

KANSAS CHESS ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION (Policy Board Approval of Final Draft 10/4/22)

ARTICLE 1

Formation

The Kansas Chess Association is a Kansas Not for Profit Corporation formed on December 8, 2002.

ARTICLE 2

Name

The name of the Not for Profit Corporation shall be Kansas Chess Association, and all business of the Not for Profit Corporation shall be conducted under said name, or such other name as the Members from time to time may determine.

ARTICLE 3

Purposes

- a) The Kansas Chess Association shall support and promote chess related activities throughout the State of Kansas, with the goal of developing chess as a significant cultural art in Kansas.
- b) These activities shall include, but shall not be limited to and be communicated by any avenues available:
 - i) Disseminating chess information by means of a website and online resources;
 - ii) Providing and promoting chess tournaments and other chess events throughout the state of Kansas;
 - iii) Holding an annual state chess championship;
 - iv) Holding an annual meeting and or other meetings;
 - v) Sponsoring chess lectures and exhibitions aimed at improving the chess knowledge, encouraging interest and participation in chess activities and improving skills for all interested; and,
 - vi) Cooperating with other chess organizations, schools, community centers, recreation departments, and other groups and institutions in teaching chess and conducting tournaments as those groups promote the game and assist in pursuit of learning and improving in chess skills.
- c) The Kansas Chess Association shall distribute, or publish on line, a periodic publication to its members, officers, and directors describing all such activities.
- d) The Kansas Chess Association may engage in any lawful act or activity deemed necessary or desirable by the Members to achieve its purposes.
- e) The Kansas Chess Association shall be governed under terms of this Constitution and the Kansas Chess Association Bylaws adopted or amended by the Kansas Chess Association members.

ARTICLE 4

Place of Business

- a) The principal place of business of the Kansas Chess Association (and the specified “registered office” at which the Association’s records are required to be maintained under the Kansas Not for Profit Corporation law) shall be within the state of Kansas.
- b) The principal place of business of the Kansas Chess Association shall be designated as necessary by the Kansas Chess Association members.

ARTICLE 5

Term

The term of the Kansas Chess Association commenced with the filing of the Articles of Organization of the Kansas Chess Association on December 8, 2002, and the corporation term shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE 6

Affiliation

The Kansas Chess Association shall follow the guidelines of the United States Chess Federation (US Chess) and to keep and maintain their status as the official state affiliate for the state of Kansas.

ARTICLE 7

Membership

- a) Any person may become a member of the Kansas Chess Association when they pay the appropriate membership fee as stated in the Kansas Chess Association By-Laws.
- b) Members agree to follow the Kansas Chess Association Constitution and By-Laws.

ARTICLE 8

Not For Profit Status

- a) The Kansas Chess Association shall be a not-for-profit corporation established under Kansas law.
- b) The KCA is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes.
- c) No Member shall have any responsibility for the losses, debts, liabilities and/or obligations of the Kansas Chess Association.
- d) If any Member shall loan or advance any funds to the Kansas Chess Association in excess of the required membership fee for such Member, such loan or advance shall not be deemed a capital contribution to the Kansas Chess Association and shall not in any way create an ownership interest in the Kansas Chess Association.

ARTICLE 9

Officers

- a) Officers of the Kansas Chess Association shall be the President, VicePresident, and Secretary.
- b) Officers shall be elected by simple majority of votes cast by those present during the Kansas Chess Association's annual meeting.
- c) There shall be a Policy Board of seven members including the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and three other at-large members appointed by the President.
- d) Officers' powers and duties and the duties and powers of the Policy Board shall be stated in the Kansas Chess Association's Bylaws.
- e) All Officers and Policy Board members shall be dues-paying members of the Kansas Chess Association and over the age of 18.
- f) In the event an officer's or a policy board's membership lapses, expires, terminates, their vacated position shall be appointed by the President until the next election cycle. In the case of a lapsed membership, the Officer or Policy Board member can renew the membership within 30 days to retain their position.

ARTICLE 10

Meetings

- a) A meeting of Kansas Chess Association membership for the purpose of electing officers and any other purpose shall be held annually.
- b) The annual meeting of the Members shall be held at the Kansas Open Chess Tournament, or in the event there is no Kansas Open Chess Tournament for any reason, at a time and date set by simple majority vote of the Policy Board.
- c) Members present at the annual membership meeting shall constitute a quorum and all decisions made at that meeting shall be made by simple majority of votes cast by those members in good standing present.
- d) The membership may vote at the annual meeting to have a special meeting outside the annual meeting to conduct official business.
- e) Special meetings of the Policy Board for any purpose or purposes, may be called by the President.
- f) The Policy Board shall be governed by terms of the Kansas Chess Association Bylaws.

ARTICLE 11

Amendments

- a) This Constitution may not be altered, amended, changed, supplemented, waived or modified in any respect or particular unless the same shall be in writing (may be digital) and approved by the affirmative vote of a majority of votes cast by qualified members attending an Annual Membership or Special Meeting.
- b) At least a 60 day written notice (*before the annual meeting or the special meeting*) to Officer's or Policy Board Members shall be required for proposed alterations, amendments, changes or modifications in this Constitution.
- c) Requirements for Notice methods and content shall be established in the Kansas Chess Association Bylaws.

ARTICLE 12

Scholastics

- a) The KCA recognizes the Kansas Scholastic Chess Association, hereafter referred to as the KSCA, as the organization to be in charge of all scholastic state tournaments in Kansas during the school year as assigned by US Chess to the KCA.
- b) The KSCA will provide one of their Board members to act as Scholastic Coordinator to the KCA.
- c) The Kansas Chess Association President shall appoint one Policy Board member to be a liaison with the KSCA. The Kansas Chess Association will assign this person to be the United States Federation Scholastic Coordinator for the State of Kansas.
- d) The KSCA shall be responsible for holding a Kansas Scholastic Championship in accordance with US Chess regulations and guidelines and the KSCA shall notify the KCA of the Kansas Scholastic Team and Individual Champions.
- e) The KSCA shall be responsible for determining the Kansas representatives to the United States Chess Federation National Scholastic Tournaments
- f) The Kansas Scholastic Coordinator shall be responsible for notifying US Chess of the Kansas Representatives in these tournaments.
- g) Should the KSCA cease to function, all control of scholastic tournaments shall revert to the KCA.