptable behavior.

Youth Player Name(s) (Print)

Parent/Responsible Adult Name (Print)

Parent/Responsible Adult Mobile Number

Parent/Responsible Adult Signature

(Youth 14 or older may sign)