

BYLAWS OF THE CONNECTICUT STATE CHESS ASSOCIATION

1. NAME. The name of this organization shall be the "Connecticut State Chess Association" (CSCA).

2. PURPOSE. The CSCA shall be a non-profit organization affiliated with the United States Chess Federation ("USCF") as the official state chapter for the USCF in the State of Connecticut. As such, (1) the CSCA will pay its USCF affiliate membership dues when due and payable, (2) certify in writing to the USCF Secretary by November 1 the USCF Voting Members and Alternates from Connecticut and their method of selection, (3) sponsor and hold (or arrange for) an annual USCF State Championship, (4) have a formal organizational structure and bylaws with opportunity for USCF members to participate in the CSCA, (5) and any other duties and responsibilities of USCF State Affiliates mandated by the USCF.

Also, the CSCA shall encourage and promote chess in Connecticut, organize State-titled events, promote Scholastic and women's chess activities, co-ordinate chess tournaments, maintain a tournament calendar, maintain a directory of Connecticut chess clubs, and maintain a website (or disseminate a periodical).

3. DIRECTORS. The Board of Directors shall be composed of ten Directors who shall vote on CSCA matters. Each year, at the annual meeting, the adult CSCA members present shall elect Directors. In order to be nominated, the nominee must indicate his willingness to serve in writing or in person. All Directors shall serve five years or until their successors are duly elected. Vacancies shall be filled for their remaining terms at the next election.

Nominees are qualified for Board, Officer or other fiduciary positions if they (a) abided by their fiduciary duties in all prior terms; (b) provided the CSCA, at least fourteen (14) days prior to their nomination, all Board minutes and adopted financial reports from all of their prior terms, unless such records are in CSCA possession; (c) are not in unauthorized possession of any CSCA funds or property or business records to the exclusion of the CSCA; and (d) are CSCA members in good standing.

"The Board and the Directors will act in the best interest of the Association, its membership and the Connecticut chess community." This statement will be included in every agenda and read at the beginning of every Board meeting.

4. OFFICERS. The offices of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Tournament Coordinator, shall be elected by the Directors at a Board of Directors Annual Meeting for a term of one year, or until their successors are elected. A nominee must signify his willingness to serve, either in writing or in person, before he is voted on for office.

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5. DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

PRESIDENT. The President shall preside at meetings of the CSCA, enforce the Bylaws, call Board of Directors meetings when necessary, and sign papers and documents for the CSCA officers or appointees. The Vice President shall succeed the President if a vacancy occurs.

VICE PRESIDENT. The Vice President shall assume all meeting duties of the President when the President is absent, or when the President has to step down from the chair to debate an issue. The Vice President takes over the office of President if that office is vacated.

TREASURER. The Treasurer shall be responsible for keeping all the financial records of the CSCA, depositing and disbursing all funds, reporting on the financial status of the CSCA (including by preparing, not less often than annually, written financial reports, which shall be made available to the President, the Directors and the Members), making any investments, etc. Each of the Treasurer, the President and the Directors shall have access to all financial records of the CSCA, which shall be furnished no later than one month after the request.

Organizers winning bids for CSCA events are required to submit player dues in a timely fashion to the Treasurer upon conclusion of the event.

SECRETARY. The Secretary shall be responsible for keeping all the non-financial records of the CSCA; preparing the agenda, handling correspondence, sending notices of meetings, taking and recording the minutes, and performing other assigned administrative duties.

6. **MEMBERSHIP.** Any person may become a member of the CSCA by
1. participating in a CSCA event during a calendar year, allowing the player CSCA membership for the remainder of the calendar year;
 2. or by paying \$12 for one calendar year's dues;
 3. or by paying \$250 for a Lifetime Membership.

Voting rights of each Member do not take effect until ten days after acquiring membership. This rule does not apply to (1) parents of scholastic members who have acquired membership through tournament play outside of this period and (2) renewals of current memberships.

Voting membership may not be provided to any member who (a) breached their fiduciary duty while serving the CSCA in a fiduciary capacity, including but not limited to, Board member, Officer or other position of a fiduciary nature, (b) is in unauthorized possession of CSCA funds, property or records to the exclusion of the CSCA, and/or (c) is not a member in good standing.

6A. **PROCEDURE.** Disciplinary matters involving Officers, Directors and members shall be governed by the CSCA Disciplinary Procedure. Unless the Board directs otherwise, this Procedure does not apply to in-meeting conduct.

7. FISCAL YEAR AND MEMBERSHIP YEAR. The fiscal year shall be the calendar year, running from January 1 through December 31. The membership year starts on the day membership is acquired and ends on the same date one year after membership was acquired.

8. MEETINGS. The election of Directors shall constitute the Annual Meeting. A special meeting of the members shall be called by the President upon written request of one-tenth of the membership age 17 or older, or if considered advisable by the President or a majority of the Board. The President or a majority of the Board shall set time and place of all special meetings and Board of Director meetings, if not previously determined. Director Meetings shall be open to all CSCA members. At any Board of directors Meeting the Directors may vote to go into closed session.

9. QUORUM. A quorum for a Directors Meeting shall be five Directors, or shall be 50% of all current Directors. A quorum for any special membership meeting shall be ten percent of the CSCA members over age 17. There is no quorum requirement for the election of Directors.

10. RULES OF ORDER. Meetings shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order, newly revised, on points not covered by these By-laws. No proxies or proxy votes are permitted.

11. AMENDMENTS. These Bylaws may be repealed or amended at any meeting of this association by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors, voting in person or by absentee ballot.

12. MISCELLANEOUS. The CSCA meetings held on October 1, 2017, October 31, 2017 and April 18, 2018 and all actions and resolutions adopted thereat are void. All tournament events awarded and approved at the October 1, 2017 meeting and all winners and title holders from said events are hereby ratified and recognized as official 2017-18 cycle CSCA Championship tournaments and CSCA Champions and placement winners.

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