

**Oklahoma Scholastic Chess Organization
Provisional Constitution and Bylaws
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ARTICLE 1: NAME

The name of the organization shall be the Oklahoma Scholastic Chess Organization, commonly known as OSCO.

ARTICLE 2: PURPOSE

The purpose of the OSCO is to operate for educational, recreational and social benefits for scholastic aged children in Oklahoma.

ARTICLE 3: MEMBERSHIP

III.1 Membership

- Individual Membership: Any scholastic chess player may become a Individual Member of OSCO upon participation in an OSCO sponsored tournament without any membership fee.
- Affiliate Club Membership: Any scholastic chess club may become an Affiliate Member of OSCO upon participation in an OSCO sponsored tournament with their coach or organizer, without any membership fee.
- Patron Membership: Any person or Organization may become a Patron Member of OSCO upon payment of \$25.00 dues for one year.

III.2 Rights and Privileges:

Each Member of the OSCO shall be entitled to receive a copy of the official OSCO bulletin, to participate in the Annual Meeting, to hold office, and enjoy all other rights and privileges of membership.

III.3 Voting:

- One vote per membership for individual, affiliate club and patron memberships.
- Families will have one vote per scholastic member, up to a maximum of 3 votes.
- A parent or guardian may vote by proxy for members under 18. Voters must all be at least 18 years of age.
- Only directly associated representatives may be the proxy vote for affiliate clubs or patron member entities.

III.4 Removal from Office:

The Policy Board may suspend or remove from office any OSCO officer or official for good cause.

III.5 Annual Membership Meeting:

The president shall call and preside at an annual meeting of the membership, held in conjunction with the Oklahoma State Scholastic Championship, for the purpose of hearing reports, making suggestions to the Policy Board, and electing officers. Twelve members present in person shall constitute a quorum. The Secretary shall publish advance notice of the meeting in the OSCO bulletin. Proxy voting is not allowed by persons having no relationship to the individual, affiliate or patron member for whom they are voting.

ARTICLE IV: POLICY BOARD

IV.1 Responsibility:

The Policy Board is responsible for the management of the affairs of the OSCO and shall perform other duties as specified in the Bylaws.

IV.2 Composition:

The Policy Board shall be composed of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and three Members at Large elected by the membership of the OSCO and the Immediate Past President. During the charter year, the Immediate Past President position will be replaced by a fourth Member at Large.

IV.3 Meetings:

Meetings may be held at the request of any member of the Policy Board provided that all Members have been given advance notice of the meeting. The minutes of the Policy Board Meetings shall be published in the OSCO bulletin. A quorum shall consist of four members of the Board being present in person. Proxy voting is not allowed.

IV.4 Nomination:

All officers of OSCO are to be at least 18 years of age.
Members of OSCO, or their parent/guardian, are eligible to become officers.
One officer per individual, family, affiliate and patron membership is allowed.
Any OSCO member, or their representative, shall be eligible for any elected OSCO office upon nomination by a fellow member prior to the vote at the Annual Meeting.

IV.5 Elections:

OSCO elections shall occur at the Annual Meeting. A plurality shall elect the nominee. If a vacancy occurs in any elected office, a successor to serve the remainder of the term shall be nominated and elected by the Policy Board, except that the Vice President shall fill a vacancy in the office of the President.

IV.6 Terms:

The terms of the elected Policy Board shall begin upon each of the their elections. The President shall take over the Annual Meeting immediately upon election to office. The Members at Large shall have terms of approximately one year. The President, Vice President, and Secretary/Treasurer shall have terms of approximately two years. The Immediate Past President shall remain a member of the Policy Board so long as he/she remains Immediate Past President.

IV.7 Duties:

- Policy Board:
 - A) The Policy Board shall appoint the Editor of the OSCO bulletin.
 - B) The Policy Board shall be responsible for choosing the organizer of the “Oklahoma State Scholastic Championship” tournament, and any other state scholastic championship deemed necessary.
- President: The President shall preside at all meetings of the membership and Policy Board, carry out all requirements of these Bylaws, represent the OSCO on occasion, and report to the membership at the Annual Meeting. The President may appoint committees that are deemed necessary to advance OSCO’s purpose. In particular, he/she shall appoint a search committee to find candidates for nominations at the Annual Meeting. The President is responsible for ensuring Oklahoma representation to the USCF.
- Vice President: The Vice President shall be responsible for encouraging, promoting, and advising OSCO Tournament Directors. He/she shall execute the duties of the President when the President is unable to serve.
- Secretary: This officer shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the membership and Policy Board; carry out all duties prescribed by the Bylaws; publish in the OSCO bulletin the minutes of all meetings;
- Treasurer: This officer shall keep records of the financial affairs; carry out all duties prescribed by the Bylaws and manage the funds of the OSCO. He/she shall publish a financial report in the OSCO bulletin prior to each Annual Meeting. He/she shall promote, encourage, and coordinate additional sources of income along with ensuring that OSCO memberships are checked and dues collected at all OSCO tournaments.
- Immediate Past President: This officer shall be the OSCO Archivist and Historian.
- Members at Large: These officers will report to the Treasurer the successful checking of OSCO memberships and collection of dues at all events requiring OSCO membership.

ARTICLE V: STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

The format of the State Championships shall be up to the organizer with a few restrictions and requirements.

- The State Tournament shall have 5 sections: K-3 Open, K-6 U750, K-6 OPEN 7-9 Open, 9-12 Open.
- Tournaments (State Championship and Grade Championship) shall rotate each Year from the Tulsa area to Oklahoma City area. (Area being defined within a 30-mile radius of each city)

Bidding by Organizers:

- Organizers shall submit bids to host the State tournaments no later than a date to be determined by the Policy Board for next years Tournament.
- * Bids will require proof that a site will be secured on a said date if the organizers Bid is successful.
- Bids will be voted on based on the quality and quantity of awards, quality and size of the facility, number of tournament directors, organizers marketing skills, any special ideas to enhance the parent and chess players experience, bad weather backup site and dates will be important in bid consideration.
- Organizers are aware that in there bids the High School Champion and one of his/her parent will receive all expenses paid for lodging and travel plus \$200.00 to the Denker Tmt. Of High School Champions tournament held that calendar year. (Not to exceed \$1000.00)
- No one organizer may host the State Championship tournament two consecutive Years in a row. Special circumstances where no other suitable bid would be acceptable could this requirement be waived by the Policy Board for that year.

ARTICLE VI: AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

VI. Amendments:

For an amendment of these Bylaws, an affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the voting members shall be required.

ARTICLE VII: DISBANDMENT CLAUSE

VII. Disbandment of OSCO:

If over the course of time the interest in scholastic chess in Oklahoma drops to a point that the interest of maintaining the structure of this organization is no longer possible,

that Oklahoma Chess Association would then resume the responsibilities of scholastic chess in Oklahoma for the purposes as spelled out in this document.