



GUIDELINES FOR OVER THE BOARD CHESS GAMES AT COVID-19 LEVEL 1

**Adapted for CHESS CLUBS, PLAYERS AND PARENTS from the
Official Government COVID-19 LEVEL 1 Guidelines**

**THESE GUIDELINES ARE OPTIONAL, NOT MANDATORY
NZCF WILL BE RATING NZCF AND FIDE GAMES HENCEFORTH**

FOR CLUBS:

- Social distancing is encouraged but not mandatory.
- Clean all surfaces, chess boards & pieces **BEFORE or AFTER** every playing session. Clean **BATHROOMS** regularly.
- Have a supply of **HAND SANITISER** available at the entry/ exit to the playing room
- If any player is sneezing, coughing, or unwell, **SEND THEM HOME.**
- Keep a register of **ALL** players/spectators at **ALL** playing sessions and ALL pairings
- Players may wear a face mask – this is not mandatory.
- **NO FOOD** or **DRINK** to be provided.
- Remove all items, materials etc not required for playing from the playing area. E.g. magazines, books etc.

FOR PLAYERS:

- If you are sick, stay home - **DO NOT** go to your Chess Club.
- If you have cold or flu-like symptoms get tested – **DO NOT** go to your Chess Club.
- The FIDE **HANDSHAKE** is not required. Do not be offended if your opponent won't shake.
- Wash your hands, Wash your hands... Use **HAND SANITIZER** when entering and leaving the Playing Area.
- Sneeze and cough into your elbow and regularly disinfect shared surfaces
- If you are concerned about your wellbeing or you have underlying health conditions, consult your GP.
- You may wear a face mask if you wish.
- Keep track of where you've been and who you've seen for contact tracing if needed. Record **ALL** your opponents for **ALL** chess games – even social/blitz games.
- Bring your own **FOOD & DRINK** in a sealed container – **DO NOT SHARE.**
- If you are told by health authorities to self isolate you must do so immediately.