

Constitution of The Beginners Chess Club

Article I.

Name: The name of the club is The Beginners Chess Club

Purpose: The purpose of The Beginners Chess Club is to teach students the fundamentals of chess, as well as the history behind the game. Typical meetings will include a brief 30-minute history lesson surrounding an impactful game, and strategies that the players used. Followed by the rest of the meeting practicing chess, and learning new strategies.

Non-Discrimination and Sexual Misconduct Policy: The Beginners Chess Club will not discriminate against the basis of age, ancestry, color, disability, gender identity or expression, genetic information, HIV/AIDS status, military status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, protected veteran status, or any other bases, etc. As a student organization at The Ohio State University, The Beginners Chess Club expects its members to conduct themselves in a manner that maintains an environment free from sexual misconduct. All members are responsible for adhering to University Policy 1.15, which can be found here: <https://hr.osu.edu/public/documents/policy/policy115.pdf>.

If you or someone you know has been sexually harassed or assaulted, you may find the appropriate resources at <http://titleIX.osu.edu> or by contacting the Ohio State Title IX Coordinator at titleIX@osu.edu.

Article II

Membership: Membership for The Beginners Chess Club will be open enrollment to students, faculty members, alumni, professionals, etc. Voting rights within the club are reserved for currently enrolled Ohio State students. Non-voting rights will be assigned to all other members (faculty members, alumni, professionals, etc) who are a part of the club.

Article III

Organization Removal/ Candidate:

Officer Removal: An officer is able to step down from their position at any time. If the removal of an officer is decided upon by The Beginners Chess Club's personnel, which includes members and fellow officers, then a vote will be taken. If an officer is not adhering to the policies placed within the constitution, then said the officer will be revoked from their position.

Position Vacancy: If an officer has been revoked from their position, the rest of the officers will have to take over the requirements of the vacant position until voting begins in the fall.

Officer Position Running: If a club member would like to run for an officer position, elections will be in the fall. Requirements for running will be based on their skill level, commitment, and availability to meeting times. If interested in running for a vacant position, please contact any of the current officers.

Member Removal: If a member of The Beginners Chess Club is not following the requirements set within the constitution, then the said member will be asked to leave and will be taken off the roster. Officers will decide if said member is following the requirements and expectations of the club.

Article IV

Organization Leadership: Officers of The Beginners Chess Club are expected to attend every meeting, and assist in teaching new members the fundamentals of chess.

President: The Beginners Chess Club President will be in charge of starting meetings, and explaining the history and strategies of certain history matches. The President will also plan and secure meeting locations, as well as communicate important information. The President will provide boards and materials for each meeting.

Vice President: The Beginners Chess Club Vice President will be in charge of meetings if the President is unable to attend. The Vice President will be in control of the social media account.

Treasurer: The Beginners Chess Club Treasurer will be in charge of creating banners and posters to help spread awareness regarding the club. The Treasurer will also need to fill in for the President and Vice President if they are both unable to attend the meeting.

Advisor: The Beginners Chess Club Advisor will make sure that all officers and members are following university policy and constitution policy. Their job is to make sure that all meetings are in compliance with The Ohio State University. The Advisor will also need to be able to take over a fellow officer's position if said officer is unable to attend a meeting.

Article V

Election Of Officer: Election of a vacant officer position will be held every fall. Members and officers are expected to vote for the vacant officer position. Within this vote, a 2/3rds majority must be in favor of electing the new officer. If a 2/3rds vote is not met, then the majority vote wins. If an even vote is presented, then the President, Vice President, and Treasurer are able to

decide which candidate gets elected based on their skill, availability, and commitment to the club.

Article VI

Advisor Information: The Beginners Chess Club's Advisor must be a full-time faculty member of The Ohio State University. The Beginners Chess Club will keep the advisor up to date with any news or change of officer positions. The Advisor is more than welcome to provide feedback and tips to assist the officers run the club more efficiently.

Article VII

Information Regarding Meetings: Meetings will be held Sundays from 6:00-8:00pm at 18th Ave Library, Columbus, Ohio. Members are expected to attend at least 1 meeting per month, or will be removed from the roster. Meetings will not be held during the summer and the week of finals. If searching for information regarding meetings, please contact our President or Vice President.

Article VIII

Members Actions: The Beginners Chess Club reserves the right to address the student or non-student if they behave in ways that are disruptive (i.e., behavior that interferes with students, faculty, or staff and their access to an appropriate educational or work environment) or do not align with The Beginners Chess Clubs constitution, the Code of Student Conduct, university policy, or federal, state or local law. Additional information and resources on assisting disruptive or distressed individuals can be found at: oaa.osu.edu/assets/files/documents/911handout.pdf.

Article IX

Constitution Amendments: If an amendment of the constitution is perceived as necessary or proposed as an urgent matter by members or officers, then a vote must be held within the club. All discussions regarding the constitution will be held after the club meeting time has ended. All members and officers must vote, a 2/3rds majority will ratify the certain amendment in discussion. Finally, the amendment ratification must be overseen by the advisor of the club. If the advisor rejects the ratification, then the proposal must be unanimous between all of the officers and a 2/3rds majority of the members in order to be changed.

Article X

Dissolution Of The Club: Voting for the dissolution of the club must take place at the beginning of a certain scheduled meeting. All officers must be in favor of dissolution and 2/3rds of the members must be in agreement as well. The advisor must be notified properly in advance of the scheduled date of the voting.

