

# **Constitution of Skerries Chess Club**

## **1. NAME OF CLUB**

The name of the club shall be Skerries Chess Club.

## **2. OBJECT OF CLUB**

The object of the club shall be to facilitate the playing of chess in the locale. The club will run a regular club night for casual chess and training, and field teams in appropriate competitions.

## **3. MEMBERSHIP**

The club shall consist of (a) Full Members and (b) Associate Members (non-voting).

(a) Full Members shall be those who have applied and been accepted by the committee of the club and have paid the annual subscription as set down by the members of the club at the AGM. This includes adult and junior members, those under 18 on 1<sup>st</sup> September of the current season. The membership fee may be reduced for those members joining late in the season.

(b) Associate Members shall be those who have applied and been accepted by the committee of the club and have paid a much-reduced membership fee set down by the members of the club at the AGM. Some of these may be junior members as above.

## **4. OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE**

(a) The officers shall consist of the Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer, Prizes officer, Vetting officers, Junior officer, Parents representative, Supervision officer, Tournament controller, Ratings officer, Club captain, Team Captains, Coaching officer and PR officer. More than one post may be held by a person and posts may be shared, in which case all persons sharing are deemed to be officers. In some seasons posts may be left vacant in the absence of a suitable volunteer.

(b) The business and affairs of the club shall be administered by a committee elected at the AGM.

The Committee shall consist of the Officers, and any other officials deemed necessary by the AGM, or co-opted by the committee. The committee shall hold office until the following AGM unless removed from office by an Extraordinary General Meeting. The committee shall meet at whatever times are deemed necessary by the committee. At meetings of the committee, a quorum shall consist of three. In the absence of the Chairperson, a meeting shall be chaired by a committee member appointed by those present. The person in the chair shall have a casting vote at all committee meetings. The committee shall retire annually but shall be eligible for re-election.

## **5. FUNCTIONS OF COMMITTEE**

(a) The committee shall be empowered to administrate the running of the club and its finances in accordance with the objectives of the club. The committee shall be empowered to

make rules and byelaws regulating the conduct of the affairs of the club generally. Such rules and byelaws shall have effect unless and until set aside by AGM or EGM.

The committee shall be empowered to set up sub-committees answerable to the committee.

(b) The Secretary shall make minutes in proper books of all resolutions and proceedings of the committee and of General Meetings.

(c) The committee shall be empowered to open and maintain an account with the club's bankers in the name of the club. Correct books of account shall be kept of all transactions of the club by the Treasurer and appropriate accounts shall be presented at the AGM.

## 6. AGM

(a) A general meeting of the Full Members and parents of Full Members of the club shall be held each year, any time between 15th March and 30th September, for the purposes of:

(i) Receiving the annual report of the Officers;

(ii) Electing Officers and Committee for the ensuing year. This to be near the end of the order of business at the AGM before Any Other Business portion;

(iii) Transacting the business of the club;

(iv) Setting the annual subscription levels (including due date of payment)

(v) Revising the rules and constitution of which due notice has been given.

(vi) The Secretary shall give at least 7 days notice of general meetings specifying the place, date and time of meeting and in the case of special business, the nature of that business.

(b) The above general meeting shall be titled AGM and all other general meetings shall be titled EGM (Extraordinary General Meetings).

(c) The Secretary shall convene an extraordinary general meeting as directed by the committee or upon a requisition signed by at least six Full Members or parents of Full Members. Such meetings shall be summoned within three weeks of such requisition.

(d) A quorum for a general meeting shall consist of 5 members present and entitled to vote. No business shall be transacted at a general meeting unless a quorum is present at the time the meeting proceeds to business. If a quorum is not present within half-an-hour of the appointed time of a requisitioned meeting, then the meeting shall be dissolved. In respect of any other meeting, it shall stand adjourned to the following week at the same time and venue. If at an adjourned meeting a quorum is not present within half-an-hour of the appointed time, the members present shall be deemed a quorum.

(e) Written notice of proposed changes to the constitution must be submitted to the Secretary with the name of the proposer at least 3 days prior to the AGM.

## 7. CODE OF ETHICS

The club endorses and will uphold the FIDE Code of Ethics.

The club shall endorse and uphold appropriate child protection practices.