



Chess Club

ARTICLE I - ESTABLISHMENT

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

ARTICLE II - MISSION STATEMENT

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

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

SECTION ONE - MEMBERSHIP

- A. Eligibility All Students' Association (SA) members shall be eligible for membership. An SA Member is a University of Rochester undergraduate of the College who has paid their SA activities fee. All members and associate members shall be listed on the organization's Campus Community Connection site. Membership is automatically renewed yearly unless the member graduates, requests to cancel their membership, or fails to meet membership requirements.
- B. Definition of active member - Active members are present at 25% of events.
- C. Definition of associate member - All University of Rochester faculty, staff, graduate students and Eastman students shall be eligible for associate membership but not eligible to hold an officer position. Graduate students, faculty, and staff are not eligible to perform, compete, nor travel as part of a college student organization.

ARTICLE IV - MEETINGS AND VOTING

SECTION ONE - QUORUM

- A. A meeting shall be valid if a quorum is present. Quorum is defined as 1/2 of the active membership including one or more officer(s).

SECTION TWO - VOTING

- A. Voting on any issue shall be official only if the meeting is valid.
- B. All members shall have equal voting power.

- C. Procedure - All decisions shall be arrived at by simple majority using a hand vote unless otherwise specified by the presiding officer. In the case of elections, individuals running for a given position should leave the room and be exempt from voting during the vote for the given position. The President shall only vote to break a tie.

ARTICLE V - OFFICERS AND QUALIFICATIONS

SECTION ONE - OFFICER POSITIONS

- A. President
- B. Business Manager
- C. Vice President
- D. Social Media Chair - Only necessary if able to find qualified candidate, otherwise responsibilities default to other e-board members.
- E. Tournament Chair - Only necessary if able to find qualified candidate, otherwise responsibilities default to other e-board members.

SECTION TWO - DUTIES OF OFFICERS

- A. All officers shall be members of the Students' Association.
- B. All officers shall promote active recruitment of new members.
- C. All officers shall enforce this constitution.
- D. All officers shall be responsible for knowing the sections of the Students' Association constitution and bylaws that apply to this organization.
- E. The President shall preside over the meetings and shall maintain organization within the club, communicate with other officers and delegate duties to maintain a functioning club that fulfills the purposes set forth above.
- F. The Business Manager shall be responsible for maintaining all finances and keep detailed records of all transactions. Required to attend the fall leadership training and business manager training sessions. Submits the proper forms to receive funding for club activities.
- G. The Vice President shall be responsible for maintaining a current copy of this constitution open to inspection by all members of this organization, Senators, and all members of the Students' Association. Responsible for helping the president maintain a well functioning club.
- H. The President shall also take roll call at all meetings, tally votes, keep an accurate list of organization members and take and maintain meeting minutes.
- I. Social Media Chair shall be responsible for the social media accounts of the club and advertising club events.
- J. The Tournament Chair shall be responsible for arranging at least one on campus tournament per semester as well as organizing any intercollegiate tournaments.

SECTION THREE - NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

- A. Nomination and Elections Procedure - Any active member who wishes to run for an officer position may nominate themselves by announcing their interest before the

start of voting. Once all members who wish to nominate themselves for a position are announced, move on to voting for the officer positions in the order they are listed in section 1. Members who lose an election for an officer position may nominate themselves for any remaining position(s). Members may only be elected to one position at a time.

- B. Term of Office - Each officer shall hold their position for one whole academic year beginning at the start of the current academic year unless removed from their position in a method defined by Article V, Section Four.
- C. Timing of Elections - Elections will occur at least three weeks before the end of the academic year or whenever there is a vacant position.

SECTION FOUR - VACANCIES, RESIGNATIONS, AND REMOVALS

- A. At the first valid meeting following a vacancy of an office, the position is to be filled by the same manner described in Article V, Section Three.
- B. A vote of no confidence is a vote to remove an officer. Such a vote shall require a ½ majority of the entire active membership to pass. Any member of the organization may call for a vote of no confidence.
- C. If a vote of no confidence on any officer is to take place, they must be notified one week in advance.
- D. An office shall be declared vacant as the result of a vote of no confidence or the resignation of an officer.

ARTICLE VI - RESOURCES

SECTION ONE - RESOURCES

- A. The Chess Club of the University of Rochester will abide by their Resource Agreement.

ARTICLE VII - HAZING POLICY AND CHEATING

Hazing, defined as the harassment of one individual by another individual or organization, is not permitted by the Chess 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.

Cheating in Chess is prohibited in all settings. Punishable by revoking membership and banned from tournaments if deemed necessary by a majority of the current officers.

ARTICLE VIII - NONDISCRIMINATION POLICY

The Chess Club abides by the nondiscrimination policy of the University of Rochester.

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11/15/23

Signature of Confirmation

Date

Ryan Malarkey

President, Chess Club

Evan Ji

11/17/23

Signature of Approval

Date

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Chair, Student Organization Administration & Review Committee