

**CANTON SCHOLASTIC CHESS LEAGUE  
(CSCL)  
CONSTITUTION**

**1. NAME**

- 1.1. The name of this organization shall be CANTON SCHOLASTIC CHESS LEAGUE, hereafter referred to as CSCL.

**2. PURPOSE**

- 2.1. The purpose of this non-profit, voluntary organization shall be to regulate, supervise, and administer interscholastic chess competition among its member schools. This shall be accomplished by:
- 2.1.1. Cooperation with all agencies vitally concerned with the health and educational welfare of all participating students.
  - 2.1.2. Determining qualifications of individual contestants, coaches, and officials as these qualifications pertain to the learning, teaching, coaching, and officiating of chess. Choice of coaches will be strictly that of each member school where sole responsibility and liability for this choice ultimately remains.
  - 2.1.3. Provide information and literature to facilitate the teaching and advancement of interscholastic chess competition.
  - 2.1.4. Establish standards for sportsmanship and competition of interscholastic chess.
  - 2.1.5. Provide assistance whenever possible to the disadvantaged students officially enrolled in our program.

**3. MEMBERSHIP**

- 3.1. Membership in the CSCL is voluntary and shall be open to any school, both private and public, located within Stark County, Ohio, with the full permission of each school's Principal.
- 3.2. Membership to the CSCL requires good faith participation in CSCL sponsored activities and tournaments.
- 3.3. Schools located outside Stark County may be permitted to participate with majority vote of the Executive Board, on condition that participation will be for the current school year only. Permanent member status may be granted after three years of successive and adequate participation as determined by the Executive Board.

- 3.4. A home-school, virtual school, or similar school group that meets regularly for other activities in addition to Chess may apply for CSCL membership as noted in sections 3.1 or 3.3 above.
- 3.5. A student that attends a non-public school that is not a CSCL member, may compete as a member of the public school to which they would otherwise attend.

## **4. MANAGEMENT**

- 4.1. Voting Members: Each member school shall be entitled to one vote on general matters affecting the CSCL.
  - 4.1.1. The Principal of each member school shall be ultimately responsible in all matters pertaining to interscholastic chess involving the member school.
  - 4.1.2. The member school shall designate one or more individuals who will represent the school in the CSCL, however each school will only have one vote.
  - 4.1.3. As a condition of membership, each member school is expected to provide at least one volunteer to assist at CSCL tournaments.
- 4.2. Executive Board Members: In order to adequately represent each member school in each scholastic division, an Executive Board will be established. The Executive Board shall be responsible for all decisions regarding the operation of the CSCL and its tournaments.
- 4.3. The Executive Board shall consist of a total of 7 members, 4 Officers and 3 At-Large Members.
  - 4.3.1. President
  - 4.3.2. Vice President / Tournament Coordinator
  - 4.3.3. Secretary / Treasurer
  - 4.3.4. Registrar
  - 4.3.5. High School At-Large Member
  - 4.3.6. Middle School At-Large Member
  - 4.3.7. Elementary At-Large Member
- 4.4. Term of Office: Executive Board Members shall serve a term of one school calendar year.
- 4.5. Qualifications and Elections: Executive Board Members shall be selected as follows:
  - 4.5.1. Officers may be any individual willing and qualified to perform the appointed duties. Officers do not have to be Voting Members.
  - 4.5.2. Officers shall be selected by a majority vote of all the Voting Members

present at a meeting called for this purpose.

- 4.5.3. At-Large Members shall be any representative of a member school representing their respective Division (High School, Middle School or Elementary).
- 4.5.4. At-Large Members shall be elected by a majority vote of the Voting Members, representing their respective Division, at a meeting called for this purpose. Voting Members with students representing more than one Division (such as a K-8 school) may vote for At-Large Members in each Division that they represent.
- 4.5.5. Not more than two Executive Board Members may be from the same school. The three At-Large Members must be from three different schools.
- 4.6. Vacancies: If a vacancy should open in an Executive Board Position, the Executive Board may vote to fill that position until the next regular election.
- 4.7. Duties and Powers of Officers: Officers shall have authority to make decisions and take actions within their area of authority. However, all actions and decisions may be overturned or modified by a majority vote of the Executive Board.
  - 4.7.1. The President shall:
    - 4.7.1.1. Be the chief presiding officer of the CSCL and take initiative in enforcing the Constitution and Bylaws;
    - 4.7.1.2. Serve as the primary liaison with member schools and shall encourage participation by non-member schools;
    - 4.7.1.3. Have the authority to discipline or suspend any member;
    - 4.7.1.4. Appoint members to carry out the purposes of the CSCL.
  - 4.7.2. The Vice President / Tournament Coordinator shall:
    - 4.7.2.1. Serve in the absence of the President;
    - 4.7.2.2. Oversee all aspects of the CSCL tournaments.
  - 4.7.3. The Secretary / Treasurer shall:
    - 4.7.3.1. Maintain accurate records of CSCL business;
    - 4.7.3.2. Receive, disburse and account for all monies associated with CSCL operations.
  - 4.7.4. The Registrar shall:
    - 4.7.4.1. Register players for tournaments;
    - 4.7.4.2. Receive registration fees and forward same to treasurer;

4.7.4.3. Verify USCF membership for players.

4.7.5. The At-Large Members shall:

4.7.5.1. Act as a liaison between their member schools and the Executive Board.

4.7.6. Duties and Powers of the Executive Board:

4.7.6.1. To approve recommendations made by the President.

4.7.6.2. To develop and propagate the rules and regulations of competition for each CSCL chess tournament.

4.7.6.3. To organize and conduct tournament(s) for member schools, including an end-of-season tournament to decide championship status.

4.7.6.4. To hold hearings involving eligibility, qualifications, and controversies between or among member schools and/or participants regarding interscholastic chess competition, and shall be the final authority in rendering decisions.

4.7.6.5. To hear appeals of rulings made by the President and may adopt, modify, or set aside the rulings of the President.

4.7.6.6. To create and enforce regulations that promotes the purpose of the CSCL.

4.8. General Meeting

4.8.1. At least once per year, a General Meeting shall be called for the following purposes:

4.8.1.1. The election of Executive Board Members;

4.8.1.2. Recommend tournament format to Executive Board;

4.8.1.3. Assign duties for upcoming season.

4.8.2. Notice of the meeting shall be sent via email or regular mail to the designated representative, principal or other responsible party from each member school at least 2 weeks prior to the scheduled meeting.

4.8.3. A quorum equal to at least 25% of the schools from the prior year shall be required to conduct CSCL Business. Each school may cast one vote by their designated representative or substitute at the meeting.

4.8.4. An individual who represents more than one school may vote separately on behalf of each school he represents.

4.8.5. Executive Board Members are not entitled to vote except as a school representative.

4.8.6. The meeting shall be open to all players, parents and advisors from the

member schools, however only designated representatives may cast a vote.

#### 4.9. Executive Board Meetings

4.9.1. Meetings shall be held as needed, either in person, via email or via telephone.

4.9.2. The President or any two Executive Board Members may initiate meetings.

4.9.3. All Executive Board Members must be notified before any action is voted upon.

4.9.4. Notice shall be given 7 days in advance via email, regular mail or telephone.

4.9.5. For urgent matters, votes may be taken via email. Failure to reply within 48 hours will be deemed an abstention vote on the issue.

4.10. In order to pass, an issue must receive a majority of the votes cast, but not fewer than 3 votes.

### **5. FINANCES**

5.1. Fund-raising, income, encumbrances, fiscal responsibilities, financial liabilities, expenditures, and all other financial matters are the sole responsibility of the CSCL.

5.2. Selected Officers and Staff may be remunerated for their efforts as recommended by the Executive Board and approved by a majority of members present at a General Meeting.

### **6. AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION**

6.1. The Constitution of the CSCL may be amended by a referendum vote of the member schools in which the official designee of the member school shall cast the vote of the school.

6.2. Any proposed amendment shall be adopted if it receives a 2/3 majority of the votes cast.

6.3. Any proposed amendment may be initiated by an Executive Board member independently or on behalf of another member school representative.

6.4. All proposed amendments must be presented to the members at a General Meeting.