



MIT Chess Club

Constitution

Article I: Purpose

The purpose of the MIT Chess Club is to provide a venue for chess enthusiasts of all levels to learn, practice and compete in a friendly setting. The MIT Chess Club aims to foster the appreciation of chess and to promote understanding of the game by building a community of shared interest at MIT.

Article II: Membership

1. Any member of the MIT community is eligible to become a member of the MIT Chess Club. One is considered a member of the MIT Chess Club in any given academic term if he or she has attended at least one meeting or larger event in the current or preceding term.
2. The MIT Chess Club membership will at all times consist of at least 5 MIT students.
3. The MIT Chess Club will not discriminate based on any characteristic listed in MIT's Nondiscrimination Statement.
4. If the MIT Chess Club charges any monetary dues, there will be exceptions made for students who cannot afford these dues.

Article III: Officers

1. The MIT Chess Club will have a minimum of four officers:
 - a. President
 - i. The president shall be the official representative of the MIT Chess Club to any other organization and to MIT.
 - ii. The president shall preside over all meetings or shall appoint a substitute to do so in his or her place. The president shall take attendance for administrative purposes.
 - iii. The president shall be responsible for determining the time and dates of club meetings and for

- publicizing this information to the club members.
 - iv. The president shall be responsible for approving mail sent through the MIT Chess Club Mailing List.
- b. Vice President
 - i. The vice president shall aid the president in his or her duties and substitute for him or her when necessary.
- c. Treasurer
 - i. The treasurer shall be responsible for the finances of the MIT Chess Club.
 - ii. The treasurer shall be responsible for signing all checks and vouchers of the MIT Chess Club or for appointing a substitute to do so in his or her place.
- d. Webmaster
 - i. The webmaster shall be responsible for the maintenance of the MIT Chess Club website.
- 2. Additional positions may be created as required at the discretion of the current officers.
- 3. The president and the treasurer of the MIT Chess Club must be distinct current MIT students.
- 4. Elections
 - a. Elections of officers shall occur yearly during the month of May at a date and time specified by the MIT Chess Club officers.
 - b. Any member who has attended at least three club meetings in the spring semester of elections is eligible to run for office.
 - c. Quorum for elections is a majority of the MIT Chess Club officers.
 - d. Any member who has attended at least three club meetings in the spring semester of elections is eligible to vote in the officer elections.
 - e. Any member is elected if he or she receives a majority of the votes.
 - f. If more than two people are running and no one wins a majority, then the person with the fewest votes is dropped from the ballot and votes are recast.
 - g. The term of office runs from one election to the subsequent election.
 - h. If an office is vacated, elections shall take place at a time specified by the MIT Chess Club officers.
- 5. Officers may be removed by a two-thirds officer vote.

Article IV: Meetings

1. Meetings shall be held weekly, unless otherwise specified by the MIT Chess Club officers.
2. Meetings shall be presided over by the president or by a substitute designated by the president.
3. All decisions shall be made by a majority vote of all the MIT Chess Club officers.
4. Quorum for a meetings shall be a one-quarter of the MIT Chess Club officers.

Article V: Amendments

1. Amendments may be presented by any member of the MIT Chess Club.
2. Amendments shall be passed by a majority vote of the MIT Chess Club officers present.
3. Quorum for amending this constitution shall be a majority of the officers of the MIT Chess Club.

Article VI: ASA Governance Clause

1. The MIT Chess Club agrees to abide by the rules and regulations of the Association of Student Activities, and its executive board. This constitution, amendments to it, and the by-laws of this organization shall be subject to review by the ASA Executive Board to ensure that they are in accordance with the aforementioned rules and regulations.