

CONSTITUTION

OF

SOUTH KNIGHTS CHESS CLUB



Revised date: 22nd September 2019

1 Aims and Objectives

The advancement, development, co-ordination, and promotion of chess, without prejudice, for the benefit of all individuals, schools, clubs, and associated organisations affiliated to this body.

South Knights Chess Club is situated in the Alberton region and this also includes the Meyersdal area. The Club meets every Friday night from 18:00 to 20:00 at the Mugg & Bean in Meyersdal Mall where coaching is given to all club members including interested parties that are exposed.

Physical Address/Domicile

The domicile shall be deemed to be situated at the residential address of the President from time to time, or any other physical address nominated by Executive Committee, provided that it shall always be at a place within the boundaries of Ekurhuleni.

The postal address for the registration of our club is:-

11 Toon van den Heever St.
Randhart
Alberton
1449

2 Affiliation

South Knights Chess Club is an official body for chess in the southern municipal regions within the City of Ekurhuleni in the Province of Gauteng.

South Knights Chess Club is affiliated to:

1. Ekurhuleni Chess
2. Gauteng Provincial Chess Association (affiliation through J Ekurhuleni Chess)
3. CHESSA (affiliation through Ekurhuleni Chess)
4. SASCOC (affiliation through Ekurhuleni Chess)

3 Constituting of the former sub-regions of:

- Ekurhuleni Chess Association/Region

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4 The Executive Committee (“the committee”)

The committee shall comprise

- a President, Vice-President, General Secretary, Treasurer, Development Officer, Adult Chess Convener, and Junior & Schools Chess Convener [hereafter referred to as “ADMINISTRATORS”];
- as well as ex-officio members appointed to the committee from time to time through a quorum of the committee.

4.1 The Administrators shall serve for a period of two years after which they may make themselves available for re-election.

4.2 In the event that any of the Administrators resigns, the remaining Administrators may co-opt a suitable person from with the Administrators, or from within the membership of the region if no suitable Administrator is available to fill that portfolio, until the next AGM when election of the Administrators takes place.

4.3 The Administrators shall be empowered to appoint suitable representatives to chess bodies other than those to which this association affiliates itself.

4.4 The administrators may co-opt additional non-voting persons to the committee as deemed necessary.

5 Election of Administrators:


5.1 Election of Administrators will take place at the respective AGM.

5.2 Nominations for administrators may only be made by members of the region, affiliated sub-regions and clubs and must be proposed, seconded and accepted by the nominee - all in writing - at least fifteen (15) days prior to election. The proposer and seconder must be present at the elections for said nomination.

5.3 A two-thirds majority will be deemed sufficient to confirm the election of any administrator. In the event of a deadlock or impasse the nominee with the least votes will be eliminated and a new vote will take place. This will be repeated until a two-thirds majority is achieved [ignoring abstentions].

5.4 Voting will be overseen by a presiding officer who shall be an independent person, not associated to South Knights Chess Club and/or its affiliates, and the general secretary of South Knights Chess Club, and the candidates elected will be announced by the presiding officer.

5.5 The election of a president will take place first.

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6 Duties of the Executive Committee:

The committee shall oversee the coordination and management of all activities relating to chess under the auspices of. South Knights Chess Club The committee is responsible for the orderly management of the affairs of South Knights Chess Club.

6.1 The President

- 6.1.1 The President is responsible for the orderly running of meetings, and of the management of the executive affairs of South Knights Chess Club in general.
- 6.1.2 The President or a committee member designated by the President will represent South Knights Chess Club at affiliate meetings and other public gatherings.
- 6.1.3 The president shall have a deliberative vote. In the event of a deadlock, if it is deemed imperative, the President shall have a casting vote.
- 6.1.4 The President shall present a report at the AGM.
- 6.1.5 The President may not serve more than two consecutive terms.

6.2 The Vice-President

- 6.2.1 The Vice-President assists the President in fulfilling his official functions where necessary and assist with the running of the general affairs of South Knights Chess Club.
- 6.2.2 The Vice-President is responsible to ensure training for all officials of the region, e.g. those responsible for regional, provincial and CHESSA registrations, tournament organisers, managers of information technology, tournament directors and supervisors, tuck shop managers, team managers and coaches.
- 6.2.3 The Vice-President shall from time to time perform executive duties and responsibilities delegated to him/her by the President.

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6.3 The Treasurer

6.3.1 The Treasurer administers the financial affairs of South Knights Chess Club which will include:

- The management and recording of all income and expenditure.
- The preparation of half-yearly income statements.
- The presentation of an income statement and balance sheet to the committee at least seven days before the AGM.
- Preparation of all financial and secretarial information for the compilation of annual financial statements.
- All NPO registration, qualification and compliance.

6.3.2 The financial year shall be October to end September the following year.

6.3.3 The Treasurer shall present a report and the Annual Financial Statements at the AGM.

6.4 The General Secretary


6.4.1 The General Secretary is responsible for the administrative duties of South Knights Chess Club which will include:

- Arrangement and co-ordination of all events, tournament calendars and venues.
- To hold all written documents.
- To take minutes at all meetings.
- To disseminate information and notices to members of the Region.

6.5 The Development Officer

6.5.1 The Development Officer is responsible for creating lines of communication with clubs, schools and communities, with special emphasis in previously disadvantaged communities, with the objective of heightening the awareness of chess in those clubs, schools and communities and of attracting prospective players to South Knights Chess Club fold.

6.5.2 The Development Officer will maintain contact with the Development Officer of Ekurhuleni Chess, Gauteng Schools District Sports Co-ordinators, Gauteng Provincial Chess Council, Gauteng Provincial Sports Council ("GPSC"), SRSA, CHESSA and SASCOC to obtain whatever assistance can be given from that level.

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6.6 Junior and Schools Chess Representative

- 6.6.1 The Schools Chess Representative is responsible for the organization and co-ordination of all schools chess events including the regions participation in the district and provincial schools chess trials for participation in the Schools National Sports Olympiad event.

6.7 Adult Chess Representative

- 6.7.1 The Adult Chess Representative is responsible for the promotion and organization of adult chess events, including club chess events and regional and provincial tournament participation as well as participation in events outside the region and province with the objective of developing and promoting adult chess.

Co-Opted Members:

6.8 The Marketing and Media Officer

The Marketing and Media Officer is responsible for:

- 6.8.1 Media liaison and proactively promoting South Knights Chess Club through the media whenever possible.
- 6.8.2 Initiating, proposing and managing fund raising initiatives on behalf of the region.
- 6.8.3 Facilitating and promoting interaction between the various chess and sports bodies and communities in the region, city, province and nationally.

6.9 The Chief Arbiter

- 6.9.1 The Chief Arbiter will be a good standing member of the Association of Chess Arbiters of South Africa and at least the prescribed level of Provincial Arbiter.
- 6.9.2 The Chief Arbiter will assume the duties of adjudication and directorship of all tournaments conducted within the jurisdiction of South Knights Chess Club.
- 6.9.3 The Chief Arbiter will, from time to time, nominate tournament Arbiters and Supervisors to adjudicate and supervisor tournaments of South Knights Chess Club.
- 6.9.4 All presiding Arbiters and Tournament Supervisors must be in good standing and registered members of the Association of Chess Arbiters of South Africa.

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6.10 The Representative Members

The representative members must:

- 6.10.1 Ensure that all relevant information is communicated to all players in their area of control.
- 6.10.2 Co-ordinate all the activities of chess within their areas of control with the activities of South Knights Chess Club.
- 6.10.3 Promote and manage the registration of players to Ekurhuleni Chess, the province and national sports organisations, including CHESSA as directed by South Knights Chess Club
- 6.10.4 Assume responsibility to co-ordinate team management for the various events and/or tournaments that players participate in.

6.11 The Head Coach

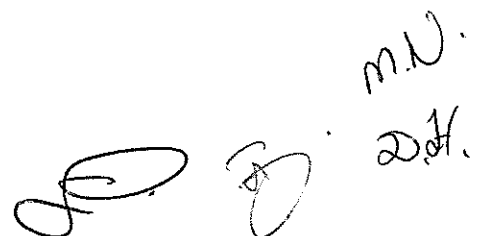
- 6.11.1 The Head Coach will keep the committee informed of chess developments regarding coaching, including the activities and decisions of the South African Chess Trainers Association ("SACTA"), Gauteng Provincial Sports Council, and SASCOC.
- 6.11.2 The Head Coach will be responsible for recommending coaches and trainers for appointment by the Executive Committee for the various events and tournaments that players participate in from time to time.
- 6.11.3 The Head Coach will guide the committee on the quality, ability and potential of players.
- 6.11.4 The Head Coach will ensure adequate coaching of representative teams or individuals.
- 6.11.5 The Head Coach will present a report at the AGM.

7 The Selection Sub-Committee:

South Knights Chess Club selection sub-committee shall comprise the President, Vice-President, Adult/Junior Chess Representative, the Head Coach, and one representative member amongst the coaches registered with South Knights Chess Club and nominated by South Knights Chess Club coaching panel.

- 7.1 The function of this sub-committee will be limited to the selection of players to represent South Knights Chess Club and when required, to represent Ekurhuleni Chess and Gauteng Provincial Chess;
- 7.2 Players will be selected on merit in an impartial manner and without prejudice after taking into account all available information;

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7.3 All selections will be in accordance with the selection criteria set down by the selection sub-committee.

8 Management Committee for Chess Events, Tournaments & Championships

The management committee shall comprise the President (or Vice-President in the President's absence), the Head Coach, the Logistics Manager, the General Secretary, as well as one team manager and one coach per team.

8.1 The President (or Vice-President in the President's absence), shall from time to time nominate the co-ordinator for specific events.

8.2 In the absence of a nominated co-ordinator, the General Secretary shall automatically assume the responsibility of events co-ordinator.

8.3 Team managers and coaches are appointed annually by the executive committee.

8.4 The function of this sub-committee is to plan and manage all aspects of the participation in chess events, tournaments and championships.

9 Other Sub-Committees:


Other sub-committees may be formed by the Administrators to handle matters on behalf of and in the interest of South Knights Chess Club. The members of such committees will elect a coordinator who will be responsible for reporting back to the Administrators on the consensus of the sub-committee.

10 Indemnity

Executive Committee, sub-committees of SKCC, members of SKCC, all officials, agents and persons (natural, juristic or otherwise) acting on behalf of SKCC, in terms of the Constitution and under original or delegated powers, shall be and they are hereby indemnified and held harmless against any claim or demand by any third party as a result of an act or omission in the performance of their duties for and on behalf of SKCC, from whatever cause arising, provided such person/s acted in good faith.

11 Addendum

Any document duly signed by Executive Committee and explicitly expresses that it shall bear the status of an addendum to the Constitution shall form an integral part of the Constitution. The contents which may be changed at general meetings from time to time by a simple majority of votes of members.

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12 Membership fees

- 12.1 Membership fees for the ensuing year will be determined at the AGM and shall be payable annually before the AGM or before the end of October for the year ahead. This would also be in alignment to Ekurhuleni fee structures.
- 12.2 Players may not participate in rated tournaments until such time as they have paid their membership fees.

13 Meetings

13.1 Annual General Meetings

- 13.1.1 The AGM will be convened before the end of November each year.
- 13.1.2 At least one other General Meeting shall be convened midway through the calendar year.
- 13.1.3 Members must be given at least thirty days' notice of a meeting.
- 13.1.4 The President, Treasurer and Head Coach will present a report at the AGM.

13.2 Selection Sub-Committee

- 13.2.1 If selection is influenced or determined by a tournament/s, the meeting will commence as soon as is practically possible after final results are available.
- 13.2.2 Other meetings will take place as necessary.
- 13.2.3 If for any reason a meeting cannot be held, the selection of players may be confirmed either through a tele-conference or any other simultaneous electronic communication with all directly interested parties.

13.3 Special General Meeting

- 13.3.1 A SGM may be requested by any committee member, at least 7 days prior to the proposed date for said meeting, providing that the member presents the President a written agenda outlining the nature of matters to be discussed and which is supported by the signatures of at least half the members of the committee.

13.4 Other

- 13.4.1 Other meetings will be held on an *ad hoc* basis with interested parties, as the need arises, by invitation.



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14 Voting Rights at Meetings

All nominations, elections, voting and appointments shall be carried out as set out in section 6 above.

14.1 AGM – Election of a President

14.1.1 Each person, in good standing, will have one vote and the outgoing President and Head Coach shall have one vote each.

14.1.2 Only proxies in writing, presented at the start of the meeting will be admitted.

14.2 AGM - Election of remaining Administrators

14.2.1 Each person, in good standing, shall have one vote.

14.2.2 The newly elected President shall have one vote.

14.2.3 Each committee member shall have one vote in their portfolio which may not be duplicated with their membership.

14.2.4 Only proxies in writing, presented at the start of the meeting will be admitted.

14.3 AGM – All other matters

14.3.1 Each person, in good standing, shall have one vote.

14.3.2 Each committee member, in good standing, shall have one vote in their portfolio which may not be duplicated with their membership.

14.3.3 The President shall have a deliberative vote. In the event of a deadlock, if it is deemed imperative, the President shall use this as a casting vote.

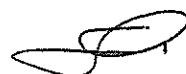
14.3.4 In the absence of the President the members will appoint a non-voting President for the meeting, subject to the proviso that the incumbent retains all prior voting rights.

14.3.5 Only proxies in writing, presented at the start of the meeting will be admitted.

14.3.6 At least two thirds of eligible voters or their proxies must vote for a motion to carry.

14.4 SGM

14.4.1 Each person, in good standing, shall have one vote.



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14.5 Selection sub-committee

14.5.1 Selection will take place in each respective age group.

14.5.2 Each member, in good standing, and the Head Coach, shall have one vote within each respective age group.

14.5.3 The President shall have a deliberative vote. In the event of a deadlock, if it is deemed imperative, the President shall use this as a casting vote.

14.5.4 Age group coaches will have one vote in the age group they are representing.

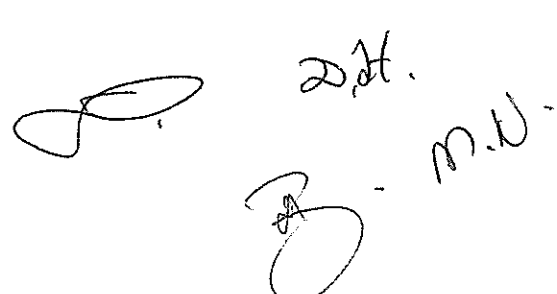
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15 Changes to the Constitution

15.1 This Constitution shall be amended under the following conditions:

15.1.1 At an AGM or SGM.

15.1.2 At least fifteen days' notice must be given of the proposed changes.

15.1.3 At least two thirds of the persons present, in good standing, or their proxies must vote in favour of the changes to the constitution before they can be adopted.

15.1.4 Only proxies in writing, presented at the start of the meeting will be admitted.


16 Dissolution of South Knights Chess Club

16.1 A motion for the dissolution of South Knights Chess Club shall require approval at an ordinary or special meeting of the executive committee by at least two-thirds of the total number of votes available to all executive committee members.

16.2 If upon dissolution of South Knights Chess Club, there remain any assets whatsoever after satisfaction of the debts and liabilities of South Knights Chess Club, such assets shall be paid to or distributed among the chess members of belonging to South Knights Chess Club and/or Ekurhuleni Chess provided they are public benefit organisations' for purposes of the Income Tax Act, 1962, and failing the same, to another organisation or body with similar objects to belonging to Ekurhuleni Chess.



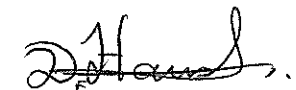
PRESIDENT



VICE PRESIDENT



FINANCIAL OFFICER



SECRETARY

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (optional)

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