



BAHAMAS CHESS FEDERATION CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) REGULATIONS

As a result of the reduction of Coronavirus (COVID-19) cases in The Bahamas and the easing of COVID-19 restrictions, The Bahamas Chess Federation will resume over-the-board chess tournaments. The following measures shall be put in place at upcoming over-the-board Bahamas Chess Federation chess events to prevent the possible spread of COVID-19 and protect the participants against infection:

OBLIGATION: Organizers, players, arbiters, and other officials should comply with the respective COVID-19 regulations outlined by The Bahamas Ministry of Health & Wellness and within this document.

EFFECTIVE: 21 February 2022

BCF OVER-THE-BOARD TOURNAMENT POLICY:

1. All players, arbiters and officials must show proof of full COVID-19 vaccination or present a valid negative COVID-19 rapid antigen test result with results no older than three days (72 hours) in order to access playing hall.
2. Playing halls shall not be overcrowded and there shall be sufficient physical separation, social distancing, between people (at least 3 feet). Tables will be arranged to facilitate distancing.
3. There shall be **No Spectators** allowed in the playing halls. Arbiters and organizers will have unlimited access to the hall. Members of the Media and other officials may have limited access to the playing hall.
4. All Chess sets (boards, pieces and clocks), tables and chairs shall be cleaned (with clean water and soap or sanitizer or disinfectant) beforehand.

5. There shall be easy access to facilities for participants to wash hands with clean running water and soap or alcohol-based hand sanitizer. Upon entering and exiting the playing hall and during the breaks, participants must sanitize their hands.
6. All players, arbiters and officials shall wear masks at all times indoors.
7. The playing halls shall have proper and well-functioning ventilation and air circulation with fresh air intake.
8. During coffee/lunch breaks and communal meals, special measures shall be put in place to minimize overcrowding and to avoid too much close personal contact between participants.
9. All individuals must sign a declaration about the absence of respiratory issues. In the declaration all players should also declare that he/she is aware of the possible risk of transmission of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) during the chess event, but they are willing to participate, nonetheless. If the player is under 18 their parents must sign the form on their behalf before they are allowed into the playing hall.
10. In addition to the above measures players shall not engage in handshakes, hugs, kisses on the cheek and other close personal contact with fellow players/officials and other persons.