

ONLINE FAIR PLAY RULES/REGULATIONS (Anti-Cheating checking)

It is illegal to use computer software of any kind, books, or help from another player or source, or indeed any outside help of any kind during a TAFCA league match. Any player deemed to have transgressed will be brought before the TAFCA committee with the possibility of a ban being imposed. (*see (2) Appeals*)

TAFCA will be using several methods to make sure we all play in a fair environment.

1. TAFCA will screen all matches played as part of its anti-cheating policy. If any player's games are flagged and deemed to be in breach of our Fair-Play policies, then a committee meeting will be called to decide if our anti-cheating rules have been violated and any action required to be taken. (See Appeals & Lichess Platform)
2. **APPEALS:** All TAFCA members have the right of appeal on any decisions taken by the TAFCA committee on our Fair-Play Policies.
3. All games played in TAFCA will also be sent to Chess Scotland for screening through their anti-Cheating software. It will check if any player receives an exceptionally high ROI reading from Professor Ken Regan's FIDE Screening Tool.
4. A report to the Scottish Anti-Cheating Committee will be sent if any exceptionally high ROI readings from Professor Ken Regan's FIDE Screening Tool are identified. They will determine if further action is required.
5. Real names and Lichess handles will be displayed in the entries lists for Chess Scotland events and also in relation to any external software we use.
6. It is expected that any competitions will be conducted by playing chess fairly and not seeking loop holes in the rules or cheating.
7. TAFCA expect all matches to be played in the spirit of fairness, integrity, sportsmanship and respect for the game and your opponents at all times. Implacable standards of behaviour and honesty must be upheld by all players taking part in TAFCA events. Failure to uphold such standards will be regarded as bringing the game and TAFCA into disrepute. Anybody transgressing will be brought before the committee for further action.

LICHESS PLATFORM

1. If any player's lichess account is flagged (example: "**This account violated the Lichess Terms of Service**"), or/and their account closed by Lichess, then that player will be investigated by the TAFCA Committee. If found guilty of transgressing the rules within our own competitions, TAFCA will take appropriate action. If no case to answer, then TAFCA will support the player in any action required to keep them playing in our league. (*subject to Lichess Platform 4*)
2. As the controlling body for its members, TAFCA is responsible for its own affairs and taking action against or supporting its members when it comes to its own rules and regulations on all matters including online events. (Subject to Lichess Platform 4)
3. Any player who changes their username mid-season must inform the league controller of this change and the reasons for the change. In the event of the controller not satisfied with the reason, the matter will be brought before the committee for final decision.
4. TAFCA have no jurisdiction or control over the online platform (Lichess) we use to play our matches. We will always fight on our member's behalf if no TAFCA rules are violated, but ultimately, we cannot force Lichess to agree with our recommendations and we are subject to their decisions on all matters pertaining to their website platform and who can or cannot play on it.