**Chess Club Constitution**

**Lone Star College-CyFair**

**Article I Name**

The name of this organization shall be Chess Club at Lone Star College-CyFair.

**Article II Purpose**

The mission of Chess Club is to foster the love and joy of chess for students at Lone Star College-CyFair.

**Article III Membership**

Section 1: Any registered student (full or part time) at Lone Star College-CyFair who is in good standing with the College and fulfills the membership requirements of Chess Club may be a member.

Section 2: All Chess Club members must properly fill out and sign the Chess Club roster and undergo RSO Risk Management Training.

Section 3: In order to guarantee equal rights for all members of the Lone Star College-CyFair student body, equal opportunities shall be afforded all students without regard to race, color, sex, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, religion, ethnic or national origin, disability, veteran status, or any other protected status.

Section 4: There are two levels of membership in Chess Club. Regular Members are students who have joined Chess Club. Officers are those who have been selected to hold officer positions.

Section 5: Privileges of membership include voting during Chess Club meetings. Registration for the semester Chess Club Championship is restricted to Chess Club members.

**Article IV Officers and Advisors**

Section 1: Officers for Chess Club include: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Historian.

Section 2: Qualifications for Holding Office: Only Regular Members may run for a Chess Club officer position.

Section 3: Length of Term: Terms of office are 1 academic year. Elections for the academic year take place in September. Elections will be held in January to fill any vacancies left by officer departure or resignation.

Section 4: Duties of Officers:

The President must:

* Oversee all Chess Club activities.
* Coordinate all Chess Club events.
* Preside over all Chess Club meetings.

The Vice President must:

* Support the President to accomplish Chess Club goals.
* Preside over Chess Club meetings in the absence of the President.
* Organize and direct the Semester Chess Championship.

The Treasurer must:

* Maintain the Chess Club budget.
* Request funds from Student Life well in advance of budgeted events.

The Secretary must:

* Keep minutes of all Chess Club and Chess Council meetings.
* File all Registered Student Organization forms required by Student Life.

The Historian must:

* Maintain and update the display cabinet.
* Document Chess Club activities and participation in Student Life events.
* Maintain a history of Chess Club in a Chess Club notebook.

Section 5: Should a vacancy occur in any office during the semester, it shall be filled temporarily by a Member selected by the Chess Council. Nominations for and election of the vacant officer position shall occur at the next election meeting.

Section 6: Executive leadership positions comprise the Chess Council. These officers include the President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Historian. A quorum of Chess Council shall be 5 council members. In the absence of the President, the Vice President only votes to break a tie.

**Article V Elections**

Section 1: Time of Elections: Elections are held in August of each academic year. Elections are also held in January, as needed to fill officer vacancies.

Section 2: Election Procedures: Candidates for officer positions will be nominated and voted on by club members. Any candidate receiving a majority of voting Chess Club members present will be declared the winner of said election.

Section 3: Run-Off Election Procedures: In the case of a race with more than two candidates in which no candidate receives a majority, there will be a run-off election between the top two candidates.

Section 4: Recall: A petition signed by at least one-third of the total number of Chess Club members shall be cause for a recall election. The offense precipitating the recall petition must be submitted to the Chess Council in writing by a Chess Club member. A recall election shall be held at the next regular Chess Club meeting after presentation of the recall petition, and shall be conducted as a special election. Recall will require a favorable vote of 2/3 of the voting, as determined by the Secretary.

**Article VI Meetings and Chess Table Maintenance**

Section 1: The time, date, and place of regular Chess Club meetings shall be in the afternoon each week of the months of February, March, April, September, October, and November of each year.

Section 2: Quorum for meetings shall be two-thirds of the number of Chess Club members, as determined by the Secretary.

Section 3: Rules of procedure for Chess Club shall be Robert’s Rules of Order.

**Article VII Finances**

Section 1: Fiscal operating year for Chess Club shall be September 1-August 31, same as Lone Star College.

Section 2: There are no membership dues for Chess Club.

**Article VIII Committees**

Section 1: The standing committee for Chess Club consists of the Chess Officers.

Section 2: The President may appoint additional committees as needed, with approval from the other officers.

**Article IX Amendments**

Section 1: Proposed constitutional amendments shall be presented to the organization in writing at least one meeting before it may be voted on.

Section 2: Approval by two-thirds of the voting members present at a regular meeting shall pass a proposed change. The amendment shall be put into effect immediately after approval from the Director of Student Life, unless a later date is stipulated in the amendment.

Section 3: A copy of any alteration to this document must be filed with the Center for Student Life.

**Article X Ratification and Enactment**

This constitution shall become the official governing document of Chess Club, upon ratification by a two-thirds majority vote of the membership, as determined by the Secretary, and acceptance by the appropriate governing body of Lone Star College-CyFair.