

By Laws of the Denver Chess Club
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ARTICLE A Name and Objectives

1. The name of this club shall be the Denver Chess Club.
2. The objectives of this club shall be:
 - a. To provide a weekly chess tournament where chess players can play USCF rated games.
 - b. To organize a few larger weekend tournaments throughout the year. These tournaments are also rated by the USCF.
 - c. To maintain affiliation with the United States Chess Federation.
 - d. To run a financial responsible club in which most of the registration fees are returned to the players as prize money but a certain amount of the registration fees is used to pay operating expenses and some money is set aside for the future financial well being of the club.

ARTICLE B Membership

1. Any person may initiate or renew membership of the Club by paying the Club's annual dues.
2. All memberships expire after one year at the end of the month in which the membership was purchased.
3. All members terminate any offices, whether elective or appointive, immediately upon lapse of membership, but all such positions are automatically restored upon renewal of membership, if such renewal is made within one calendar month.
4. Dues are set by the Board and announced during the month of January.
5. Children under the age of 14 years will be afforded access to club activities without requiring dues, but do not have a vote.
6. A family can purchase a family membership by paying for two memberships which will entitle the entire family to participate.

ARTICLE C Officers

The officers of the Club will be called The Board. The Board will consists of the President, the Vice-President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, Member at Large and the Tournament Director. Board members shall be elected as provided in these By-Laws. All officers of the Club elected prior to adoption of these By-Laws shall serve the remainder of their one year term of Office under the conditions of these By-Laws.

Duties of the Officers

The President:

Shall be the Presiding Officer of the Club.

Shall have the right to call special meetings of the Club and the Board.

The Vice-President:

Shall become President when the Board unanimously find that the Office of President is permanently vacant.

Shall be the Presiding Officer during and following any meeting of the Club or Board, should the President, for any reason, be absent.

The Secretary:

Shall keep a record of all business meetings of the Club and of the Board.

Shall preside in the absence of the President and the Vice-President.

The Treasurer:

Shall collect all monies due and make all disbursements authorized by the Club or by the Board. The Treasurer's books shall be open to all members during meetings of the Club.

Shall provide financial summaries at all Club business meetings, and at meetings of the Board.

Shall preside in the absence of the President, the Vice-President, and the Secretary.

The Tournament Director:

Shall organize the Tuesday Tournaments in an orderly manner.

Member at Large

The club will have one Member at Large who shall assist as needed.

Any Officer may be removed from office by a majority of Club members present during a meeting when at least 10 members in good standing are present in addition to the Board members.

ARTICLE D The Tournament Director

The Tournament Director shall exercise exclusive authority of all activities concerning any event involving prizes or United States Chess Federation ratings during the days and hours the event is conducted, from the time registration is scheduled to begin until the last game is finished and final disposition of prizes is made. All tournaments will follow USCF rules and regulations.

ARTICLE E Club Business Meetings

1. Club business meetings shall be held as frequently as desired by the Board.
2. At least one club meeting shall be held every year on the first Tuesday in January to discuss performance of the previous year and to elect Board members.
3. Votes during the club meeting are valid as long as 10 members (in addition to the Board) in good standing are present.

ARTICLE F Elections

1. The Club officer elections shall take place on the Club's annual meeting day during the first week of January.
2. Nominations shall be accepted for each office during the Club election meeting.
3. Elections shall be for President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Member at Large and Tournament Director, in that order. If no candidate wins a majority of votes, a run-off election of the two candidates with the most votes shall be held immediately.
4. All votes must be by secret ballot.
5. Each officer shall take office on the first day of the month following the election.
6. No person shall be elected who is not a member of the Club.

ARTICLE G Rules of Order

1. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern all Club business meetings and elections

- unless other rules of procedure are adopted by a two-thirds vote of members present.
2. The Board shall determine their own quorum and rules of order when all members of the Board are present.

ARTICLE H Amendments

These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of members present on any business meeting of the Club called for that purpose.

As approved by the membership on xx/yy/2016