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QUESTIONNAIRE

for national Federation applying for FIDE Membership

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6. What is (are) your national language(s) ? English

Which of the following FIDE languages* do you prefer and what is your

second choice ? 1 English 2 French

* English and French are the official languages of FIDE. The official language of FIDE for business and announcements shall be English and all meetings, FIDE documents, FIDE documents, rules and regulations will be in this language.

7. How many individual members (players) do you have ? 42

How many competitions for individuals did you have last year ? 3

How many of these were for players under 16 years of age ? 0

Name your National individual champion : N/A

8. How many affiliated clubs do you have ? 0

How many team competitions do you organize in a year ? 0

9. Are you the only national organization for chess in your country ? YES

Name others (if any) :

10. Is Chess recognised as Sport in your country? YES

11. What is the name of your official chess magazine (if any and please enclose a copy) ? N/A

12. Will your Federation have the opportunity to take part in the activities of FIDE (for example, to organize international tournaments/seminars, send representatives to official FIDE competitions) ? YES

13. Do you receive any government support ? NO

If yes, give details, stating cash subsidy given last year or recently ?.....

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What government department is in charge of chess ? N/A

14. Does your country have a National Olympic Committee that is affiliated to the International Olympic Committee ? YES

15. What is your relationship with your National Olympic Committee ?
There currently is no relationship with the National Olympic Committee; they require us to be a part of FIDE before we can be a member.

16. Do you receive any subsidy from your National Olympic Committee ?
NO

If yes, give details, stating cash subsidy given last year or recently ?

17. Are there restrictions on membership in your Federation (on national, political, racial, social or religious grounds or on account of sex) ? NO

18. Does your Federation acknowledge the Statutes of FIDE and develop activities in accordance with the Statutes ? YES

19. Is your country an independent state with its own constitution ? YES

If not, is it fully autonomous in the administration of sport ?

Is your country a member of the United Nations, or do you have an Observer status in the United Nations ? (If so, state year) YES, 1981

Does your country have a national flag and national anthem ? YES

20. Do you have a copy of your Federation Statutes or Constitution ? YES

If yes, please forward a copy with this questionnaire.

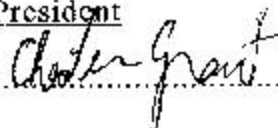
Are your Statutes approved by your government ? N/A

If so, by which government entity ?

National Chess Federation Authorized Official :

Name : Chester Grant

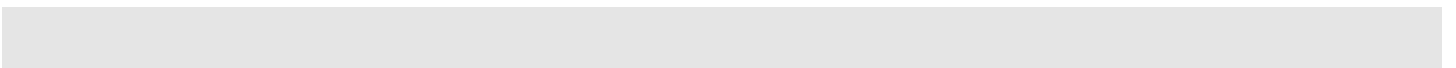
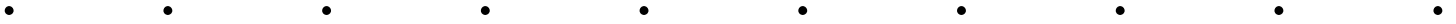
Position : President

Signature :  Date : 29/07/2017



Antigua & Barbuda Chess Federation

Constitution



Article 1. Name

The name of this body constituted shall be The Antigua & Barbuda Chess Federation ≡ (hereinafter referred to as The Federation).

Article 2. Aims and Objectives

- a. To foster and develop the playing of chess throughout the country.
- b. To promote and organise chess tournaments in Antigua & Barbuda and to promote inter-Caribbean and international competition in co-operation with other Federations and/or Organisations.
- c. To establish, maintain and supervise a chess playing centre for the accommodation and recreation of the members of the Federation.
- d. To encourage the formation of chess clubs in different areas of the country.
- e. To do all things that may be requisite or necessary or conducive to the interests of chess and to ensure that the conduct of chess in Antigua & Barbuda may be governed by the standard regulations and rules laid down by the Federation Internationale des Echecs, FIDE.
- f. To handle communications of all reports and matters concerning chess in Antigua & Barbuda.

Article 3. Membership

- a. The Federation shall consist of the following categories of Members:
 - i. Member Organisations
 - ii. Ordinary Adult Members
 - iii. Ordinary Junior Members
 - iv. Life Members
 - v. Honourary Members
- b. Any Club or Organisation interested in chess may join the Federation as a Member Organisation provided that no Organisation shall be elected to membership of the Federation unless the Executive Board of the Federation shall have first approved the Constitution and Membership of such Club or Organisation.

- c. Any individual chess player or person interested in chess may become a member of the Federation or a member of any Chess Club or Organisation affiliated to the A.B.C.F., upon payment of a prescribed fee from March 31st 2017 and upon approval by the Executive Board. Any ordinary Adult member may hold any office of the A.B.C.F. Only members in good financial standings will be eligible to vote.
- d. Junior Members between the age of 14 and 20 years of age shall be permitted to exercise one vote. A junior member below the age of 14 years has no right to vote but may attend and speak at any meeting of the A.B.C.F. A Junior member at the age of 18 years and above may hold any office of the A.B.C.F
- e. Life membership can be conferred by payment of a prescribed fee, and upon approval by the Executive Board. The applicant must fill out the prescribed application form and submit it in duplicate to the Secretary A.B.C.F. who will process it and present it at the next Executive Committee meeting.
- f. Honorary membership may be conferred by the Executive Board or by a unanimous vote of the membership of the Federation at any general meeting. Honorary Members shall be entitled to attend and speak at all General Meetings of the Federation, but shall not be entitled to vote or to hold office.

Article 4. Fees and Subscriptions

- a. Every Member Organisation shall pay an annual subscription of \$50.00 per annum payable on or before the month of January in each and every year.
- b. Every Ordinary Individual Member shall pay an annual subscription; such Members shall also pay an entrance fee on being elected to membership.
- c. All subscriptions shall be payable in advance and all Organisations or Individuals whose subscriptions are unpaid for six months and having been notified in writing by the Treasurer shall be struck off the roll of membership save and except for good cause shown in writing to the Executive Board by such Organisation or Individual.

Article 5. Government

- a. The government of this Federation shall be vested in an Executive Board which shall comprise the Officers of the Federation elected at the Annual General Meeting for a period of four years. Each member Club and/or Organisation shall have the right to have its President or Secretary, attend the Executive Board

Meetings, but that person does not have the right to vote unless also an elected member in which case he/she still only has one vote. That member has the right to be heard.

- b. Officers of the Federation shall be:
 - 1) President
 - 2) Vice-President
 - 3) General Secretary
 - 4) Treasurer
 - 5) Information Officer

- c. Any vacancy arising in the membership of the Executive Board may be filled at a General Meeting summoned for that purpose, and any member of the Executive Board so elected shall hold office until the next Annual General Meeting when elections are constitutionally due.

- d. Any Executive Committee member failing to attend three consecutive Executive committee meetings, duly summoned, with out informing the Secretary of his or her inability to attend shall be deemed to have resigned. Where the Secretary is unable to attend he/she shall inform the President and where he or she fails to attend three consecutive Executive committee meetings, duly summoned, with out informing the President of his or her inability to attend shall be deemed to have resigned. When ever the breach is committed the remaining executive committee members shall then institute article 5 c or if less than 12 months remain before elections are constitutionally due may appoint another member of the A.B.C.F. in good standing, to fill the post until elections are held.

- e. The duties of the Officers of the Federation shall be:
 - 1) The President shall chair the Annual General Meeting, Special General Meetings and the meetings of the Executive Board. The President executes the decisions of these bodies and represents the Federation officially. (The President or his nominee shall manage the Junior and Senior National Squads.) Member Development, the creation of programs to develop the skill and knowledge of chess players and arbiters; he/she shall be responsible for the development of chess clubs.

 - 2) Vice-President, shall be responsible for administering the Federation's Junior programmes and the development of school chess clubs. The Vice-President shall be responsible for creating programmes to develop the skill and knowledge of Junior chess players. The Vice-President shall be responsible for administering the Federation's tournaments and producing

the Federation's Tournament Calendar and the development of tournament directors. The Vice-President shall exercise the powers of the President in the absence of the President.

- 3) The General Secretary shall record the minutes of the Annual General Meeting, Special General Meetings and the meetings of the Executive Board. The General Secretary shall aid the President in accomplishment of his obligations, receive applications for membership and prepare press releases and general correspondence.
- 4) The Treasurer shall be responsible for the safe custody of all funds of the Federation. The Treasurer shall keep an account book, showing the financial commitments and state of the Federation's finances. The Treasurer shall preserve all bills and receipts for moneys paid for or on the behalf of the Federation for presentation to the Auditor. He shall prepare at the end of each year a financial statement showing receipts and expenditure and the membership roll. (He/She shall report to the Executive Board quarterly and shall be consulted on all matters where A.B.C.F. funds are to be used. Only the President or Vice President may override his/her financial decision).
- 5) The information officer shall be responsible to the Executive Committee for the effective, efficient and accurate dissemination of information concerning all Chess matters. These include but are not limited to all areas of Competition, accomplishments, A.B.C.F. policy any other Chess related matters. He shall act on instruction from the Executive.

Article 6. Duties and Powers of the Executive Board

The Executive Board of the Federation shall have the following special powers and duties:

- a. To formulate a programme of activities for the Federation.
- b. To admit Organisations and Individuals to the membership of the Federation.
- c. To take disciplinary measures in respect of offences committed in connection with chess.
- d. To hold enquiries into charges or complaints made against Organisations or Individual Members of the Federation.
- e. To take any steps necessary to prevent infringement of the Rules of the Federation.

- f. To suspend or disqualify or expel any Organisation or Individual Member of the Federation found guilty of breaches of the Rules of Competition of this Federation or of any misconduct or unfair practice or any matter or thing directly calculated to injure or discredit Chess in Antigua & Barbuda.
- g. To make such Regulations relating to the rules as it may think fit.
- h. To act in its discretion in the case of any matters arising concerning which this Constitution and Rules of the Federation are silent.

Article 7. Annual General Meeting

- a. There shall be an Annual General Meeting of the Federation for each calendar year January 1st to December 31st.
- b. Thirty days notice of an Annual General Meeting shall be given to each Member Organisation or Individual Member in writing to such member's recorded address.
- c. One third of the Roll of Membership present and entitled to vote shall form a quorum. In the event of an abortive meeting, the members present at the following Meeting shall be deemed a quorum.
- d. Every Organisation shall have the right to send two representatives to a General Meeting. Each individual representative of each Organisation and each Individual Member of the Federation shall have the right to exercise one vote only each at a General Meeting.
- e. Any member desirous of having a motion or resolution placed on the agenda for the Annual General Meeting shall submit same in writing to the Secretary of the Federation at least fourteen days prior to the scheduled date of the Annual General Meeting.
- f. Each term in office shall be no longer than 4 years. No individual shall be allowed more than two consecutive terms, regardless of the office held.
- g. Election of officers shall be by secret ballot.

Article 8. Special General Meetings

- a. A Special General Meeting shall be summoned by the Secretary on receipt of a written request to do so signed by not less than any five members provided that the Secretary may at any time summon a Special General Meeting consequent upon a decision to do so duly made by the Executive Board.
- b. One third of the Roll of Membership present and entitled to vote shall form a quorum.

Article 9. Legal Limitations

- a. No part of the net earnings of the Federation shall incur to the benefit of its members, officers, or other private persons.
- b. Upon the dissolution of the Federation, the Executive Board shall, after paying all its liabilities, dispose of all the assets of the Federation to such organisations, organised and operated exclusively for the charitable purposes as the Executive Board shall decide.

Article 10. Alteration and Amendments of the Constitution

This constitution may be amended by a majority vote at any annual general meeting, provided such amendments are submitted to the Secretary of the Federation at least fifteen days before the annual meeting. This Constitution may be amended by majority vote at any General Meeting called for that purpose deemed “a general meeting to amend the constitution” provided 21 days notice of the meeting and of the proposed amendments has been given. One third of the Roll of Membership present and entitled to vote shall form a quorum.