

# CONSTITUTION OF PHILIPPINE CORRESPONDENCE CHESS ASSOCIATION

## 1. NAME

The name of the organization shall be the Philippine Correspondence Chess Association (PCCA), herein after referred to as PCCA, or the Association.

## 2. NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

The Association is a non-profit organization and shall not make or authorize any payment of surplus funds to its members.

## 3. DEFINITION

Correspondence chess is defined as a game of chess in which the players do not sit opposite each other at a chess board to make their moves. Moves are communicated by long-distance transmission such as postal mail, electronic mail or correspondence chess server and the time is normally counted in days per move.

## 4. PURPOSE

The PCCA is the organization responsible for all matters relating to Correspondence Chess (CC) in the Philippines including but not limited to national championships as well as memorial and international tournaments.

## 5. OBJECTIVES

- to encourage and promote the study and playing of CC in both national and international games,
- to establish and maintain CC championships, memorial tournaments, and all other tournaments under the jurisdiction of the PCCA as required and as agreed upon by the appropriate members within the PCCA,
- to maintain membership with the International Correspondence Chess Federation (ICCF) and represent its members at the annual ICCF congress and
- to select individuals and teams to participate in international CC tournaments and matches organized by the ICCF.
- to foster friendship and camaraderie among its members by organizing tournaments and training programs
- and promoting the activities and events of PCCA in the social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc. ) and maintaining a website dedicated to the programs and activities of the PCCA

## 6. GOVERNANCE

The administration of the affairs of the Association shall be vested in the Executive Committee, which shall meet at least twice each calendar year.

The Executive Committee shall be composed of the:

- President
- Secretary
- Treasurer

## 7. GENERAL MEETING

Owing to the difficulty of calling members together, it shall not be mandatory for the Association to hold General Meetings. On petition, signed by at least ten members requesting that a General Meeting be held, and setting out the reasons for such request, the Executive Committee shall call a General Meeting in conjunction with the annual Committee meeting, or at such other time as they deem appropriate. Notice of such a General Meeting shall be advertised in the Association forum, bulletin or website and posted or emailed to members at least three weeks prior to the date of the meeting.

## **8. PLACE AND FORM OF MEETINGS**

General Meetings shall be held in the City where the majority of Executive Committee Members reside or as established by the majority of the Executive Committee Members. General meetings or Executive Committee meetings can be done using communication through the Internet.

## **9. QUORUM**

At a General Meeting, a majority of Association members present in person or by proxy and at a Committee Meeting a majority Committee member present in person or by proxy shall constitute a quorum.

## **10. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The Executive Committee shall consist of not less than three (3) members of the Association. The members of the Executive Committee may at any time appoint further persons to be additional members of the Executive Committee. A person shall cease to be a member of the Executive Committee if:

- The person resigns from the Executive Committee,
- A two-thirds majority of those present and voting at a meeting of the Executive Committee resolves that the person shall cease to be a member, or
- The person ceases to be a member of the Association.

Executive Committee meetings:

- The EC shall meet at least twice a year.
- The EC meetings shall be conducted by email or other electronic means.
- Records shall be kept of all decisions made at the meetings.
- If a vacancy occurs in the EC it shall be filled by means of the calling for nominations followed by the casting of votes by the members. This shall be conducted by email or other electronic means.

## **11. POWERS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The Executive Committee shall have all powers necessary for the achievement of the objectives of the Association including all financial matters.

## **12. FUNDS**

The Executive Committee shall have power to open Savings or Current Accounts with any recognized National Bank, make deposits and invest surplus funds in any way it thinks fit to benefit the Association.

## **13. OFFICERS**

The Executive Committee shall elect from amongst its members a President, who shall be entitled to act as Chairman of all General and Committee Meetings, Secretary and Treasurer.

- The terms of all Officers shall be two years or until their successors have been elected.
- All Officers are eligible for re-election.
- if a vacancy occurs amongst the elected officers or elected members of the Executive Committee between annual elections, such vacancy may be filled by a member appointed by the remaining members of the Executive Committee.

## **14. RULES**

The Executive Committee shall have power to make such Rules as it may deem necessary for the proper exercise of its powers and may delegate authority to administer such Rules to such persons as it deems fit.

## **15. MEMBERSHIP**

Application for PCCA membership shall be open to all:

- Domestic bodies organizing correspondence chess and
- Individuals who are registered or able to be registered to play under the PCCA flag in the ICCF.

All membership fees shall be determined from time to time by the EC.

All players who play under the flag of PCCA on the ICCF webserver shall be eligible:

- to participate in all national and international tournaments organized by the PCCA subject to holding appropriate qualifications for the tournament where entry is requested,
- to participate in all PCCA tournaments subject to holding appropriate qualifications for the tournament where entry is requested and
- to be selected to represent PCCA in international CC tournaments and matches organized by the ICCF.

## **16. AMENDMENT OF CONSTITUTION**

No addition or alteration to the PCCA constitution shall be made except when proposed and discussed at an EC meeting and supported by a minimum of two-thirds of the votes of the members. This voting shall be conducted by email or other electronic means.