

CCLNY CONSTITUTION

(Effective May 2006 as amended November 2007, September 2012 and 2013)

Article I - Name and Purpose

Section 1

This organization shall be known as the Commercial Chess League of New York (CCLNY).

Section 2

The purpose of CCLNY is to promote chess play, good fellowship among players; to contest annually for the team championship and the individual championship of CCLNY; and to engage in other chess activities.

Article II - Membership

Section 1

Membership shall consist of teams having at least four players, each player being at least eighteen years of age. (However, if a company team has a playing site and allows minors accompanied a parent in their building, the minor may play for a team). Each team shall select the team captain, who shall be the sole representative of such member team in all CCLNY transactions. For possible new entrants, special consideration is to be given first to teams representing a single company or governmental agency over club or ad hoc teams, especially if the new company team has a playing site. All teams must be willing to play their matches at a suitable site approved by CCLNY.

Section 2

Application for membership shall be made to the Secretary who will solicit a vote of existing members either at a CCLNY business meeting, by telephone or by email. New members must be approved by more than one-half of the existing members.

Section 3

A team ceases to be a member if (a) it does not enter the annual tournament, or (b) it withdraws for any reason from the tournament, or (c) it fails to pay the membership fee by the end of the last match in October thus forfeiting the remainder of the season (company teams who have requested a check from their organization by the due date are in compliance with this section), or (d) more than two-thirds of the other members request a resignation.

Article III - Officers

Section 1

The CCLNY shall have a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Tournament Director, and such other officers that the captains shall nominate and elect. The team captains of each member team will collectively function as a de facto CCLNY President.

Section 2

The officers shall be elected by the team captains and then installed annually at the autumn business meeting and hold that office up to the next autumn meeting. Team captains may also serve as officers. Any officer is eligible for reelection in subsequent years.

Section 3

If any office is vacated, the team captains shall appoint a new officer for the balance of the term.

Section 4

The Secretary shall be responsible for establishing a date and preparing the agenda for each CCLNY business meeting. The Secretary shall preside at all business and special meetings. The Secretary shall complete and circulate an accurate record of all meetings to the team captains. The Secretary shall be responsible for receiving and circulating the results of all matches in CCLNY tournaments.

Section 5

The Treasurer shall receive all moneys due CCLNY. The Treasurer shall prepare a financial report to the team captains at the spring and autumn business meetings. The Treasurer shall preside at any meeting where the Secretary is absent.

Section 6

The Tournament Director shall organize and conduct CCLNY's annual individual tournament. The Tournament Director shall maintain CCLNY's player ratings and the records of the tournaments he directs. The Tournament Director shall rule on all disputes concerning games and matches, subject to appeal or a protest to the team captains.

Section 7

The member team captains shall enforce the Constitution and all rules and regulations of CCLNY. Disputes are to be resolved by majority vote of the captains. In cases of a tie vote, the three officers will be asked to vote in order to break the tie. An officer who is also a team captain shall not be prevented from voting twice; first in his capacity as captain, and second, if necessary, in his capacity as CCLNY officer.

Article IV - Meetings

Section 1

There shall be two business meetings each year; one in the spring, prior to the annual dinner, and one in the fall, prior to the commencement of the team tournament. The spring meeting may be conducted by email, but the autumn meeting to establish officers and set the new season must be in person. Dues or fees for each membership season shall be determined at the autumn business meeting. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum.

Section 2

Special meetings may be called by a majority of the team captains. The Tournament Director may call a special meeting to discuss a protest of one of his rulings. This type of meeting should be done by email.

Section 3

Each team may have an alternate at any meeting, who shall not have voting power, except in the absence of his captain, who shall give him voting authority.

Article V - Amendments

Section 1

This Constitution may be amended at a meeting by more than two-thirds vote of existing members provided written notice of the proposed amendment was submitted to each member at least 14 calendar days before the meeting.

Section 2

An amendment may also be made at any meeting, without notice to the membership, by a unanimous vote of all the members present.

Article VI - Rules of Play

Section 1

Eligibility and rules of play for the individual tournament will be determined by the Tournament Director.

Section 2

Rules of play are described in the "Regulation for Team Tournaments". These rules may be changed at any meeting by more than two-thirds vote of existing members.