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University of Rochester Chess and Go Club Constitution

We the students, faculty, and staff of the University of Rochester hereby establish the Chess and Go Club of the University of Rochester and enact this constitution for its government. Failure to follow this constitution could result in revocation of Students' Association recognition of this group.

Article I. Purpose of Organization/Mission Statement

To provide an opportunity for students and faculty to play chess, go, chess variants including Asian variants, and other strategic board games at both the casual and competitive level.

Article II. Membership

Section A. Membership

1. Eligibility – All Students' Association members shall be eligible for membership. An SA Member is a University of Rochester undergraduate who has paid their SA activities fee. All University of Rochester faculty, staff, graduate students, and Eastman students shall be eligible for associate membership. All members and associate members shall be listed on the group's Campus Club Connection site.
2. Definition of member – Any person who comes to two consecutive meetings and has this recognized by a member, until such time as they will miss four consecutive meetings, at which point membership shall be revoked. Unless objection is raised to a member's membership, in which case a two thirds' vote by all members shall be necessary to deviate from these guidelines.
3. Definition of associate member – Any person expressing interest in the club and who has joined the email list or come to a meeting.

Article III. Meetings and Voting

Section A. A meeting shall be defined as an assembly of club members, and shall be valid if a quorum is present. Quorum is defined as one half of all members including two officers.

Section B. Voting

1. Voting on any issue shall be official only if the meeting is valid.
2. All members shall have equal voting power.
3. Procedure – All decisions shall be arrived at by simple majority using a hand vote unless otherwise specified by the presiding officer. Nominees for any position or members who have brought up a proposition must not be present during the vote or the preceding discussion. Roberts' Rules of order will be followed.

Article IV. Officers and Qualifications

Section A. Officer Positions

1. King
2. Queen
3. Rook, which shall in this document be referred to as the 'Business Manager', and may be referred to as such in official circumstances.
4. Bishop
5. Knight
6. Pawn, which may in this document be referred to as 'General Members'.

Section B. Duties of Officers

1. All officers shall be members of the Students' Association.
2. All officers shall promote active recruitment of new members.
3. All officers shall enforce this constitution.

4. All officers shall be responsible for knowing the sections of the Students' Association constitution and bylaws that apply to this group.
5. The King, with the help of the Queen, shall preside over the meetings and shall maintain organization within the group, communicate with other officers and delegate duties to maintain a functioning group that fulfills the purposes set forth above.
6. The Business Manager shall be responsible for maintaining all finances and keeping detailed records of all transactions.
7. The Queen shall be responsible for maintaining a current copy of this constitution open to inspection by all members of this group, Senators, and all members of the Students' Association. Also, the Queen shall take roll call at all meetings, tally votes, keep an accurate list of group members and take and maintain meeting minutes. The queen may also help with all other members' responsibilities except the knight's.
8. The Bishop shall be responsible for planning and organizing meetings and competitions beyond normal meetings and maintaining, storing, and acquiring game sets.
9. The Knight shall be responsible for maintaining the website and counting secret votes unless the knight is absent or directly concerned with the outcome of the vote, in which case a member chosen by the Knight will take the Knight's place.
10. Pawns will attend meetings as often as possible.

Section C. Nominations and Elections

1. Nomination and Elections Procedure – The executive board, which shall include all positions except Pawns, will be elected by secret ballot and counted by the knight as explained in Article IV, section B9. When a pawn is elected to the executive board, it shall be referred to as 'promotion'.
2. Timing of Elections – Elections shall occur in the third meeting of spring semester except that there shall be an initial election at the third meeting of Fall, 2008.
3. Term of Office – There shall be no term limit.

Section D. Vacancies, Resignations, and Removals

1. At the valid meeting following a vacancy of an office, the position is to be filled by the same manner described in the Nominations and Elections Procedure.
2. If a vote of no confidence on any officer is to take place, it must be given at least seven days notice. Any member of a group can call for a vote of no confidence.
3. A vote of no confidence is a vote to remove an officer. Such a vote shall require a 2/3 majority of the membership to pass the motion.
4. An office shall be declared vacant as the result of a vote of no confidence.

Article V. Finances

Section A. Students' Association members shall receive priority at SA funded events conducted by this group.

Section B. Funding

1. The Chess and Go Club shall not be an SA funded group.
2. Chess club finances shall be used primarily to acquire new equipment, but also shall be spent toward promoting new membership.

Article VI. Classification

Section A. The Chess and Go Club shall be classified as a Club.

Article VII. Adoption of the Constitution

Section A. Only the King and Queen of Chess club, who as of September eleventh 2008, and until the first executive board vote occurs, shall be John Pershing and Andrew Richardson respectively, need to approve this constitution. It will be reviewed at the second meeting of Fall 2008 and all members will have an opportunity to introduce amendments which shall be approved by two thirds of the membership as discussed under article VIII, section A.

Section B. This constitution will be ratified upon approval of the Senate and the signature of the Speaker.

Section C. This constitution shall not conflict with the Students' Association constitution or by-laws.

Article VIII. Amendments

Section A. Adoption and ratification of amendments to this constitution shall follow the same procedure as adoption of the entire constitution except that two-thirds of the membership shall always be required to approve amendments, and the approval of the king and queen is not necessary.

Article IX. Bylaws

Section A. At least a 2/3 of the members in attendance must approve the bylaws and any amendments.

Section B. Bylaws should not conflict with this constitution or the SA constitution or bylaws.

Article X. Hazing Policy

Hazing, defined as the harassment of one individual by another individual or group, is not permitted by the Chess and Go Club. Behavior prohibited under this rule includes actions threatening substantial risk of physical or mental injury; actions exposing the individual to distressing, repulsive, or alarming situations or sensations; forced consumption of alcohol or drugs; actions in the form of social pressure which might cause harm to an individual.


Article XI. Discrimination Policy

The Chess and Go Club of the University of Rochester does not discriminate against any individual or group of individuals on the basis of age, color, disability, ethnicity, gender identity, gender expression, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, veteran status, or political affiliation.



11-3-08

Signature of Officer Date Submitting Constitution


11.5.2008

Signature of SA Speaker Date Granting Recognition

