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QUESTIONNAIRE

for national Federation applying for FIDE Membership

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- 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.

* 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 ?..... 150.....

How many competitions for individuals did you have last year ? .. 5.....

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

Name your National individual champion : .. N/A.....

8. How many affiliated clubs do you have ? .. 25.....

How many team competitions do you organize in a year ? .. A.....

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

Name others (if any) : .. YES.....

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) ?

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 ? .. NOT YET.....

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

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What government department is in charge of chess ? .. Ministry of Youth & Sports.....

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 ? .. Seeking accreditation / Affiliation.....



16. Do you receive any subsidy from your National Olympic Committee ?... **NOT YET**

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, 1945**

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 ? ... **YES**

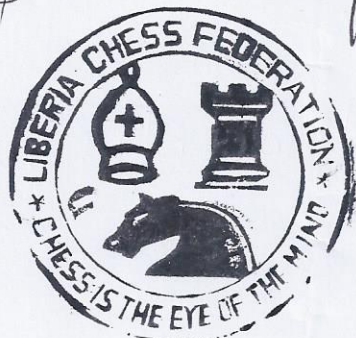
If so, by which government entity ? **Ministry of Youth & Sports**

National Chess Federation Authorized Official :

Name : **Samuel D. Tweah, Jr.**

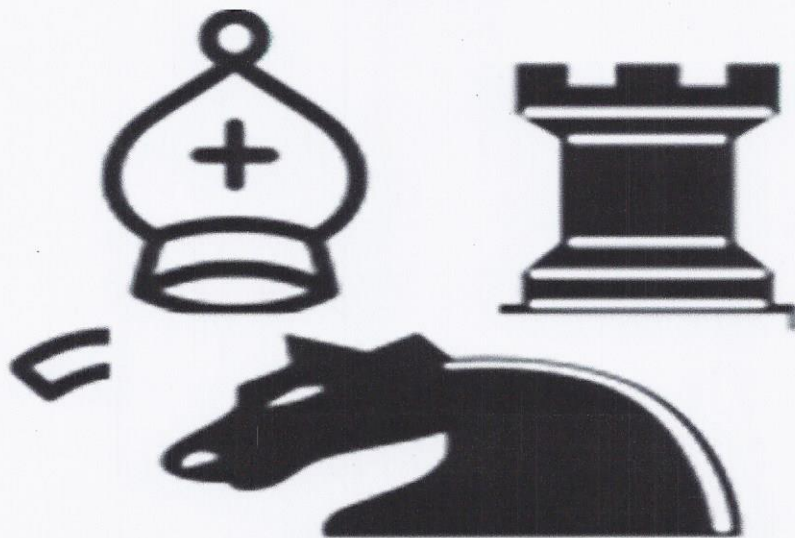
Position : **President**

Signature : *[Handwritten Signature]* Date : **04/04/15**



THE LIBERIA CHESS FEDERATION
Monrovia, Liberia

CONSTITUTION



Chess is the Eye of the Mind



MONROVIA, LIBERIA

Adopted November 29, 2014

PREAMBLE

We the Chess Players of the Republic of Liberia, having realized that this Royal Game is a game of the mind that fosters critical thinking strategic planning and analytic decision making;

Having, realized that chess can be used to develop the human mind, enhance literacy and cognitive skills and promote community and national peace.

Now, therefore, do hereby solemnly make, establish, proclaim and publish this constitution for the governance of the game of chess in Liberia.

CONSTITUTION OF THE LIBERIA CHESS FEDERATION (LCF)

ARTICLE 1: NAME

This organization shall be named and styled the Liberia Chess Federation, hereafter referred to as the LCF or the Federation, a non-profit institution.

ARTICLE 2: Address of the Federation

The federation shall be headquartered in Monrovia, Liberia.

Article 3: Formation of the LCF and Regulation of its Activities

The Federation was formed on November 29, 2014. The activities of the Federation by Ministry of Youth and Sport.

Article 4: Business Hours of the Federation:

Between 9:00 AM and 6:00 PM on all working days. The Federation may be opened on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays for special programs or tournaments.

ARTICLE 5: OBJECTIVES of the Federation

The objectives and purposes of the organization are:

1. To promote the game of chess in Liberia, imbue a sense of discipline among players, increase their thinking ability, decision making and proficiency and promote the culture of chess excellence.
2. To maintain control over the activities of chess in Liberia in accordance with this constitution and the rules and regulations of the International Chess Federation (FIDE).
3. To Act as an umbrella body for affiliated members of the LCF and to coordinate the activities of those members.
4. To receive materials and receive and spend funds for the promotion of the game of chess in Liberia.
5. To determine tournament and training representation of the Federation as follows: i) National ranking and ii) Ranking from special tournament.
6. To prepare and manage a National Rank List of players
7. To seek affiliation with other national and international organizations.
8. To generally do such other things that may improve the overall development of chess in Liberia.
9. The Federation is not-for profit.
10. The Federation shall not use its income for the benefit of any individual except that trophies and prizes awarded in the course of its educational and promotional programs shall not be so construed.

Article 6: Membership, Definitions and Explanations

- i) Membership shall be in three-category: individual, Club and Honorary. A club shall have at least 5 members to qualify for affiliation with the Federation.

Definitions and Explanations

(a) Affiliated Members

The Affiliated Members of the LCF are the different chess associations affiliated with the LCF and functioning under its jurisdictions.

(b) Association

(c) Championship:

- (d) National and International Chess championships for any category of age groups recognized by FIDE

(e) Federation

Federation shall mean the Liberian Chess federation

(f) Flag

The Federations Flag shall be the image of a young child holding a knight in a thinking mood on a white background.

(g) FIDE

Federation International Des Echecs – The International Chess Federation/World Chess Federation

(h) Financial year

The 1st of July to the 30th to June, consistent with the fiscal year of the Liberian Government

(i) The General Assembly

The General Assembly of the LCF shall comprise Officers of the LCF and all its affiliated members.

(j) Logo:

The logo of the Federation shall be a symbol of white bishop, black rook and black knight, symbolizing the 'royal protective defense.'

(k) Color

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(l) Motto

- (m) The motto shall be "Chess, the Eyes of the Mind."

(n) Honorary Members

The Officers may accord honorary membership to national personalities and individuals who demonstrate commitment to the development of chess in Liberia.

(o) Patrons

The Officers may recommend persons to be recognized as patrons who have made donations for the development of chess

(p) Player

The chess player duly registered with the LCF

(q) Officers of the LCF

The Officers of the LCF shall mean
The President
The Vice President
The Secretary
The Financial Secretary
The Treasurer
The Chaplain

(r) Official of the LCF

Shall mean Coach, Instructor, Manager, Arbiter of functionaries, Tournament Directors and other persons carrying out specific chess related functions

(s) Benefits

Any gain unrelated to the promotion of the Federation as constructed in Article 5 section 10 of this constitution.

ARTICLE 7: AFFILIATION

The Liberia Chess Federation shall affiliate with the World Chess Federation (FIDE), the United States Chess Federation (USCF) and others, and shall follow the rules of chess and rating systems of these federations. Membership in the FIDE and USCF is not required of members, but is encouraged.

ARTICLE 8: LCF General Assembly

The General Assembly of the Liberia Chess Federation shall comprise

- i) All Officers of the LCF
- ii) Five representatives of each affiliated association
- iii) The First Five Players on the National Rank List
- iv) The National Chess Champion and the first two runner-ups from the National Chess Championship
- v) The National Women's Champion and the first two runners-up from the National Women Championship
- vi) The National Rapids Champion and the first two runners-up of the National Rapids Championship
- vii) The National Blitz Champion and the first two runners-up of the National Blitz Championship
- viii) Honorary Members
- ix) Patrons

Category Viii and ix shall have no voting rights at the General Assembly

Article: 9: Powers and Duties of the General Assembly

- a) To elect the Officers of the LCF
- b) To consider and approve the Annual National Budget of the Federation
- c) To Acquire, hold, control, administer and dispose of the property of the Federation
- d) To Amend the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the Federation as and when necessary by a two-thirds majority of the Members present at the General Assembly, provided that at least three-fourths of the required membership of the General Assembly is sitting.
- e) To appoint auditors who shall audit the financial account of the Federation
- f) To receive and approve all audit reports as well as all annual reports of the Federation.
- g) To appoint five persons, a Chairman and four other members, to serve on the Federation Elections Commission (FEC), which shall process nominations and conduct the election Officer elections at the General Assembly. Nominations for these five positions shall be obtained from the floor and votes taken for each position until the FEC is constituted. FEC members would then subsequently conduct the Officers elections. The FEC is immediately dissolved at the end of the General Assembly.
- h) To fix the maximum amount that can be borrowed by the Federation in any Financial Year.
- i) To develop rules for the effective governance and management of chess in Liberia
- j) To disaffiliate members from the federation
- k) To take disciplinary action against its members, the Officers, Officials, and players recognized by the Federation or of any recognized Members.
- l) To exercise any or all of the powers of the Officers of the LCF and to amend or annul decisions taken by the Officers

1. LCF Assembly. Other category of members shall have observer status.

ARTICLE 10: Annual Meeting of the General Assembly

The Annual Meeting of the General Assembly shall be held before the 30th of November of every year.

The Secretary shall prepare a Draft Agenda and submit same to all affiliated members prior to the convening of the General Assembly.

Upon receipt of General Assembly notices, each affiliated member shall forward to the Secretary the names of five representatives to be seated at the General Assembly. The Secretary must send invitations to all other members of the General Assembly.

Article 11: Special and Emergency Meeting of the General Assembly

The Officers of the Federation may call an Emergency Meeting of the General Assembly at any time or such meeting may be called by a written requisition signed by 15 members of the General Assembly.

Such Special or Emergency meeting of the General Assembly shall be called within 30 days of notification from the Officers or receipt of signed requisitions from 15 members of the General Assembly.

Article 12: Elections of Officers of the Federation

All Officers of the LCF shall by a majority vote be elected at the General Assembly.

Not more than one Officer shall be elected from one Member Association.

Officers need not belong to any Association.

There are no restrictions to the number of terms elected Officers may serve.

No person beyond the age of 75 can run for an officer position.

A Member Association may nominate one among its five representatives to vie for an Officer position.

Election of Officers is ONLY by Nominations from Member Associations. Persons interested in holding Officer Positions would have to be NOMINATED by a Member Association. Nominated persons need not be members of the associations that nominate them.

All Officer Nominations must be received 15 days before the holding of General Assembly for processing by the Secretary. Nominations would be turned over the FEC once it is constituted. Nominations from Member Associations must be received and accepted by the Officers except such Nominations violate the constitution and laws of the Federation.

Persons nominated cannot be withdrawn five (5) days of the date of expiration of candidate nomination.

In case of such withdrawal, replacement must occur within the aforementioned five (5) day grace period.

Article 13: Powers and Duties of Officers

(a) President

The President shall have the power and responsibility to:

- i) Preside over the Executive Council (EC) of the Federation and the General Assembly
- ii) Manage the administrative function of the Federation
- iii) Be the primary A signatory to the Bank Account of the LCF

(b) Vice President

The Vice President shall have the power and responsibility to:

- iv) Preside over meetings in the absence of the President
- v) Be the second in line of succession in the event the President is incapacitated or removed from office by the General Assembly
- vi) Be a secondary A Signatory to the Federation's account

(c) Secretary

The Secretary shall have the power and responsibility to:

- vii) Be the Chief Scribe of the Federation, responsible for all documentation;
- viii) To send out notices, invitations and citations for General Assembly meetings and other Federation meetings
- ix) Be the third in line of succession in the event the President is incapacitated or removed from office by the General Assembly.

(d) Treasurer

As the Custodian of the Funds of the Federation, the Treasurer shall have the power and responsibility to:

- x) To make all deposits of the Federation's funds;

- xi) Submit to the General Assembly, in collaboration with the Financial Secretary, a financial report of receipts and expenditure of Federation's funds.
- xii) Along with the Financial Secretary, Prepare the Budget for the Financial Year.
- xiii) Perform other functions in keeping with his responsibility as custodian of funds.
- xiv) Be the secondary B signatory to the Federation's account

(e) Financial Secretary

The Financial Secretary shall have the power and responsibility to:

- xv) Keep and Maintain all financial records of the Federation;
- xvi) Submit to the General Assembly, in collaboration with the Treasurer, a financial report of receipts and expenditure of Federation's funds.
- xvii) Along with the Treasurer, Prepare the Budget for the Financial Year.
- xviii) Perform other functions in keeping with his responsibility as custodian of funds.
- xix) Be the Primary B signatory to the Federation's account.

(f) Chaplain

The Chaplain shall be responsible to invoke the presence of God or Allah in the meetings, affairs and activities of the Federation.

Article 14: Executive Council (EC)

The Executive Council shall be the executive body of the Federation and is vested with All powers to administer the affairs of the Federation.

(a) Composition

The followings is the composition of the EC

- i) Officers of the Federation
- ii) Two members nominated by the General Assembly, one of whom shall be an attorney at law
- iii) The First two highest nationally ranked players
- iv) The first two highest nationally ranked female players

(b) Powers of the EC

- i) To approve expenditures above US\$5,000.00
- ii) To hear and decide issues referred by the Officers of the Affiliated Members
- iii) To grant affiliation to Associations seeking membership with the Federation
- iv) To disaffiliate any member of the LCF
- v) To appoint sub-committees for any specific requirement
- vi) To conduct National and other local and community Championship and chess related events and programs.
- vii) To levy registration, capitation and other such fees
- viii) To fix travelling and other allowances of Officers

- ix) To prescribe remuneration and traveling and other expenses for officials and observers supporting National Championship and other such tournaments.
- x) To take disciplinary actions against Officials and Players accused of misconduct during tournaments and chess events. These individuals shall take appeal to the General Assembly.
- xi) To develop the Code of Conduct for organizers of tournaments, players, coaches, arbiters and other Officials.

(c) Meetings of the EC

The EC shall meet quarterly during a Financial Year. Such a meeting shall be requisitioned by one-fourth of the membership of the EC or by the President of the Federation.

(d) Quorum of EC meetings

Eight (8) of the membership of the EC shall constitute a quorum. In the absence of quorum, any EC meeting is illegal.

Decisions of the EC shall be by majority vote.

ARTICLE 15: Finance of the Federation

All monies received by the Federation irrespective of the source shall constitute Funds of the Federation. Finances of the Federation fall under the direction of the General Assembly.

Revenue of the Federation includes the following:

- (i) Allocations received from the Government of Liberia
- (ii) Membership/subscription fees paid by Affiliated Members
- (iii) Players' Championship and Tournament entry fees
- (iv) Contributions from Private Companies toward support to the Federation
- (v) Contributions from individuals, patrons and others
- (vi) Registration and other fees
- (vii) All other contributions to the Federation

Article 16: Deposits and Disbursements of Federation Funds

The Treasurer shall take receipt of all funds received in revenue and deposit same into the Federation's bank accounts. Proper receipts shall be issued and records taken of such receipts. All payments made in the name of the Federation shall be signed by the President along with the Financial Secretary. The Vice being an A signatory, may sign along with the Treasurer, a B signatory, in the event of the President and Financial Secretary are incapacitated or unavailable and the if the matter cannot await the presence of the President or Financial Secretary.

ARTICLE 17: DISSOLUTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS

1. No part of the income and assets of the Liberia Chess Federation shall incur to the benefit of, be distributed to its members, trustees, officials, or other private persons, except that the Federation

shall be authorized by the Executive Council to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered to the Federation.

2. The Liberia Chess Federation may be dissolved and its assets and liabilities liquidated in such a manner that the General Assembly shall resolve, provided that upon dissolution, after payment of all debts, the remaining assets may be distributed as set forth by the General Assembly. Notwithstanding, anything to the contrary of this Constitution shall be deemed illegal.

ARTICLE X: AMENDMENT

Except as otherwise provided by this Constitution of the Liberia Chess Federation, this Constitution may be amended upon request by 2/3 of the General Assembly.

DONE AND ADOPTED ON THE 29th DAY OF NOVEMBER 2014 A.D. BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE LIBERIA CHESS FEDERATION IN SINKOR, MONROVIA

