

# **Constitution & Bylaws Of the Hawaii Chess Federation**

## **Article I: Name**

The name of the organization shall be the **Hawaii Chess Federation (HCF)**.

## **Article II: Purpose**

The purposes of the Federation are:

- 1) to enable its members to play the game of chess through sponsorship of tournaments, matches, and other chess events;
- 2) to operate for educational and training purposes with particular emphasis toward the intellectual and competitive development of adults and children;
- 3) to advocate and teach chess as an intellectual path that trains and enhances thinking skills; and
- 4) to conduct an outreach program into community organizations and schools to develop chess programs.

## **Article III: Membership**

- 1) Individual membership in the Hawaii Chess Federation can be achieved by State of Hawaii adult residents through:
  - a) participation in annual chess tournaments conducted by the Hawaii Chess Federation, or
  - b) current membership in the US Chess Federation, or
  - c) recognition by the Board of Directors for voluntary contributions on behalf of the Hawaii Chess Federation.
- 2) Any community club shall be considered a club member of the Federation.
- 3) Individual membership entitles individual adult members to vote for HCF directors and other HCF matters as presented.
- 4) Dues for the Federation shall be collected as part of registration fees to annual state chess events such as the State Open Championships and the State Rapid Championships. Tournament Directors are responsible for the collection and deposit of these dues.
- 5) The membership and/or the participation of any person may be revoked
  - a) in the event that he or she behaves inconsistently with the stated purposes of the Federation; or
  - b) is guilty of conduct which in the judgment of the majority of the board members brings disrepute to the game of chess or to the Federation.

## **Article IV: Organization**

- 1) Board of Directors:
  - a) The Board of Directors shall consist of five (5) members elected every two years by majority approval of the members present at the annual State of Hawaii Chess Open Chess Championships..

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- b) Additionally each community chess club shall be entitled to select a Director to represent them on the Board of Directors. A community chess club may choose to be represented by a current member of the Board of Directors or select another individual not already serving on the Board to serve as their representative and full member of the Board of Directors.
  - c) The officers of the Federation shall be elected by and from the Board of Directors. Officers will include a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Scholastic Director.
  - d) Any adult member of the Federation shall be eligible to hold no more than one office at a time.
  - e) Should a vacancy occur between elections, it may be filled by a majority vote of the board of directors.
  - f) A director may be removed by a majority of directors' present at a regular Board of Directors' meeting for failure to attend at least one meeting of the Board of Directors per year.
- 2) The Board of Directors shall hire and/or appoint other such managers, assistants and/or committee chairpersons, as they deem necessary.
  - 3) The Federation shall be affiliated with the U.S. Chess Federation in accordance with the conditions specified by that Federation.

**Article V: Duties of Officers**

- 1) The President shall
  - a) preside at all meetings of the Federation;
  - b) act for and/or represent the Federation and the Board of Directors in the absence of a vote;
  - c) present to the Directors nominees for managers, committee chairpersons, or other administrative assistants as deemed necessary.
- 2) The Vice President shall
  - a) assist the president;
  - b) preside at all meetings in the absence of the president and act on his or her behalf in the event of his or her unavailability.
- 3) The Secretary shall
  - a) keep the minutes of all meetings;
  - b) carry on the correspondence of the Federation;
  - c) maintain the official Federation roster of names, addresses and telephone numbers;
  - d) send notices of meetings to members.
- 4) The Treasurer shall
  - a) collect all authorized dues and other fees;
  - b) deposit all funds received by him or her with the bank designated by the Board of Directors;
  - c) make disbursements as authorized by the Board of Directors;
  - d) maintain financial records of the Federation and furnish statements to the Board and Federation members periodically or upon request.
  - e) oversee the paying of taxes and filing of tax returns as needed.

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- 5) The Scholastic Director shall
  - a) plan and coordinate scholastic tournaments annually;
  - b) plan and coordinate state scholastic championships annually;
  - c) seek opportunities to develop chess programs in all schools in Hawaii.
  
- 6) Directors shall:
  - a) Attend board meetings
  - b) Represent their community clubs, as applicable

**Article VI: Sundry Bylaws**

- 1) General meetings of the Federation will be scheduled annually at a regularly established time and location, normally coinciding with the State Open Championships.
- 2) Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the president or the Board or by a majority of Directors of the Federation.
- 3) All meetings of the Federation shall be conducted under Robert's Rules of Order, except that these rules may be waived by vote of a majority of members present at a meeting.
- 4) This constitution may be amended by either a majority of the entire membership or by a three-fourths majority of the members voting at a business meeting announced to the entire membership at least one month in advance.
- 5) Said organization is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, and educational purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
- 6) No part of the net earnings of the organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in the purpose clause hereof. No substantial part of the activities of organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the organization shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future tax code.
- 7) Upon dissolution of the organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed

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of by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the organization is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

The Board of Directors hereby authenticates this Constitution of the Hawaii Chess Federation on 1<sup>st</sup> of October 2005:

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