

Constitution
Chess Club

Article I. Name

The name of this organization shall be the St. Mary's Chess Club.

Article II. Purpose

The purpose of this club is to offer a venue for students to play chess with each other, for beginner, intermediate, and advanced players. Students will have the opportunity to improve their critical thinking skills and become more competitive chess players. This will be achieved by recording and reviewing their games played at regular meetings, and by focusing on different aspects of chess strategy and tactics.

Article III. Membership

All full-time degree seeking students of St. Mary's College of Maryland are eligible to be members of this club. All active members may vote. Active members are those that attend at least one out of every three meetings.

Article IV. Officers

Section A: Titles

The executive board is the representative body of the organization. The members who are elected to these leadership roles have the responsibility of implementing the decisions agreed upon by the body. They are also held responsible to the wishes and concerns of the club and are removable by the club (2/3 vote by those active members present) at a meeting publicly announced at least one week in advance. The executive board must consult with the general membership before making any major policy decisions or changes within the club. The executive board shall consist of the offices of President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary.

Section B: Duties

1. President
 - a. Presides over executive meetings
 - b. Represents the club at Student Government Association meetings
 - c. Is the representative voice for the St. Mary's Chess Club
 - d. Reserves the right to call and schedule all meetings within 48 hours notice
 - e. Reserves the right to delegate responsibility for certain projects or topics to any member of the executive board
 - f. Is responsible for coordinating all St. Mary's Chess Club conferences

2. Vice President
 - a. Presides over general meetings
 - b. Can only vote on matters of the St. Mary's Chess Club when a tie occurs
 - c. Reserves the role of President in case of absence of the President

3. Treasurer
 - a. Handles the financial accounts of the St. Mary's Chess Club
 - b. Keeps a permanent record of all transactions
 - c. In charge of fundraising events
 - d. Will report monthly on the financial status of the club

4. Secretary
 - a. Keeps a record of both executive and general meetings
 - b. In charge of publicizing the club's activities
 - c. Is responsible for taking care of all club materials

Section C: Elections

Officers shall be elected one month prior to the end of spring semester. Elections shall be announced in advance and all active members will be allowed to participate.

Article V. Meetings

Section A: Regular Meetings

There will be a schedule of meetings organized to match the availability of the members of the club, with a minimum of two meetings a month.

Section B: Special Meetings

Special meetings, to discuss issues in relation to the club, future, activities, etc. will be called by the President with at least 48 hours of notice as to the time and place of the meeting for the membership.

Article VI. Amendments

Amendments to this constitution shall be ratified by a majority of the active members of the St. Mary's Chess Club pending approval by the Student Government Association Senate.

Article VII. Special Elections

Special elections will be held for all officers' positions upon ratification of this constitution by the Student Government Association Senate.