

VICTORIA CHESS CLUB

CONSTITUTION

1. The name of the Society shall be the Victoria Chess Club
2. The purposes of the club are:
 - a) to foster the game of chess as played under C.F.C rules.
 - b) to meet together periodically for the purpose of playing organized chess.
 - c) to further the promotion of fellowship and sportsmanship among chess players.

Victoria Chess Club By-Laws

MEMBERSHIP

1. Any chess playing member of the public is welcome to be a member after paying any dues or fees as are currently in effect.
 - a) Any member of the Club has voting rights at the general meeting. Proxy voting will not be allowed.
 - b) Members will cease to be in good standing and will forfeit their membership on non-payment of dues.

FEES AND DISCIPLINE

2. The entrance fees and dues shall be as the Executive may from time to time decide.
3. Revenues may be raised as approved by the Executive.
4. Any member whose conduct is inappropriate or detrimental to the welfare of the Club may be expelled by a two thirds majority of the Executive.
5. Any member being expelled may have the right to appeal to the Club in an open meeting where a majority vote will decide, one quarter of the membership comprising a quorum in this case.
6. Any member whose membership in the Club has been terminated in any manner shall forfeit all interest in any funds or other property belonging to the Club.

MEETINGS

7. An Annual General Meeting called for the purpose of electing directors and transacting other business as may properly come before an Annual General Meeting shall be held in accordance with the Societies Act provided that at least fourteen days' notice of the time and place of such meeting shall be given in manner provided by the by-laws. A quorum shall consist of not less than three members in good standing. If there is insufficient attendance for a quorum, then the Annual General Meeting shall be adjourned to the next regular club meeting where any attendance shall consist of a quorum.

OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE

8. Each officer shall be an active member in good standing.
9. The officers of the club shall be:

President, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer and Tournament Director.

10. The Executive shall consist of the officers of the club and the past president and two committee members.

No executive officer shall receive any remuneration from the Club.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

11. The President shall preside, except as under, at all meetings of the Club and Executive and shall be an ex-officio member of all special committees.
12. The Vice-president shall assume the duties of the president in the latter's absence.
13. In the unavoidable absence of the above-mentioned officers, the President may appoint a member of the Executive to preside at any meeting.
14. The Secretary shall keep the records of the Club and the minutes of all meetings. He/she shall submit to the proper officials, all letters received and call business meetings of the Executive.
15. The Treasurer shall receive all funds paid to the Club and deposit them in the official bank. Accounts and books shall be open to the inspection of the Executive or authorized auditor. All bills shall be presented to the Executive for approval and a report submitted to the Annual Meeting of the Club and at such other times as the President may require. All cheques shall be signed by any two of the following: President, Secretary, Treasurer.
16. The Tournament Director shall arrange and supervise all Club tournaments and shall have full authority in accordance with the C.F.C. rules.
17. The Executive shall determine the policies and activities of the Club and discipline members according to the constitution, approve the budget and disbursements, take counsel with the committees and have general management of the Club.

EXERCISE OF BORROWING POWERS

18. The Executive may borrow or raise or secure the payment of money in such manner as they think fit totalling up to five hundred dollars (\$500.00) between Annual Meetings. No debenture shall be issued without the sanction of a special resolution.

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS

19. The accounts shall be closed and audited one month before the Annual Meeting.

SEAL ADOPTED

20. The Executive may adopt a seal which shall be the common seal of the Club.
21. The common seal of the Club shall be under the control of the Executive and the responsibility for its custody and use shall be with three members of the Executive Board.

NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

22. Two weeks prior to the Annual General Meeting the Executive shall post their nominations for officers on the notice board or equivalent. Other nominations may be made from the floor.
23. Election of officers and committee members shall be by vote of members in good standing present at the Annual General Meeting. Where officers resign their position during their term of office the Executive shall elect a new officer.
24. All officers shall be elected for a period of one year, present officers being eligible for re-election and shall take office immediately after election.

BOOKS AND RECORDS

25. The Executive shall from time to time determine whether and to what extent and at what times and places and under what conditions or regulations the accounts of the Club shall be open to inspection of members not being officers, and no member (not being an officer) shall have any right of inspecting any account or book or document of the Club except as authorized by the Executive.

GENERAL

26. Any amendment and by-law or cancellation of additional clause to this constitution shall be by special resolution submitted in writing to the Secretary and shall be adopted as part

of the Constitution and by-laws when passed by a three-fourths majority of the members as at present at a general meeting of which notice specifying the intention to propose the resolution of amendment, cancellation or additional clause has been on display at the Club's regular place of meeting two weeks previously and in writing.

INDEMNIFICATION OF OFFICERS, DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES

27. In accordance with the Societies Act, the Victoria Chess Club and/or its Executive or members are not responsible for any personal loss, damage or injury incurred during club gatherings.
28. In the event of a dissolution of the Club, a meeting of the Executive will be held to determine the dispersal of the material and financial holdings of the Victoria Chess Club.