



Constitution and Rules of NORTH CANTERBURY CHESS

Part 1. Interpretation

In these rules where not consistent with the context:

"NCC" means North Canterbury Chess.

"Member" means any financial member of NCC.

"The rules" means the rules for the time being of NCC

"The Council" means the elected officers of NCC.

"Officer" means the President, Vice-President or Secretary/Treasurer (the titled offices).

"AGM" means Annual General Meeting.

"SGM" means Special General Meeting.

Part 2. Constitution & Rules

1.0 NAME

The name of the organization is "North Canterbury Chess". The accepted abbreviation is "NCC".

1.1 LOGO [new - 19/4/2005]

The North Canterbury Chess logo shall be a white Bishop and white Rook tilted away from each other, with the bases overlapping. The Rook shall be to the forefront. [see diagram].



1.2 MOTTO [new - 7/3/2006]

The motto of North Canterbury Chess shall be:

"Aut vincere aut mori."

A literal translation being:

"Either conquer or die."

2.0 OBJECTS

2.1 To encourage & foster the game of chess, with emphasis in the North Canterbury area.

2.2 To arrange and run matches, tournaments & competitions and other chess events.

2.3 To raise funds as necessary to assist its programme. in any manner deemed appropriate.

3.0 MEMBERSHIP

Four levels of membership are offered by NCC:

3.1 (altered - 7/3/2006) Adult Member: A financial member aged 16 or more years on the 1st January.

3.15 (new - 7/3/2006) Senior Member: A financial member aged over 60 on the 1st January.

3.2 (altered - 7/3/2006) Junior Member: A financial member aged less than 16 years on the 1st January.

Junior members do not have voting rights at the AGM or SGM. Junior members may not hold the positions of President, Vice-President or Secretary/Treasurer on the Council.

3.3 Family Membership: May be applied to financial members *of the same immediate family group or whanau*. The subscription shall not exceed 75% of the total for same number of individuals.

3.4 Election to membership shall be by vote of the Council. The Council reserves the right to decline a membership application.

3.5 If any member, in the opinion of the Council, is guilty of conduct which brings NCC into disrepute or breaks the rules, they may be called upon to resign. Such notice should be in writing. If the member does not forward their resignation within one month, membership will be deemed to have lapsed.

3.6 Subscriptions are for one calendar year from the due date [April 1st].

3.7 A financial member may resign at any time. Notification should be in writing. A member whose subscription remains unpaid for two months from the due date will automatically cease to be a member.

4.0 FINANCE

4.1 NCC is a non-profit organization. No addition to or alteration or recession of the NCC constitution or rules shall be approved if it affects the non-profit aims, personal benefit clause [4.6], or the winding up clause [8.2]. The provisions and effect of this clause shall not be removed from the NCC constitution, and shall be included and implied into any document replacing the NCC constitution.

4.2 The financial year shall end on 31st March.

4.3 No member shall incur any expense on behalf of NCC without prior authorization from the Council.

4.4 All cheques drawing on the NCC account to be signed by two authorized signatories. These shall be drawn from the members of the Council.

4.5 Statement and Annual Report to Members: On or before the AGM the Council shall make available to all members an annual report on the working of NCC and alterations to regulations during the year, together with a statement of income and expenditure and a balance sheet duly audited.

4.6 No member of the organization or any person associated with a member shall participate in, or materially influence any decision made by the organization in respect of the payment to, or on behalf of, that member or associated person of any income, benefit, or advantage whatsoever.

Any income paid shall be reasonable and relative to that which would be paid in an arm's length transaction (being the open market value). The provisions and effect of this clause shall not be removed from the NCC constitution, and shall be included and implied into any document replacing the NCC constitution.

5.0 GENERAL MEETINGS

5.1 An annual general meeting shall be held each year, upon a time and place to be fixed by the Council.

5.2 Business of the AGM:

- » To confirm the minutes of the previous AGM or SGM.
- » To receive a report from the Council, of the finances for the preceding year [see 4.5].
- » To elect new members or reelect existing members to the Council [see 6.1, 6.4 & 6.5].
- » To set the subscription, membership dues & levies for the following financial year [see 6.25].
- » To amend the Constitution & rules as required [see 9.1 & 9.2].
- » To decide on any resolution which has been submitted to the Council [see 5.5, 9.1 & 9.2].

5.3 A minimum of five financial members, shall form a quorum at any AGM or SGM. A Council member shall preside, preferably being one of the Officers.

5.4 At least one month's prior notice shall be given before the AGM or SGM.

5.5 Written resolutions to the AGM or SGM must be in the hands of the Council at least one month prior to the meeting [see also 6.5].

5.6 Special general meetings may be called when necessary by the President, by two Council members, or at the request of five financial members. SGM are subject to the same rules as apply to the AGM [see 5.2 to 5.5].

6.0 COUNCIL

6.1 The Council members shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary/Treasurer and up to two additional untitled members. Appointments are for one year.

6.2 The Council shall be responsible for the affairs of NCC and the management and disposal of its funds and assets.

6.25 The subscription rates shall be determined by the Council, and approved at the AGM.

6.3 The Council shall, at its discretion, remit, reduce or suspend a liability to pay a subscription in any particular case or cases.

6.4 Only current financial members of NCC may be nominated to become members of the Council. A Council member must remain financial throughout his/her term of office.

6.5 New nominations to the Council must be submitted one month prior to the AGM or SGM .

6.6 The President, Vice-President & Secretary/Treasurer if not decided beforehand, shall be elected from the ranks of the Council at the first meeting of the Council [note 3.2].

6.7 In the event of any Officer ceasing membership during his/her term of office, the remaining Council members are empowered to appoint a successor to the vacated position. The roles of the other Officers may be adjusted at this time if required. The appointment to be valid until the next AGM or SGM.

6.8 The Council shall meet as circumstances dictate, or at the request of three Council members. Three Council members shall form a quorum at these meetings.

6.9 The Council shall have the authority to set supplementary regulations covering competitive play, so long as any supplementary regulations are not inconsistent with these rules.

6.10 Any matter not covered by these rules may be determined by the Council.

7.0 MEETINGS

7.1 NCC shall meet as often as deemed appropriate by the Council & members.

7.2 During meetings all members are expected to behave in an acceptable and appropriate manner. Any behavior which brings the game or NCC into disrepute is unacceptable. Any behavior [including excessive noise or conversation] which disturbs other players and will not be tolerated [see 3.5].

7.3 Tournaments may be held at any time & are not limited to the regular meetings.

8.0 WINDING UP & DISPOSITION OF SURPLUS ASSETS

8.1 If the total number of financial members is less than that required to form a quorum at an AGM [see 5.3], and after a further 30 days a quorum can still not be formed, the club is to be wound up.

8.2 If upon the winding up or dissolution of NCC, there remains after the satisfaction of all debts and liabilities any property whatsoever the same shall not be paid to or distributed among the members of NCC but shall be given or transferred to some other organization or body having similar aims and objects to NCC, or to some other charitable trust or purpose within New Zealand. The provisions and effect of this clause shall not be removed from the NCC constitution, and shall be included and implied into any document replacing the NCC constitution.

9.0 INTERPRETATION, AMENDMENT & ALTERATION OF RULES.

9.1 Rules shall not be amended, altered, added to or rescinded except on the vote of the majority of financial senior members.

9.2 Notice of any proposed alteration to the rules shall be sent to all financial members at least one month prior to any voting on such an amendment.

9.3 Unless inconsistent with constitutional practise, the Council shall be the sole authority for interpretation & enforcement of the rules. Council decisions shall be binding upon all members.

9.4 The constitution & rules shall be available for inspection by all financial members.

9.5 All members shall be bound by the rules & regulations (including supplementary regulations [see 6.9]).

10.0 NOTICE TO MEMBERS

10.1 Every notice required to be given to members shall be deemed delivered when :

Handed to the member or

Posted to the last known address for that member or

Emailed to their last known email address without returning or

Published in the Northern Outlook &/or North Canterbury News.

11.0 CONFIDENTIALITY

11.1 Personal information supplied by members is at all times confidential. No details may be given to any other person or organization without that members specific permission. Approaches to NCC members may be facilitated through NCC meetings.

Part 3. Explanation of the roles of the titled Officers.

ROLE OF THE PRESIDENT

- » The President shall be elected and the appointment is for one year [see 6.1, 6.3].
- » The President should preside at the Council meetings and at the AGM or SGM. If unable to preside, another Council member shall be delegated responsibility.
- » The President is the primary spokesperson for NCC, however, decisions regarding NCC must be made in unison with the Council.
- » The President should be a signatory for the NCC account.
- » The President shall, in conjunction with the Secretary/Treasurer, monitor the financial state of NCC.

ROLE OF THE VICE-PRESIDENT

- » The Vice-President shall be elected. The appointment is for one year [see 6.1, 6.3].
- » The Vice-President shall deputize for the President in the Presidents absence.
- » The Vice-President shall assist the President in running NCC.
- » It shall be the Vice-Presidents responsibility to maintain the ratings, rankings and ladder(s) for all active NCC members.
- » It shall be the Vice-Presidents responsibility to monitor, record, publish and archive results of all competition games where required.

ROLE OF THE SECRETARY/TREASURER

- » The Secretary/Treasurer shall be elected. The appointment is for one year[see 6.1, 6.3].
- » The Secretary/Treasurer is responsible for NCC finances. He/she should bank all monies promptly and pay bills without undue delay.
- » The Secretary/Treasurer is responsible for keeping subscriptions up to date and maintaining the database of members.
- » The Secretary/Treasurer should keep a list of assets.
- » A full financial report should be tabled at the AGM and forwarded to each Officer of the Council. The current position of NCC finances should be available at each Council meeting.
- » The Secretary/Treasurer should be a signatory to NCC accounts.
- » The Secretary/Treasurer shall keep minutes for all meetings. These minutes should be recorded in the official minutes and circulated to the Officers of the Council soon after each meeting.
- » The Secretary/Treasurer is responsible for posting notices of NCC meetings.

**This constitution accepted March 12th 2003
Scott Stringer - President**

Matt Robb - Vice President
Brian Pearson - Secretary/Treasurer

Amendments:

1.1 Logo Accepted at AGM 19/4/2005.

1.2 Motto Accepted at AGM 19/4/2005, with the final wording decided at AGM 7/3/2006.

3.1 Adult Member Date changed from 1st April to 1st January at AGM 7/3/2006.

3.15 Senior Member Accepted at AGM 7/3/2006.

3.2 Junior Member Date changed from 1st April to 1st January at AGM 7/3/2006.

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