

Many chess sites do not disallow the use of chess engines and some, unfortunately, even encourage it. But we all know that this is make-believe chess and has nothing to do with the real game. In fact, there are sites where the primary effort is to tweak chess engines for maximum effect. But IECC, created in 1995, offered a chess site where members can play chess as an alternative to OTB chess, with a rating system similar to that used by FIDE. Other chess sites use rating algorithms that inflate ratings to equal or exceed those of the best OTB chess players in the world.

For those who wish to create a mythical chess rating, by all means acquire a powerful chess engine and join a chess club that allows its use.

This said, IECC is a chess site where the use of chess engines is not allowed but we all know such use cannot be proven easily, if at all. In point of fact we can only rely on the integrity of our members not to use chess engines in their games.