

BRITISH COLUMBIA CHESS FEDERATION
CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

CONSTITUTION

1. The name of the society is “British Columbia Chess Federation”.
2. The purposes of the society are:
 - (a) To extend and foster interest in chess throughout the Province.
 - (b) To assist and co-ordinate the affairs and activities of chess clubs in the Province.
 - (c) To assist in the settlement of chess disputes within the Province.
 - (d) To promote and support provincial championships.

BY-LAWS

Section 1 MEMBERSHIP

Members of the Society shall be those persons in the Province of British Columbia who have made application and have paid dues as specified by the Board of Directors, and who have been elected to membership at any meeting of the Board of Directors.

Section 2 HONORARY MEMBERS

There shall be a membership classification as “Honorary Members” who shall, at the will of the Board of Directors, enjoy all the rights and privileges of membership, including the right to hold honorary office, excluding the right to vote at any meeting or to hold active office.

Section 3 OTHER CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP

There may be such other classes of membership with such requirements, rights and privileges as the members may by special resolution from time to time decide.

Section 4 MEMBERSHIP DUES

There shall be such dues or fees payable by members as may from time to time be fixed by a two-thirds majority vote of the Board of Directors. If a member is not in good standing, e.g. payment of dues, improper behaviour, he is not entitled to vote.

Section 5 CONDITIONS OF WITHDRAWAL OF MEMBERS OR
TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

- a) The name of a member shall be stricken from the membership roll in the event of death, resignation in writing, or may be stricken from membership for failure to pay such dues, fees or

assessments as may be imposed upon the membership and after such notice and period of time as the Board of Directors decides.

- b) A person may be suspended or expelled from membership by the Board of Directors for cause, which shall amount to conduct deemed to be detrimental to the cause of chess, provided that the following conditions are complied with:
 - i. The expulsion or suspension must be approved by a two-thirds affirmative vote of those members of the Board of Directors present at such meeting.
 - ii. Two weeks prior notice of the fact that such subject matter is to be considered at a meeting of the Board of Directors must be given to all members of Board.
 - iii. The member affected by such decision shall have the right to appeal to the Board of Directors or to the next general meeting of members, as he or she may choose.
 - iv. Suspension may be for a fixed period of time or indefinite, as the Board of Directors may decide.

Section 6 ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting shall be held between the 15th of May and the 15th of July each year. 14 days written notice shall be given each regular member of the Society. Alternately (if the society has more than 250 members), notification may be sent by email to every member of the society who has provided an email address to the society, in addition to being posted on the society's website at least 21 days before the meeting.

Section 7 OTHER MEETINGS

There shall be such meetings of the members and/or of the Board of Directors from time to time as shall by resolution of the Board of Directors be provided.

Section 8 BOARD OF DIRECTORS – MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

- a) The Board of Directors of the Federation shall consist of a minimum of six people. Positions shall be named and appointed at the Annual General Meeting to reflect the needs and activity of the Society. These shall include the Officers of the Society (as defined in paragraph 8(b)) and selected other representatives deemed appropriate by the AGM. Example positions include but are not limited to: regional vice-presidents, junior coordinator(s), Club Coordinator, Tournament Coordinator, and Chess Federation of Canada Governors for BC. The AGM may allocate certain positions to be filled by the President
- b) The Officers of the Federation shall consist of the President, Immediate Past President (if still a member of the Society), the Secretary, and the Treasurer.
- c) The duties of the members of the Board of Directors shall be those associated with the titles and as further amplified for the Officers in these By-Laws.

Section 9 ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- a) The Officers and Members of the Board of Directors shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting.
- b) Candidates may be nominated from the floor or by previous nomination in such form or manner as may have been prescribed by the Board.
- c) Each successful candidate assumes office as soon as possible after the Annual Meeting, and serves until his successor is installed.
- d) In the event a member of the Board dies, resigns, or otherwise becomes disabled before the end of his term of office the Board may choose and appoint a substitute until the next Annual Meeting.
- e) In the event a post is not filled at the Annual Meeting due to lack of nominations the President may make an appointment as and when in his judgement a suitable person is found.
- f) In the event of a member of the Board failing to attend three consecutive meetings of the Board without cause the Board may declare a vacancy and appoint another member of the Federation to fill the vacancy thus declared.
- g) The AGM shall have the authority to designate (and remove such designation) certain chess organizations as an affiliate of the BCCF and that organization(s) shall have the right to nominate a non-voting member to the board.

Section 10 DUTIES OF THE PRESIDENT

It shall be the duty of the President to preside and preserve order at all general or Board meetings and to generally carry out the duties usual to his office, and such other duties as may from time to time be assigned to him by the Board. The President shall be an ex-officio member of all Committees.

Section 11 DUTIES OF THE VICE-PRESIDENTS

It shall be the duty of a Vice-President to preside at all general or Board meetings in the absence of the President, upon being appointed to such duties by the President, and to undertake such other duties as are usual to his office, or as may from time to time be assigned to him by the Board, and generally be responsible for the affairs of the Society in his or her particular area.

Section 12 DUTIES OF THE SECRETARY

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a record of the proceedings of all general and Board meetings, and to keep a record of all such meetings, in books to be opened by him for that purpose, and to have the Minute book with him at every general and Board

meeting. He shall keep a correct record of all members, and shall carry out the duties usual to his office, including the promulgation of notices of all meetings, and such additional duties as may from time to time be assigned to him by the Board.

Section 13 DUTIES OF THE TREASURER

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep a correct account of all monies paid in and paid out to, and by the Society, and such additional duties as may be from time to time be assigned by the Board to him.

Section 14 RECORDS

The books and records shall be kept at the office of the Society, or such other place as may be from time to time provided by the Directors, and shall be open for inspection by all members of that Society at such reasonable time as may be arranged between the members and the Secretary.

Section 15 COMMITTEES

There shall be such committees, permanent or temporary, as the Board sees fit.

Section 16 AMENDMENT TO BY-LAWS

The By-Laws of the Association may be rescinded, altered, or amended by a special resolution of the Society as defined by Section 2 of the "Societies Act" at any duly convened general meeting of which notice as hereinbefore provided had been given specifying the intention to propose the amendment or amendments as a special resolution of the Society.

Section 17 VOTING PROCEDURE

- a) At all general meetings of the members of the Society every question shall be decided by a majority of the votes of the members present in person.
- b) No proxies shall be permitted at any general meeting of the members nor at any meeting of the Board.
- c) All voting at any general meeting of the members shall be open and by a show of hands, unless a majority of the members present shall vote for a secret ballot upon motion duly made and seconded, except for the election of officers and the Board of Directors which shall be taken by ballot or in such manner as the members or Board may prescribe.
- d) The age of majority to vote on BCCF motions is 14 years of age. The age of majority to assume a BCCF office is 18 years of age.

Section 18 QUORUM

- a) The quorum for the transaction of business at any general meeting of the members shall be not less than 10 members including any two officers.
- b) The quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Board shall be not less than five members of the board.

Section 19 REMUNERATION

No Board or officer of the Society shall receive any remuneration for their services to the Society excepting the payment of such expenses or honorarium as may be approved by the Board from time to time.

Section 20 BORROWING

The Board may from time borrow money in any manner and without limit as to amount on the credit of the Society and in such amounts as they may think proper and may cause to be executed mortgages and pledges of the real and personal property and rights of the Society and may cause to be signed bills, notes, contracts, and other evidence of securities for money borrowed from any person, firm, corporation, or bank on such terms as the lender may be willing to advance the same. No debenture shall be issued without sanction of a special resolution.

Section 21 SIGNING AUTHORITY

The Board shall from time to time determine by resolution the signing officer(s) for any and all cheques, bills of exchange or other orders for the payment of money, notes, or other evidence of indebtedness issued in the name of the Society.

Section 22 SEAL

The seal of the Society shall be under the custody of the Secretary and shall not be affixed to any document, except in the presence of, and under the signature of, the President and the Secretary or any other officer as may be authorized by resolution of the Board.

Section 23 DISSOLUTION

In the event that the Association should at any time be wound up or dissolved, the remaining assets after payment of all debts and liabilities shall be turned over to a recognized charitable organization in the province or elsewhere in Canada as directed by the members. This provision was previously unalterable.

October 20, 1986 (signatures)

Francisco Cabanas	#305 - 319 E. 7 th Ave., Vancouver, BC
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(witness)

Appendix: Certificate of Incorporation (transcription)
Canada
Province of British Columbia
Number S-21859

Province of British Columbia
Ministry of Consumer and Corporate Affairs

Registrar of Companies

Society Act

Certificate of Incorporation

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT
BRITISH COLUMBIA CHESS FEDERATION

HAS THIS DAY BEEN INCORPORATED UNDER THE SOCIETY ACT

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND SEAL OF OFFICE
AT VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA
THIS 21ST DAY OF NOVEMBER, 1986

ROBERTA J. LOWDON
DEPUTY REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES <seal>