

ACA Conduct Committee Decision Regarding Misconduct by Aaron Sequillion December 12, 2014

On Saturday December 6th, a committee designated by the board of the Alberta Chess Association met to discuss allegations of misconduct made against Mr. Aaron Sequillion during the 2014 Geoff Newton Memorial (October 24-26, 2014). The committee consisted of Robert Brazeau, Vlad Rekhson, and Pat Porter. The meeting was presided over by ACA Vice-President David Miller, and Micah Hughey and Vladimir Pechenkin were invited by the committee to provide information as it considered this issue. Aaron Sequillion was invited by the committee to attend, but he declined. After all information was heard from the visitors, they, along with David Miller, retired so the committee could deliberate in camera towards a consensus.

After much consideration, the committee decided that the following disciplinary measures were appropriate in this situation:

For refusing to unlock his phone during the final round of the Geoff Newton Memorial, Aaron Sequillion will receive a one-year ban from the Alberta Chess Association. During this time, Mr. Sequillion will be ineligible to play any rated games in Alberta. This ban will be retroactive to the date of the infraction, and will end on October 26, 2015.

At the end of the one-year ban, Mr. Sequillion will be eligible to play in ACA events with the following stipulations:

He must apply to the tournament director or organizer 14 days in advance for consent to play in the event. The tournament director/organizer is free to deny this request for any reason.

Mr. Sequillion cannot play in the Alberta Championship cycle, which consists of the Northern AB Open, the Southern AB Open, and the AB Championship. As well, Mr. Sequillion is banned from the Alberta Open, the Edmonton Championship, and the Calgary Championship during the period of his probation.

Mr. Sequillion cannot play in any event with a first-place guaranteed prize of \$400.00 or more.

Prior to any tournament game, Mr. Sequillion will produce his phone or will inform the tournament director/organizer that he has no phone. At any point during any game, a tournament director/organizer can ask him to produce his phone or can search him for his phone. He must comply with this request.

Breaching any of the above conditions constitutes a serious infraction of his probation, and will result in Mr. Sequillion having his probation immediately revoked, subjecting him to further ACA disciplinary procedures.

Mr. Sequillion's probationary period will end on October 26, 2016, at which time he can apply to the ACA board for reinstatement of full playing privileges.

Submitted,
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Pat Porter