

Cranston Chess Club Bylaws

Article I (Name)

The name of the Club shall be the Cranston Chess Club.

Article II (Purpose)

The club exists to provide regular chess playing opportunities for chess players living to the southwest of Providence, including Cranston, Warwick, West Warwick, Coventry, East and West Greenwich, Rhode Island.

Article III (Membership)

Membership is open to all interested chess players, subject to any qualifications (such as dues) required by the officers.

Article IV (Duties of Members)

All members have the duty and/or privilege:

- To elect officials of the club at the annual meeting
- To support and uphold the decisions of the officers
- To participate in club events
- To obtain and review financial reports of the club
- To run for an elected office at the annual meeting

Article V (Organization)

Elected officers shall govern the club. Officers are elected by a majority vote of the membership present at the annual meeting, serving for a term of one (1) year. The annual meeting will be convened in March, no later than the 15th of March. The precise date each year will be decided by the elected officers and communicated to all registered members before the 15th of January. The elected officers of the club are the President, and the Secretary/Treasurer.

Article VI (Duties of Officers)

All officers have the duty:

- To provide that the purpose of the club is fulfilled
- Meet at least quarterly to conduct the business of the club
- Decide, by simple majority, the governance of the club, including but not limited to: The location, date, and time of all club events, the dispersion of club funds, and any necessary disciplinary action against club members
- To conduct an annual meeting where a fair election is held for the next year's officers

The duties of the President are:

- To preside over all meetings
- To appoint committees and chairpersons as is necessary
- To represent the club in matters of public relations and publicity
- To promote membership in the club
- To organize all events conducted by the club
- To ensure all events conducted by the club are properly directed by qualified people

The duties of the Secretary/Treasurer are:

- To record the minutes of all meetings
- To receive and answer all club correspondence
- To notify all members of upcoming meetings
- To maintain a roster of members
- To collect all dues and fees
- To ensure all funds are disbursed as decided by the officers of the club
- To provide a report of the club's finances to any member upon request
- To perform the duties of the President in the absence of the President

Article VII (Ratification & Amendments)

These bylaws will be ratified with a two-thirds majority of the membership. They may also be changed, with changes approved at the annual meeting by a two-thirds majority of the membership.