Organization Bylaws:
Constitution of University Chicago Chess Club
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Article I. The name of this organization shall be University of Chicago Chess Club (UCCC).

Article II. The purpose of this organization is to foster the play, study, and advancement of chess for all those interested and affiliated with the University of Chicago, as well as compete in individual and intercollegiate tournaments and host events for the purpose of promoting chess. The Club shall foster an inclusive culture and be welcoming for all experience levels.

Article III. Knighthood (Membership)

Section 1. All registered University of Chicago undergraduate and graduate students are eligible for Knighthood.

Section 2. A “Knight” shall be defined as such by the Board, or any individual can guarantee Knighthood by accumulating 35 “Club Points” in a quarter:
- 5 points per meeting attendance
- 10 points per Volunteering attendance
- 3 points per match played on behalf of UChicago

Section 3. Only Knights shall receive election voting privileges.

Section 4. Knights shall receive priority for funding and for event spots.

Article IV. Board Members

Section 1. The Board Members of this organization shall be President, Vice President, Chair of Volunteering, Treasurer, and Chair of Inclusivity and Outreach.

Section 2. In order to be eligible to be a Board Member, a student must have been a Knight the preceding year.

Section 3. All Board Members shall serve for one year.

Section 4. Board

A. The President shall be responsible for the organization as a whole, overseeing the meetings and events as well as delegating responsibilities to the rest of the Board and managing PAPs. The President shall schedule weekly meetings with the Board and with the PAPs.The President shall also act as the organization’s representative to the Coalition of Academic Teams.

B. The Vice President shall aid the President in the maintenance of the organization by performing secretarial duties as well as accepting and performing any delegated responsibilities. The Vice President shall act as the President in his or her absence.

C. The Chair of Volunteering shall arrange and maintain the organization's contact with members of the Hyde Park and wider chess playing community with the purpose of giving active members the ability to engage with the community through chess. The Chair of Volunteering shall act as the President in the absence of both the President and the Vice President.

D. The Treasurer shall be responsible for overseeing and managing the organization's annual financial allocation from the Coalition of Academic Teams as well as all other financial operations. The Treasurer shall act as the President in the absence of the President, the Vice President, and the Chair of Volunteering.

E. The Chair of Inclusivity and Outreach shall be a non-male member. This eligibility requirement shall only be dropped if fewer than sixty percent of the Club's members are male. This position is responsible for boosting Club membership by reaching out to individuals and continuously fostering their interest, potentially by organizing certain events, and also for promoting a diverse member base. The Chair of Inclusivity and Outreach shall serve as President in the absence of the President, the Vice President, the Chair of Volunteering, and the Treasurer.

F. In the absence of the entire Board, the club member with the highest United States Chess Federation rating shall act as the President.

G. The President may create a "President-Appointed Positions" (PAP) with at least three-quarters approval of the remainder of the Board. With the requirement of notifying the Board of these decisions, the President may appoint and fire as they please for PAPs, unless overturned by a unanimous vote by the remainder of the Board; such a vote can also fill a PAP position. PAPs are not Board Members

H. The responsibilities of the Board are to promote the interests of their Knights, even in the face of adversity via external (non-Club) policies. The UChicago Chess Club shall continuously advance and cherish its sovereignty, in order to best serve the people. The Board shall keep in mind that they were elected -- which is what grants legitimacy to authority -- by students, whom they serve.

Section 5. Board Member Elections

A. The highest-ranking Board member who is not running for re-election shall run elections at the end of the Spring Quarter. If not applicable, then the Board shall appoint a Knight as "Election Chair". This position shall be subject to the same impeachment process as other Board members.

B. The first stage of elections shall be the Nominating Form, which must be clearly open and accessible for at least a week. Assuming eligibility, any individual may nominate themselves for any number of positions (only self-nominations are permitted). A "Statement of Candidacy" is required for each nomination, typically around one paragraph in length.

C. The second form sent around shall be the Ballots for each and every Knight. It shall include all nominated individuals with their respective Statements of Candidacy.

D. Ranked-choice voting shall decide each position. Nominees should clarify their position priorities if running for multiple.

E. Board elections shall be held at the end of Spring Quarter to determine the Board for the following year. All Board members officially take office at the start of the Autumn Quarter.

F. In the case of an absolute tie, the tied candidates shall compete in a best-of-two rapid play series with Game/15 minutes time constraints, the victor of which shall be elected.

Section 6. Board Processes

A. A Board Member shall be impeached by the organization if the sum total of the percentage of Board Members (with exception to the individual Board Member being considered for impeachment) in favor of impeachment is one hundred.

B. If a Board Member is impeached, a replacement Board Member shall be elected immediately and shall assume all the duties of the impeached Board Member.

C. If, when deciding an internal matter on a simple-majority vote, the Board is absolutely split 50/50, then the voting side of the President shall carry.

D. Any edits to the Constitution must be approved by at least three-quarters of the Board.

E. Preceding any given tournament, the Board shall determine which Knights shall comprise the competing team at the tournament.

F. The following individuals, identified by their current Chicago IDs, are not in good standing with the Club. As such, going forward and without exception, they shall not be eligible for: reimbursements, Club money/resources/materials in any way, Knighthood, board positions, PAPs, and election voting.
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Article VI: Required Explicit Statements

Section 1. Membership [Knighthood] shall be open to all UChicago students and must comply with the University of Chicago non-discrimination statement

Section 2. RSOs should be open to all interested students, regardless of divisional or departmental affiliations

Section 3. Our organization will abide by the University's hazing policy

Section 4. All funds collected will be deposited in RSO's University account

Section 5. Voting membership is limited to registered UChicago students

Section 6. Officers [Board Members] must be currently registered UChicago students