

Rules of Play

Chess

Touch-move, illegal moves and the etiquette of a real game.

The rules that apply in club and tournament play.

Touch-move

Touch your piece → you must move it if legal

Touch theirs → you must capture it if legal

Release → the move stands

Say 'j'adoube' or 'I adjust' BEFORE touching, to straighten

Illegal moves

Must be taken back

Touch-move still applies to the piece

Repeated offences can forfeit the game

Etiquette

Press the clock with the same hand you moved with

Do not talk during the game

Offer a draw only after moving, before pressing

Shake hands at the start and the end

Announcing 'check' is optional and not required in tournament play.
Most strong players do not.