Constitution for the Tomball College Chess Club

ARTICLE I- Name
The name of the organization shall be the Tomball College Chess Club (hereafter “TCCC”), a non-profit organization.

ARTICLE II- Objectives
Section 1. The objectives of the TCCC shall be:
   i. To encourage recognition of the sporting, artistic, and intellectual qualities of chess
   ii. To improve every member’s chess skill level and appreciation of chess.
   iii. To otherwise and generally promote the game of chess at Tomball College by appropriate means, including but not limited to holding regular meetings, the organization of tournaments, challenging surrounding chess organizations and/or assembled individuals to chess matches, teaching chess in local schools and sending teams to intercollegiate and amateur tournaments.
   iv. To increase club membership with every meeting, and more importantly, to increase attendance at every meeting.

Section 2.
   i. The TCCC shall be organized and operated in such a manner as to uphold the standards of Tomball College
   ii. Nothing in the Constitution shall be interpreted to conflict with the stated objectives of the TCCC

ARTICLE III- Membership
Section 1. Membership and participation shall be free from discrimination on the basis of sex, race, religion, ethnic group, or national origin.
Section 2. Membership shall be open to all students, staff, faculty, and alumni of Tomball College who come to play chess at club meetings.
Section 3. The organization will guarantee that equal opportunity and access to membership, programming, facilities, and benefits shall be open to all person mentioned in section 2 of this article.

ARTICLE IV- Voting
Section 1. A Student member shall be entitled to vote
Section 2. Procedure for voting:
   i. President (or presiding officer) shall conduct voting.
   ii. Each member shall be allowed one vote.
   iii. Quorum of one half the membership shall be required to conduct a vote.
   iv. A proposal shall be ratified by majority vote.
   v. If quorum is not present, the Executive Board shall vote on an issue.

ARTICLE V- Dues and Finances
Section 1. The Executive Board and the membership shall determine the need to assess a fee for membership. The yearly fee, when and if there is one, shall
accompany any application for membership. No part of the net income shall incur
to the benefit of any private individual or company.
Section 2. Upon dissolution, state money and mandatory student fees revert
back to the granting organization.

ARTICLE VI- Administration and Administration Duties
Section 1. Student members shall be eligible to hold all elected offices on the
executive board.
Section 2. There shall be an Executive Board which shall consist of the:
   (a) President
   (b) Vice-President
   (c) Secretary
   (d) Treasurer
   (e) Tournament Director
   (f) Newsletter Editor
Section 3. The Executive Board shall:
   i. Determine all question of policy and shall administer the affairs of the
      TCCC under its Constitution and by-laws, and the general provisions of
      the law under which it is incorporated.
   ii. Be subject to the orders of the membership and none of its acts shall
       conflict with decisions made by the vote of the general body, or the goals
       and objectives of the organization.
   iii. Not receive any salary for service.
Section 4. The duties of the elected officers are:

(a) President
   i. The President shall be the chief executive officer of the TCCC and shall
      have general supervision of its activities, programs, and finances.
   ii. Shall preside over all official meetings of the TCCC or ask the Vice
       President, or next ranking officer, to act in his place.
   iii. Shall appoint members of special committees with advise and consent
        from the Executive Board
   iv. Shall serve as the representative of the Executive Board
   v. Shall have signing authority.
   vi. Shall be responsible for official correspondence of the TCCC
   vii. Shall ensure that reports of the Board's actions are made available to the
        club membership.
   viii. Shall see that the duties of the other officers are carried out.

(b) Vice- President
   i. Shall preside in the absence or the inability of the President.
   ii. Shall assist the President and assume his or her duties if, when and as
       long as the President is unable to perform such duties.
   iii. Shall develop programs of interest for the TCCC meetings in cooperation
       with the Executive Board.
iv. Shall perform any activities, duties, and responsibilities as designated by the President.

c) Secretary
   i. Shall record accurately the minutes of the Executive Board meetings and make available the minutes to all members upon request.
   ii. Shall report the minutes from the previous meeting.
   iii. Shall require from the Executive Board, Standing Committees, and Special Committees of the TCCC, a record of the activities of the said body.
   iv. Shall inform the TCCC members of the upcoming events.
   v. Shall help the Newsletter Editor with publicity.

d) Treasurer
   i. Shall collect the dues and assist the Tournament Director in collecting moneys at tournaments.
   ii. Shall keep a financial record at all times deposit organization funds of the TCCC treasury.
   iii. Shall keep and document proof of all expenditures.
   iv. Shall deposit all funds received by him or her into a designated college account.
   v. Shall make disbursements as authorized by the Executive Board.
   vi. Shall maintain the membership roll and collect annual dues of the TCCC in a manner developed along with the Executive Board and shall have signing authority.

e) Tournament Director
   i. Shall be responsible for the club rating system.
   ii. Shall formulate tournament schedule and details to be approved by the Board and ensure that tournaments are conducted properly.
   iii. Shall assist the Treasurer in the preparation of a financial report on each tournament sponsored by the TCCC.
   iv. Shall be a USCF certified tournament director.

(f) Newsletter Editor
   i. Shall be responsible for the publication and distribution of the TCCC newsletter.
   ii. Shall be responsible for all publicity of TCCC related events.

Section 5. The Executive Board will create and appoint chairs for any special committee(s), as necessary.

ARTICLE VII- Nomination and Election
Section 1. Officers shall be elected annually by the members of the TCCC during the last month of the Spring semester and shall serve a term of one year, beginning and ending on the first day of summer recess.
Section 2. Any student member of the TCCC may be elected to office.
Section 3. Any member of the TCCC may nominate candidates for the standing offices of the TCCC. Nominations for these offices shall be taken from the floor at the time of the election.
Section 4. A simple majority vote of current, present and attending, TCCC members shall elect an officer.
Section 5. In April/May a meeting shall be called in which officers elected shall be appointed, provided the candidate’s willingness and eligibility is affirmed.
Section 6. If the office of President becomes vacant, the Vice-President shall become president for the remainder of the regular term, thereby creating a vacancy as Vice-President.
Section 7. If any elected office other than that of the President becomes vacant, the Executive Board shall fill the vacancy temporarily with a simple majority vote, until the permanent replacement can be elected at the general meeting. The replacement shall complete the remainder of term.

ARTICLE IX- Meetings
1. The TCCC shall meet on a regular basis to discuss and determine policy, programs, and other business. Such meetings shall be designated "Business Meetings." The President, or a person designated by the President, shall schedule and chair the meetings.
2. "Regular Meetings" will consist of chess matches, game analysis, lectures of chess and chess demonstrations.
   (a) In order to have a business meeting, the TCCC should have a majority of the active officers present and voting.
   (b) In the case that a majority fails to appear for a meeting, the President shall schedule another meeting as soon as possible.
   (c) Regular meetings will be held weekly, on a day of the week the majority of members agree to.
   (d) Regular meetings will be held throughout the year.
   (e) At regular meetings and at business meetings the Executive Board shall give reports of their actions.
   (f) Upcoming Events shall be discussed at regular and business meetings.
   (g) At regular meetings the date of the next regular or business meeting shall be announced.

ARTICLE X- Amendments
Section 1.
   i. Any member may propose an amendment.
   ii. For this constitution to be changed, written amendment(s) must be submitted to the members at two consecutive, club meetings. At the second meeting, the proposed amendment(s) must be approved for forwarding to the Executive Board by a majority of the members present and voting.
   iii. Such amendments shall field immediately with the Executive Board for final approval.
iv. Such approval must be voted unanimously by the Executive Board to take effect.

ARTICLE XI - Termination of Officers
Section 1. Any officer may be impeached or removed from said position by the affirmative vote of:
   i. No less than two-thirds (2/3) of the members.
   ii. Or all the remaining officers of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE XII - Sponsor
Section 1. The sponsor of the TCCC shall be Adviser of the Executive Board with any cosponsors as designated by sponsor.
   i. The sponsor(s) shall work with the Executive Board in coordinating TCCC programs and shall help and advise the TCCC in achieving its objectives.
   ii. The sponsor(s) will not have voting privileges with respect to the composition of the Executive Board offices.

Section 2. The sponsor(s) shall be responsible for the guidance and approval of TCCC activities, and shall act as a liaison between the TCCC, the Tomball College Office of Student Affairs, and any other bodies or entities that can or will affect the operation and future of the TCCC.

Section 3. The sponsor(s) shall oversee the maintaining of the TCCC finances for the purpose of audit, and annual reports.

Section 4. The sponsor(s) will have veto power over any actions by the Executive Board that the sponsor(s) feel detrimental to the existence of the TCCC.

ARTICLE XIII - Ratification
Section 1. This constitution shall become effective immediately upon its approval by a simple majority vote of current and veteran members at a business or called meeting of the TCCC.