

2025 Ethics Committee Report

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As of April 2025, the Ethics Committee has handled sixteen cases, four of them remain active as of this date (one in jurisdiction, one in the sanction discussion phase and two in the document collection phase). Four of the cases were an overlap from the 2023-2024 term. The cases fell into the following categories:

Cheating during tournament play (7)

Involving Tournament Organizers/Staff and Affiliates (4)

Rating Manipulation and Violation of Tournament Regulations (2)

Bad behavior (1)

Hybrid cases involving tournament organizers and affiliates and/or a combination of bad behavior and/or cheating during tournament play and/or Violation of Tournament Regulations (1)

Not in-scope of Ethics Committee/Referred to other Committees (1)

In the twelve completed cases, the committee found for the complainant in seven, declined jurisdiction in four, and one involved a claim followed by a counterclaim, wherein the committee found in favor of the counterclaim.

In two of the completed cases where the committee found for the complainant, the respondents appealed the Committee's decision to the Executive Board.

The Committee continues to meet virtually monthly via Zoom in addition to communicating through email. Despite time zone challenges and weekday commitments, more than 50% of members regularly attend these calls. Meeting recordings and key discussion points are shared with all members after the meeting. This new format has enhanced discussion quality alongside email communication.

Earlier during the term, for the 2024-2025 year, delegates at the US Open approved the committee's recommendation to accept 1 new member into the committee, and 2 members decided to not continue.