

# Honolulu Community College - Chess Scholars Club Constitution

## **ARTICLE I: NAME & PURPOSE**

Section A: Name - Chess Scholars Club

Section B: Purpose — The purpose of this club shall be:

1. Educate our members and HonCC students in the historical board game of “Chess” and the rules and systems that govern.
2. Engage HonCC students and the public by participating in Chess tournaments.
3. Expose members to the Hawaii Chess community and their wealth of knowledge.
4. Expand the Chess Community to HonCC Students and the HonCC community

## **ARTICLE II: Eligibility**

Section A: Eligibility - Membership shall be open to all Honolulu Community College students.

Section B: Voting Membership - Voting Membership shall be consisted of all officers and members for the first three (3) meetings, after which all non officer members who have attended no less than two (2) of the three (3) meetings shall be considered “Active Members”, after which the voting membership shall consist of all Officers and Active Members ONLY for the duration of the Academic Year.

## **ARTICLE III: OFFICERS**

Section A: Officers — The officers shall consist of a King, Queen, Rook, Bishop, and Knight.

Section B: Eligibility — Officers must be registered for a minimum of 3 credits at HonCC.

Section C: Election — The officers shall be elected at the First Meeting of the Semester by a majority of the vote cast for that office.

Section D: Term — The officers shall serve for two academic semesters (Fall/Spring) to be served concurrently and their term shall begin at the moment of their election and shall end upon the end of their second semester served.

Section E: If a vacancy occurs, the Bishop will assume the position for the remainder of the term. Other vacancies shall be filled by a special election.

#### Section F: Election of King

- **Eligibility:** A student attending and taking at least 3 credits at HonCC, with enthusiasm to educate HonCC and the community on Chess and its mechanics and the capacity to organize and manage Chess Club activities and serve as the face of the Chess Club in all public interactions
- **Election:** The King will be elected at the end of the previous King's term by majority vote but must have a minimum of 5 volunteer hours accumulated.
- **Term:** Two Academic Semesters served concurrently. An individual can continuously apply

#### Section G: Election of Bishop

- **Eligibility:** A student attending and taking at least 3 credits at HonCC, with the ability and desire to manage the financial and bureaucratic operations of the Chess Club.
- **Election:** The Bishop will be elected at the end of the previous Bishop's term by majority vote but must have a minimum of 5 volunteer hours accumulated.
- **Term:** Two Academic Semesters served concurrently. An individual can continuously apply.

#### Section G: Election of Knights

- **Eligibility:** A student attending and taking at least 3 credits at HonCC, with the knowledge and desire to oversee Chess games within the Chess Club
- **Election:** The Knights will be elected at the end of a previous Knight's term by majority vote but must have a minimum of 5 volunteer hours accumulated.
- **Term:** Two Academic Semesters served concurrently. An individual can continuously apply

#### Section G: Election of Rook

- **Eligibility:** A student attending and taking at least 3 credits at HonCC, with enthusiasm to have a positive impact in their local community.
- **Election:** The Rook will be elected at the end of the previous Rook's term by majority vote but must have a minimum of 5 volunteer hours accumulated.

- **Term:** Two Academic Semesters served concurrently. An individual can continuously apply

#### Section H: Election of Queen

- **Eligibility:** A student attending and taking at least 3 credits at HonCC, with expert knowledge and experience on Chess and its mechanics, to be determined by the Highest ELO (VIA CHESS.COM) of the current Club Members, with interest in overseeing all the Chess lessons and training of the less experienced members
- **Election:** The Queen will be appointed by the King at the end of the previous Queen's term but must have a minimum of 5 volunteer hours accumulated.
- **Term:** Two Academic Semesters, however if a current Chess Club member meets the eligibility requirements at any point during the Queen's term, said member may challenge the current Queen for the position in a Public spectacle best of three game, with the victor being awarded the title and position of Queen upon the game resolving, starting a new term of Two Academic Semesters served concurrently, and this victor is unchallengeable for one 1 calendar month.

## ARTICLE IV: DUTIES OF OFFICERS

### Section A: King — it shall be the duty of the King to:

1. Compile agenda for and preside at meetings
2. Represent the club at RISO meetings.
3. Perform other duties as ordinarily pertain to this office

### Section B: Bishop — It shall be the duty of the Bishop to:

1. Assist the King
2. Manage and oversee Financial and bureaucratic operations of the club

### Section C: Knights — It shall be the duty of the Knights to:

1. Record the minutes of all meetings
2. Keep a file of the club's records
3. Maintain a current roster of membership
4. Issue notices of meetings and conduct the general correspondence of the club
5. Oversee Chess Matches between members of the club and offer assistance to learning club members

### Section D: Rook — It shall be the duty of the Rook to:

1. Spearhead outreach events and activities

- a. Organize and assist new members and prospective members
  - b. Manage and facilitate Chess Club training games
  - c. Handle Chess Club correspondence and communications with members
2. Support new members

Section E: Queen — It shall be the duty of the Queen to:

1. Serve as expert instructor in regards to Chess
  - a. Oversee and delegate the Knights responsibilities
  - b. Further improve the Queen's own understanding of Chess
  - c. Accept challenges from eligible Queen Candidates.
2. Support new members

## **ARTICLE V: MEETINGS**

Section A: Meetings — Regular meetings shall be held monthly during the regular school year.

Section B: Special Meeting — Special meetings may be called by the King

Section C: Quorum — A quorum shall consist of no less than 50% of all voting membership present.

Section D: Parliamentary Authority — Robert's Rules of Orders, shall govern this club in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws.

## **ARTICLE VI: ADVISORS**

Section A: Selection — there shall be a minimum of one faculty/staff advisor who shall be selected each year by the membership.

Section B: Duties — The responsibilities of the faculty advisor shall be to:

Maintain an awareness of the activities and programs sponsored by the student club.

Meet on a regular basis with the leaders of the student club to discuss upcoming meetings, long range plans, goals, and problems of the club. Attend regular meetings as often as schedule allows.

Assist in the orientation of new officers.

Explain and clarify campus policy and procedures that apply to the club.

Maintain contact with the Student Life Office.

Provide direction in the area of parliamentary procedure, meeting facilitation, group-building, goal setting, and program planning. Assist the members in monitoring expenditures, fundraising activities, and corporate sponsorship to maintain an accurate and up. to-date account ledger.

Inform club members of those factors that constitute unacceptable behavior on the part of the club members, and the possible consequence of said behaviors.

## **ARTICLE VII: AMENDMENTS**

Section A: Selection — these bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the chapter's voting membership.

Section B: Notice — All members shall receive advance notice of the proposed amendment at least five days before the meeting. [The time may be extended to the following meeting.]

Section C: Funds — Any amount of funds raised by the club should be used appropriately to benefit the club's goals and objectives. If the club is to disband for any reason, the remaining balance will be donated to a charity that is mutually agreed on