

ARTICLE 1. NAME

The name of the club is the Toms River Chess Club, referred to as the TRCC.

ARTICLE 2. AFFILIATION

The TRCC is an affiliated member of the United States Chess Federation (USCF, USChess) and follows the rules of play and conduct code of the USCF.

ARTICLE 3. OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the TRCC are:

- A. To play and promote the game of chess.
- B. To provide a place for members of the TRCC to play chess.
- C. To operate as a self-sustaining, not-for-profit club.

ARTICLE 4. MEMBERSHIP

Anyone may initiate or renew TRCC membership upon:

- A. Completing an application form.
- B. Paying twenty dollars (\$20.00) dues yearly in January. Pro-rated dues for those joining during the year are: January through March, \$20, April through June, \$15, July through September, \$10, October through December, \$5.
- C. Adhering to the TRCC by-laws.

Complying with the above constitutes a member in good standing.

ARTICLE 5. MEETINGS

- A. Member meetings are held each Thursday (excluding holidays) at Town Hall, 33 Washington Street, Toms River, NJ 08753 from 5:00 PM until 9:00 PM.
- B. Officer meetings are held during the first week of each quarter.
- C. Special meetings are held when called for by TRCC officers, or upon written request by members in good standing. Notice and subject are announced at Thursday meetings and also emailed to members two weeks before being held.
- D. A biennial general meeting is held on the 2nd Thursday in November (excluding a holiday) for election of Officers and examination of records by members in good standing.

ARTICLE 6. OFFICERS AND THEIR OBLIGATIONS

1. President

- A. Organizes and presides over all meetings of the TRCC.
- B. Facilitates TRCC events.
- C. Represents the TRCC in any official capacity.
- D. Deposits and disburses TRCC funds.

2. Vice President

- A. Assists the president.
- B. Acts of behalf of the president and assumes his responsibilities when the president is unavailable.

3. Treasurer

- A. Collects dues from TRCC members.
- B. Maintains all TRCC financial information and has it available for inspection by officers or upon written request by a member in good standing.
- C. Deposits and disburses TRCC funds.

4. Webmaster

- A. Maintains the TRCC website.
- B. Organizes and edits all online information involving the TRCC

5. Advisory Officer

- A. Is a consultant for and representative of the interests of the TRCC.

B. Assists the other officers with their obligations.

6. Secretary

A. Records and keeps all records of the TRCC.

B. Maintains an accurate list of all members in good standing.

Officers failing their obligations can be relieved of office at a special meeting by a majority vote of a quorum of 25% of the TRCC.

Vacancies will be filled by appointment by the remaining officers until the next election.

ARTICLE 7. BY-LAWS

By-laws are adapted or amended at a special meeting by a quorum of at least 25% of the members in good standing of the TRCC. A majority vote of the quorum decides. Acceptance of the by-laws or amendments determines how the TRCC is managed.

ARTICLE 8. ELECTIONS

Nomination and election of officers of the TRCC are held biennially at a general meeting on the 2nd Thursday in November. Nominees for office must be members in good standing of the TRCC.

Elections must have a quorum of at least 25% of the membership in good standing of the TRCC. A plurality of the quorum decides. A quorum is the minimum number that must be present to validate proceedings. A plurality is a number of votes cast for one candidate exceeding that of any other.

Newly elected officers assume their obligations on the 3rd Thursday in November.

Officers are elected for a two year term.

Exiting officers must present new officers with all records entrusted to them.

A member in good standing can hold more than one office.

Voting may be tabulated by email for members in good standing in addition to members present for any vote called.

ARTICLE 9. DISCIPLINE

Officers of the TRCC can censure or suspend a member for violating the code of conduct of the USCF or for conduct unbecoming to the membership of the TRCC. Expulsion of a member occurs at a special meeting by a majority of a quorum of at least 25% of the members in good standing.

The TRCC exists to serve the membership as do the officers to the TRCC.

Submitted by:

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