

(1) This has happened many times before, even in international events.

As a team captain you do have the right to bring this issue to the TD. If the TD will not or cannot do anything, then as team captain you can instruct the team to stop moving until there are about 10 minutes left in the game. Team B must stop moving as well. All this time, Team A can analyze better than Team B within the same time period, and probably can play better and faster in speed chess.

As a TD, you can separate the boards so that no other players (including the other team) can see what is happening on the other boards.

(2) This display of racism was more common in 1950s and 1960s and is rarely seen today.

As a player you can set up the board, start the clock and inform the TD. If your potential opponent does not move within an hour, the game will be a win for you (it's a forfeit). And after the forfeit, you can still go to the TD and request a rated game with another person who is not in the tournament. It will probably be granted.

If you are TD, talk to the bigot. Tell him of the consequences of his refusal to play. You will have to inform him that he will lose the game, not because you both know, but it will protect you at a later time.

Inform him as well that you will make a complaint to the national organization so they can deal with him with more stringent and forceful consequences.

One thing you might be grateful is that the bigot will probably take himself out of the tournament so that it is not so obvious that he is a bigot. He can claim to his friends that he really was sick and that's why he had to withdraw. Not because of his bigotry, fear, misogyny (or gynophobia) racism, and so on.

(3) The United States Chess Federation (USCF) forbids cell phones in the playing area. It is far too easy for a player to hide a chess engine running in the background of his cell phone. In addition, text messages can also be sent with analysis.

If a player inserts earphones it means he doesn't want to talk with you. Which also means he doesn't listen to you either.

It's time to get your pen and a notebook and write very clearly and big. Your message should be something like this, "REMOVE YOUR PHONE AND EARPHONES OR BE FORFEITED." And don't be afraid to forfeit him.