

## **Chess Club Constitution**

### **Article I.**

Name: The name of this organization shall be Chess Club at The Ohio State University.

Purpose: The purpose of our club is to provide the Ohio State University students with opportunities through chess. These include weekly meetings (informal chess playing), tournaments, and community service opportunities to teach chess. The chess club intends to participate in tournaments at the local, state, and national level as well as holding tournaments at the university.

Non-Discrimination Policy: This organization does not discriminate on 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 under the law, in its activities, programs, admission, and employment.

### **Article II.**

Membership: Membership for the club shall consist of anyone interested in playing chess who may come and go as they please. The club will meet twice a week on most occasions throughout the academic year.

### **Article III.**

Leadership Organization: The officers of the Chess Club at Ohio State must include the club's President, Vice President, and Treasurer. The Outreach Officer, Media, and Secretary are available positions for club members to take, but do not have to be filled. Officer succession shall be determined by discussion and or interviews with candidates to be discussed among present officers and emeriti officers when they intend to cede their positions by evaluation of the credentials of officer candidates. All officers must be enrolled as Ohio State University students and their duties are as follows:

- The Club President will be charged with the inception of each meeting, performing overall management of the club, determining any potential meets or competitions, communicating information in a timely manner to club members, and helping introduce players to the game of chess.
- The Vice President will be charged with fulfilling the duties of the President if he/she becomes unable or unwilling to fulfill his/her duties, to update membership lists, and any other such duties that the President so charges him/her with.
- The Treasurer must periodically provide to the officers an update of club funds and work with the President on planning any trips or competitions. The Treasurer will have planning and writing authority over the budget and have principal control over the club

bank account and usage of the funds thereof. In the event that both the President and the Vice President are unable or unwilling to fulfill the duty of President, the Treasurer shall be charged with fulfilling the duty of President.

- The Outreach person is tasked with coordinating sponsorships, coordinating events with other clubs both in the University both inside & outside of it, and identifying as well as initiating new talks with potential advisors during years when it is deemed necessary. In the event that the President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary are all unable or unwilling to fulfill the duty of President, the Outreach Officer shall fulfill the duty of President.
- The Media person will have responsibility over the various social media accounts of the club, including but not limited to the club Facebook page, the club Twitter feed, the club Instagram account, and the club Discord server. They will also be charged with organizing and carrying out community service and other outreach events as so agreed upon by the officers.
- The Secretary is a position which can have a wide range of responsibilities. Duties may include note taking, helping to plan events, and completing other tasks as agreed up by the officers. In the event that the President, Vice President, and Treasurer are all unable or unwilling to fulfill the duty of President, the Secretary shall fulfill the duty of President.

When an officer's position is going to become vacant because of graduations for example, any club member may nominate themselves for that position. The selection process will occur during the fall semester with training starting at the end of autumn and continuing through Spring until they officially take their positions the following August. The officers, including any emeriti officers, shall by evaluation of the qualifications and talents of the nominees select new officers in order to fill the vacant positions if they should occur unexpectedly during the year to maintain an eboard of six.

#### **Article IV.**

Adviser Qualification Criteria: Any adviser of the Chess Club must be a full-time member of the Ohio State University faculty or Administrative & Professional staff. The adviser should be kept up to date on the club's current activities, available for dispute resolution, and should assist in event/meeting planning if needed.

#### **Article V.**

Member and/or Officer Removal: Any member or officer can be removed from the position or the club when a two thirds majority of members or a majority of officers feel that removal is an appropriate course of action. Officers can be asked to step down if, in the opinion of a two thirds majority of the members or a majority of the remaining officers, they are unfit to lead and/or are failing in their duties as an Officer. A member may be dismissed with a two thirds majority vote

or a majority of officers if the members feel their behavior or actions warrant a dismissal. Two thirds majority applies to the total number of active club members.

#### **Article VI.**

Constitutional Amendments: Amendments to this constitution may be implemented by achieving approval from the club's faculty adviser and with a 2/3 ratification from the club's membership or a majority of officers. If the faculty advisor rejects a proposal, an amendment may still be added with all four of the officer's approval and a 3/4 approval from the club's membership or a unanimous approval of officers.

#### **Article VII.**

Dissolution of Organization: The dissolution of the club should be based on the voting of all active members, and the number of votes necessary for dissolution must exceed three fourths. Disposing of assets is to be based on the amount gained through sale and should be divided equally among active members of the organization. The amounts of debts are also to be divided equally among active members of the organization.

#### **Article VIII.**

Student Conduct: The Ohio State University Code of Student Conduct applies to the team and its individual members.