

CHARLTON CHESS CLUB

CONSTITUTION

1. The Club shall be known as Charlton Chess Club.
2. The Club shall be affiliated to Vanbrugh Community Association and shall meet at Mycenae House, London, SE3 7SE, on Monday of each week from 7pm to 10pm or such later time as may be allowed by the Vanbrugh Community Association, except when Mycenae House is closed for holidays or other reasons.
3. The objects of the Club shall be to afford a meeting place for chess players where they may enjoy a friendly game of chess or take part in competitive play and to promote interest in chess.
4. The annual subscription shall be such sums as shall be determined by the members in General Meeting. Subscriptions to be paid before the 1st October or within four weeks of acceptance for membership.
5. Applications for membership shall be made to the Honorary Secretary and each application shall be proposed and seconded by two subscribing members of the Club.
6. At each Annual General Meeting there shall be elected the following officers who will hold office until the next Annual General Meeting – Chairman, Deputy Chairman, Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Club Captain: and not less than two additional members to complete a committee of at least seven. The Club may also from time to time elect a President.
7. The Honorary Treasurer shall render annually a Report and lay before the members in General Meeting a Balance Sheet and an Income and Expenditure Account.
8. The Annual General meeting shall be held in September of each year.
9. At or before any Annual General Meeting any subscribing member may be nominated or may offer himself for any one of the offices in Rule 6.
10. The Club shall have power to elect Honorary Life Members as an appreciation for services rendered to the Club.
11. The Club shall be affiliated to the Kent County Chess Association and through them to the English Chess Federation.
12. The Laws of Chess as laid down by FIDE shall apply but the Committee shall have power to adjudicate any dispute not covered by these laws.
13. A copy of these rules shall be made available to every member by the Club Secretary.

GENERAL MEETINGS

14. **Convening:** The Honorary Secretary, on the instruction of the Committee or any five full members, may convene a General Meeting.
15. **Notice:** All members shall be entitled to 14 days written notice either by hand or post. Upon the written request of five full members, the Committee must call a meeting within 21 days. Contravention of this Rule shall enable the members to convene a meeting without consulting the Committee.
16. **Quorum:** Fifteen full members, present in person, shall constitute a quorum at a General Meeting. If no quorum is present at the time appointed the meeting shall stand adjourned until the same time at the same place in one week's time when all the members present shall constitute a quorum.
17. **Motions:** Any member wishing to propose a motion or an amendment to a motion must submit it in writing a minimum of 21 days prior to the meeting. Each motion or amendment must be seconded. Shorter notice or verbal motions or amendments will only be allowed at the discretion of the Chairman.
18. **Voting:** Voting will be taken on a show of hands or a ballot if the meeting so decides and decisions will be reached by a simple majority. Each member, whether senior or junior, will be entitled to one vote. The Chairman may use a second or casting vote.
19. **Proxies:** Proxies will not be accepted.
20. **Adjournments:** The Chairman may, with the consent of those members present, adjourn the meeting to a time and place suitable for the unfinished business to be resumed.
21. **Alterations to Rules:** Rules may be altered or amended from time to time by Ordinary Resolution.
22. **Rescission of Resolutions:** At the earliest, resolutions may only be rescinded at the Annual General Meeting following the meeting at which the decision was made. The Committee with the approval of the members in General Meeting, has the power to relax this Rule.
23. **Minutes:** The Honorary Secretary is responsible for keeping the Minutes of General Meetings which must be available for inspection at every meeting.

POWERS OF THE COMMITTEE

The Committee have the power to:

- a) Appoint sub-committees and co-opt members to the committee or sub-committee;
- b) Terminate the membership of any member;
- c) Arrange fixtures and venues for matches and tournaments;
- d) Arrange Congresses, Simultaneous Displays, Lightning Tournaments, Internal Matches and Tournaments and Inter-Club matches.
- e) Purchase, loan, borrow or otherwise acquire or distribute chess equipment and ancillary items or services for the benefit of the Club;
- f) Organise any other events which will ultimately benefit the Club within the bounds of its objectives.

MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEE

- a) Convening: The Honorary Secretary on the instruction of the Chairman or any two members of the committee must convene a meeting.
- b) Notice: All members will be entitled to six clear days notice in any form. Upon written request of a minimum of two members the Secretary must call a meeting within ten days. Contravention of this Rule will enable the members to convene a meeting without consulting the Secretary.
- c) Quorum: Four members present in person shall constitute a quorum. If no quorum is present at the time appointed the meeting will stand adjourned until the same time at the same place in one week's time when all members present shall constitute a quorum.
- d) Motions: Any member wishing to propose a motion or an amendment to a motion must notify the Secretary 10 days prior to the meeting. Motions or amendments need not be seconded but shorter notice of motions or amendments will only be allowed at the discretion of the Chairman.
- e) Voting: Voting will be taken on a show of hands or a ballot if the meeting so decides and decisions will be reached by a simple majority. Each member will be entitled to one vote with the exception of the Chairman who will be entitled to a second or casting vote.
- f) Adjournment: The Chairman with the consent of those members present may adjourn the meeting to a time and place suitable for the unfinished business to be resumed.
- g) Recision of Resolutions: Resolutions may be rescinded at the next Committee meeting after the passing of a resolution.
- h) Minutes: The Honorary Secretary is responsible for recording the minutes and presenting them at the next meeting.