

KANSAS CHESS ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

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ARTICLE 1

1. Formation

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

ARTICLE 2

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

3. Purposes

- a. The Kansas Chess Association shall be organized and operated exclusively for educational purposes according to Section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and as amended.
- b. 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.
- c. These activities shall include, but shall not be limited to:
 - i. Disseminating chess information by means of a website and on-line resources;
 - ii. Providing and promoting chess tournaments and other chess events throughout the state of Kansas;
 - iii. Holding an annual state chess championship;
 - iv. 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,

- v. 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.
- d. The Kansas Chess Association shall distribute, or publish on line, a periodic publication to its members, officers, and directors describing all such activities.
- e. The Kansas Chess Association may engage in any lawful act or activity deemed necessary or desirable by the Members to achieve its purposes.
- f. The Kansas Chess Association shall be governed under terms of this Constitution and the Kansas Chess Association Bylaws adopted by the Kansas Chess Association Policy Board.

ARTICLE 4

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 Policy Board.

ARTICLE 5

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, 2003, and the corporation term shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE 6

6. Affiliation

The Kansas Chess Association shall affiliate with the United States Chess Federation (USCF) and shall be the official state affiliate representative to USCF with the privileges and obligations pertaining thereto.

ARTICLE 7

7. Membership

a. There shall be five membership classes

i. Regular adult membership

- (1) Open to all persons over the age of 18;
- (2) Term of membership is one year from date of purchase. Purchase of a one-year membership entitles the member to participate in one KCA annual tournament during year of membership. Entry fees will be required.

ii. Junior membership

- (1) Open to all persons under the age of 18;
- (2) Term of membership is one year from date of purchase. Purchase of a one-year membership entitles the member to participate in one KCA annual tournament during year of membership. Entry fees will be required.

iii. Family membership

- (1) Families are defined as three persons residing at the same residence;
- (2) Options to add persons to a "family membership" shall be available;
- (3) Term of membership is one year from date of purchase. Purchase of a one-year membership entitles the members to participate in one KCA annual tournament during year of membership. Entry fees will be required.

iv. Patron membership – Term of membership is two years from date of purchase. Purchase of a two-year membership entitles the member to participate in two KCA annual tournaments during years of membership. Entry fees will be required..

- v. Contributor membership – Term of membership is one year from date of purchase. Purchase of a one-year membership entitles the members to participate in one KCA annual tournament during year of membership. Entry fees will be required..
- b. Voting rights.
 - i. All membership categories, with the exception of Junior Membership and Contributor Membership, shall have voting rights at the annual membership meeting.
 - ii. In order to vote, each member must be over age 18.
 - iii. Each member entitled to vote shall have one vote.
 - iv. There shall be no proxy voting.
- c. Membership fees shall be included in the By Laws and shall be determined by the Policy Board with the approval of the membership at the annual membership meeting.

ARTICLE 8

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 under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and all corresponding section(s) of any future federal tax code.
- 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

9. Officers

- a. Officers of the Kansas Chess Association shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.
- b. Officers shall be elected by simple majority of votes cast by of 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 and four 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.

ARTICLE 10

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. Those 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. There shall be no proxy voting at the Annual Membership Meeting and each Member qualified to vote shall have only one vote.
- 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

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 and approved to by the affirmative vote of a two-thirds majority of votes cast by qualified Members attending an Annual Membership Meeting.
- b. At least 60 days written notice to 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.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify and verify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Kansas that the foregoing document is a true and correct representation of the Constitution of the Kansas Chess Association as adopted during a duly called meeting of Members on July ____, 2022.

Executed on July ____, 2022

Secretary of the Kansas Chess Association