

Watauga Chess Club

A place where chessplayers meet to enjoy the game of chess

Constitution of the Watauga Chess Club

Article I: Name.

- This club shall be named the Watauga Chess Club.

Article II: Purpose.

- The club's purpose is to be a place where chess players meet to enjoy the game of chess.

Article III: Goals.

- To develop the art of chess and promote its popularity.
- To enable our members to play the game of chess through sponsorship of tournaments, matches, and other chess activities.
- To recognize active members through an annual awards program and other awards deemed appropriate by the club officers.

Article IV: Membership

- Any person may become a member of the club by playing in, directing, or serving as an assistant director in two club-sponsored events in a calendar year. These events can be rated or non-rated (such as monthly speed chess tournaments).
- Memberships remain current only by playing in, directing, or serving as an assistant director in one club-sponsored event during subsequent years. The only exception would be members designated by the President as "Life Member."
- All members are encouraged but not required to be members of the U.S. Chess Federation and Texas Chess Federation. Note: Membership in those organizations is required to direct or play in most club-sponsored events.
- The membership of any person may be revoked if he or she owes money to the club for more than 60 days or is guilty of conduct bringing disrepute to the game of chess or to the club. The decision to revoke or reinstate membership relies on the judgment of and by a consensus of the elected officers.

Article IV: Organization

- The club shall be affiliated with the United States Chess Federation in accordance with the conditions specified by that Federation.
- The club shall maintain affiliate membership in the Texas Chess Association (TCA), however the power to require TCA membership for any club-sponsored tournaments is reserved and decided by a consensus of the club officers.
- Each member of the club, regardless of age, shall be entitled to one vote at business meetings and in elections of officers. Mail votes and proxies are not permitted. Membership will be verified by using the sign-in logs and tournament records.
- All elected officers must be age 21 or older.
- All elected officers must be certified tournament directors (club level or higher) or must apply to USCF immediately after being elected.

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- The officers of the club shall be a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, chief tournament director, librarian, youth director and webmaster, and these officers shall be the Board of Directors, to be elected for a term of one calendar year (January 1 to December 31) by majority approval of the members present at the first regular meeting of the club during the month of November.
- The President must be a person who has previously held an elected office in this club for one at least one year.
- Officer vacancies between regular elections will be filled at the next business meeting by a majority vote.

Article V. Officer Duties.

- President:
 - Preside at club business meetings.
 - Act for and negotiate on behalf of the club.
 - Appoint directors, assistant tournament directors, committee members, and other staff as necessary.
 - Obtain a consensus of the club officers to develop the annual planning calendar for presentation at the January Business Meeting.
- Vice President:
 - Preside at club business meetings in the President's absence.
 - Perform the President's other duties if necessary.
 - Sign checks in the Treasurer's absence.
- Secretary:
 - Record the minutes of all business meetings.
 - Carry on the club's correspondence.
 - Maintain the club's official membership roster.
- Treasurer:
 - Maintain the club's financial records.
 - Collect all moneys.
 - Make deposits into a bank account designated by the club's officers.
 - Sign checks and make other disbursements as authorized by the club's officers.
- Head Tournament Director
 - Audit the club's financial records semiannually.
 - Ensure adequate tournament supplies are on hand.
 - Develop a program for recruiting and training new tournament directors.
- Web Master.
 - Maintain an outstanding club web site.
- Youth Director.
 - Develop a program to support scholastic chess.
- Librarian.
 - Maintain the club's historical records to include signed score sheets, cross tables, and photographs.

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Article VI. Sundry Bylaws.

- If half the club officers and at least one other member are present, the club will hold monthly business meetings on the first meeting night of the month. The president or highest-ranking club officer present will preside.
 - The order of precedence for presiding over business meetings will be President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Head Tournament Director.
 - Club business meetings shall be conducted under Robert's Rules of Order except that these rules may be waived by vote of a plurality of members present at a meeting.
 - Other special meetings of the club officers may be called as necessary by the club president.
 - This constitution may be amended by a three-fourths majority of the members present at a business meeting announced on the club's web site at least one month in advance.
 - This constitution was originally approved by the signatures of a majority of the members present at a business meeting as shown below.
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- Date of Constitutional Election: **November 2, 2004**.
 - Number of Yeas _____. Number of Nays _____.
 - Signatures of members approving this constitution: