

Constitution of the Elkins High School Chess Club

Article I. Purpose

- 1) The Chess Club strives to improve its member's chess playing skills and allow them to play competitively amongst each other.
- 2) The Chess Club seeks to increase the awareness of chess among the student body or Elkins High School.
- 3) The Chess Club seeks to increase positive social interactions and promote fair play during competition.

Article II. Membership

- 1) Membership is open to all Elkins High School students and will not be restricted on the basis of age, capability, ethnicity, gender, national origin, race, religion, sexual orientation or political affiliation.
- 2) In order to become and remain a member of the club, the student must attend 70% of meetings. Other activity requirements during meetings are stated in Article V,
- 3) Designations of a membership status
 - a) Active — member attends meetings regularly (70% attendance) and participates in chess club events and competitions.
 - b) Inactive — the member is temporarily unable to fulfill the requirements, does not attend meetings regularly, or lacks participation in chess club events. The student will be notified of his/her activity when a change has occurred.
- 4) Member dismissal!
 - a) A member may be removed from the club if he/she does not attend meetings.
 - b) A member may be removed for disorderly conduct, disruptive behavior, or any other reason the sponsor sees fit.
 - c) When a member has been removed, he/she will be notified by email. If an email is not provided, he/she will be notified by the sponsor or an officer.
 - d) Once a member has been removed, he/she can submit an appeal for readmission.

Article III. Officers and Officer Dismissal

- 1) Officers
 - a) President
 - i) Elected position
 - ii) A member may run for president only if he/she' has been an active member for the previous year. This qualification can be overturned if no one who can meet this qualification is interested in the position
 - iii) Duties:
 - 2) Run meetings
 - 3) Oversee events
 - 4) Promote the organization
 - 5) Oversee officers

- b) Vice President
 - i) Elected position
 - ii) Any member with active status may run for this office.
 - iii) Duties:
 - 2) Assist President in duties
 - 3) Act as President in the President's absence
- c) Secretary:
 - i) Elected Position
 - ii) Any member with active status may run for this office.
 - iii) Duties:
 - (1) Create and maintain a record of member attendance
 - (2) Keep files and papers in order
 - (3) Assist other officers whenever needed
- 2) Officer dismissal
 - a) Upon evidence of an officer's failure to fulfill his/her duties, 30% of a quorum of active members can initiate a vote to dismiss the officer. If 80% of active voting members agree to the proposition, the officer will be removed from his/her position
 - b) The dismissed officer has 7 school days to file a letter of protest with the sponsor. After that time the officer will lose any right to have the dismissal overturned
 - c) Once an officer has been dismissed, he/she cannot run for office for the following school year

Article IV. Elections

- 1) Elections for the next school year will be held toward the end of the previous school year
- 2) Members interested in running for office must submit their application to the sponsor by the due date
- 3) Upcoming officers will be elected by previous officers at the end of the school year

Article V. Meetings

- 1) Regular meetings will be held every Friday after school, except in the absence of the sponsor or substitute faculty member.
- 2) Meeting requirements
 - a) Each member must play at least one game of chess every meeting.
 - b) Other activities such as card games will not be tolerated in Chess Club, except at the discretion of the sponsor.
- 3) Meetings will be held in the room selected by the sponsor.
- 4) Quorum requirements
 - a) Quorum is reached if 70% of the active members are present.

- b) Quorum must be reached if the club is voting on a policy, constitutional amendment, or election.

Article VII. Amendment Procedure

This constitution can be amended only if the quorum is reached and is approved by an 80% majority of present members.

Article VIII.

This constitution was ratified on the 18th of the month of August 2024.