

ACTJCL

Guidelines for arbiters

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Primary roles

Prepare and present a briefing to players at the commencement of the tournament, drawing attention to any rules that are specific to the format being played and/or special characteristics of the tournament.

Maintain oversight of play throughout the tournament, and encourage players to stop their clock and seek assistance if they are unsure about how a rule applies to a position on the board.

Respond to requests for assistance with interpretation of the rules, inoperative clocks, or other chess-related matters.

Resolve any issues between players that may arise, including instances when the outcome of a game is in dispute. The FIDE rules of chess will apply, in conjunction with the relevant sections of the ACTJCL Tournament Guide (the tournament guide).

Advise the tournament manager on appropriate procedures for playoffs, consistent with the tournament guide, in the event of two or more players finishing on the same score.

In the event of unacceptable conduct in connection with play, decide on and apply appropriate penalties, which may include removing a player from further participation in the tournament.

Secondary roles

Be available to analyse games, to the extent possible without compromising the arbiter's effectiveness in their primary roles.

Assist the tournament manager with the operation of Swissperfect, or other tools used to manage the tournament.

Offer a short coaching session at an appropriate time, on a relevant topic/s.

Summarise play in the tournament, from the arbiter's perspective, in conjunction with the presentation of awards.

Other tasks in consultation with the tournament manager, provided this would not compromise effectiveness of the arbiter in his/her primary roles.