

THE CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF
THE CHESS CLUB OF HOWARD UNIVERSITY

ARTICLE 1 - NAME AND NATURE

1. The Chess Club of Howard University will also be known as the “Howard University Chess Club” and be abbreviated H.U.C.C or HUCC.

2. It is a non-profit, non-partisan, educational, and game activity student organization. 3.

We, the Chess Club of Howard University, do agree to abide by the regulations imposed on student groups in accordance with conditions stipulated in the Howard University Handbook (H-Book), thereby subordinating the organization to said policy.

3. The chess club will have a sub committee assigned to the organizational responsibilities of the USCF state chapter, and will adhere to the rules and structures outlined in Article XI

ARTICLE II - AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

1. Our goal is to provide students a fun setting to play chess with other like-minded students and to promote the education of chess to everyone seeking to learn.

2. Host tournaments on campus and give workshops to teach chess.

3. The club will provide a setting for chess players to compete against one another and to meet other chess players.

ARTICLE III - Membership

SECTION 1 - Eligibility

1. Membership shall be open to all validated students of Howard University.

2. There shall be two types of membership as follows

Active Members: composed of all Chess Club members

Alumni Members: composed of Howard University Chess Club alumni members

3. Active members shall be eligible to hold office and shall have voting rights in the organization.

4. Active members must attend half of the scheduled meetings to vote in the general elections.

SECTION 2 - Fees

1. In the event members deem it necessary for the establishment of a membership fee, the amount of the membership fee must be proposed and approved by at least three- fourths of the Executive Committee.

2. All membership fees must be given to the Treasurer of the HUCC at the beginning of each semester.

ARTICLE IV: GENERAL BODY

1. The General Body shall consist of all members of the Howard University CHESS CLUB (HUCC) and shall be the supreme organ thereof.

2. From the General Body, the officers shall be elected in accordance with Article V, Section 2 below entitled Executive Committee.

ARTICLE V: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

SECTION 1: Definition

The Executive Committee shall be the administrative body of the organization and is elected

from among the Active Membership of the organization.

SECTION 2: Membership

The Executive Committee shall consist of the following officers:

1. President
2. Vice-President
3. Treasurer
4. Recording Secretary
5. Community Service Coordinator
6. Social Coordinator
- 7.. Fundraising Coordinator
8. Public Relations Coordinator

SECTION 3: Function and Powers of the Executive Committee

1. The duties of the Executive Committee shall be as follows:

To implement the Constitution of the HUCC

Implement the decisions of the HUCC Members

Establish procedures in routine matters.

Appropriating funds for various committees and activities.

Formulating and supervising projects and programs to promote the aims and purposes of HUCC.

SECTION 4: Meetings

1. There shall be a minimum of three Executive Committee Meetings during each semester, called by the President.

2. An emergency meeting may be called at the request of a simple majority of the Executive Committee members.

3. When the Executive Committee is not in session, the President shall make decisions after consulting with at least three (3) other Executive Committee members and present such decisions at the next Executive Committee meeting for endorsement.

4. Each member of the Executive Committee shall hold office for a period of one year provided that he does not hold the same office for more than two consecutive years. SECTION 5: Voting and Quorum

1. The presence of two-thirds of the members of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum at any duly called meeting.

SECTION 6: Vacancies

If a vacancy occurs in any office of the Executive Committee, it shall be filled by election by the Executive Committee for the remaining term.

SECTION 7: Terms of Office

1. Members of the Executive Committee shall begin their official term of office on graduation and shall remain in office until the following graduation.

2. The members of the Executive Committee shall hold office until elections for the next term.

SECTION 8: Functional Committees

The Executive Committee shall form functional committees, as deemed necessary, to assist it in carrying out social, religious, cultural, and any other business necessary. Any individual in any

of the classifications of membership can be a member of a functional committee. SECTION 9:
Removal of Officers

Officers may be removed after a hearing to discuss negligence in duty by a two-thirds majority vote of the active members present and voting at a general meeting.

SECTION 10: Election of New Officers

1. The Officers of the Howard University Chess Club (HUCC) shall be elected for the next school year by the voting members of the General Body who are present at the last organizational meeting at the current school term.

2. All officers must be duly elected by a simple majority of the General Body. 3. Elected Officers must have attended college a minimum of two semesters. 4. In the second to last scheduled meeting the newly appointed officers will be introduced and briefed on information pertaining to the HUCC.

ARTICLE VI: DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

SECTION 1: President

1. To convene and preside all meetings
2. To look after the overall functioning and activities of the HUCC.
3. To provide effective leadership for the achievement of goals and objectives of the organization.
4. To operate the HUCC account in the absence of the Treasurer.
5. To provide an end of year report at the last meeting of the academic year. 6. To work with the treasurer and submit a complete proposal for organizational funding to the Howard

University Student Association (HUSA) at the beginning of the first semester. SECTION 2:

Vice-President

1. To convene the meetings, in the absence of the President.
2. Shall assist the President in his duties and shall act in the absence of the President. 3. Shall act as the representative to the Executive Committee and shall recognize any concerns of the Executive Committee.
4. Shall help coordinate activities within the organization.
5. Shall oversee activity of the Functional Committees.

SECTION 3: Treasurer

1. To administrate the funds in the HUCC account with the consent/approval of the Executive Committee of HUCC.
2. To efficiently manage and maintain all HUMSA funds and to keep a record of all transactions made on the HUCC account (cosigned by the President).
3. To work with the president and submit a complete proposal for organizational funding to the Howard University Student Association (HUSA) at the beginning of the fall semester.

SECTION 4: Recording Secretary

1. Shall be responsible for records and files of the organization.
2. Shall be responsible to record the minutes of all meetings and to make reports on activities of the organization.
3. Shall handle the correspondence and notify the members about meetings and other

activities. 4. Shall be responsible for sending minutes of meetings to all members via email. 5. Shall be responsible for completing the mid year and end of year report to Student Affairs.

SECTION 5: Faculty Advisor

1. The Faculty Advisor shall be a member of the Howard University Faculty or Staff 2. The Faculty Advisor shall be selected by a majority vote of the Executive Committee. 3. The Faculty Advisor may serve infinite consecutive terms so long as he or she is re- elected by each new Executive Board.

4. The Faculty Advisor shall offer Chess Club advice to the HUCC

5. Advise development of Islamic programs and activities.

6. The Faculty Advisor shall aid in the maintaining of good relations between HUCC and Howard University.

7. The Faculty Advisor shall help to maintain the legitimacy of the HUCC. 8. The Faculty Advisor shall sign all university related documents when deemed necessary. 9. The Faculty Advisor shall have the right to vote in the General Body, though not on financial matters and not in the Executive Committee.

SECTION 7: Community Service Coordinator

The Community Service Coordinator shall be responsible for organizing all community service activities for the organization.

SECTION 8: Social Coordinator

The Social Coordinator shall plan and organize social and athletic activities that involve members of the organization and encourage pride and unity among members.

SECTION 9: Fundraising Coordinator

1. The Fundraising Coordinator shall be responsible for coordinating fundraising activities for the organization.
2. The Fundraising Coordinator shall work closely with the Treasurer with all fundraising activities.

SECTION 10: Public Relations Coordinator

1. The Public Relations Coordinator shall be responsible for publicizing all activities and event of the HUCC.
2. The Public Relations Coordinator shall be work closely with all media outlets (i.e. The Hilltop) on campus for events.

ARTICLE VII: GENERAL MEETINGS

SECTION 1: Definition

A general meeting is a business meeting of the organization in which the General Body or the organization is invited to discuss, deliberate, and vote upon affairs related to the organization.

SECTION 2: Rules for Calling a General meeting

1. General meetings shall be called by the President
2. General meetings shall be held a minimum of twice a semester.
3. For any general meeting, the members must be notified at least three (3) days in advance.
4. Emergency meetings shall be called by the President and Recording Secretary, at any time with at least twenty-four hours notice.

SECTION 3: Time of Regular meetings

1. There shall be a minimum of one meeting per month.
2. The date and time of the meeting shall be determined by a three-fourths vote of the Executive Committee and then at least one-half vote of the General Body present at the General Body meeting.

SECTION 4: Parliamentary Authority

1. The procedural rules to be used as a guide will be Robert's Rules of Standard order,
Revised Edition

ARTICLE VIII: CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS AND REVISIONS

SECTION 1: Revision

This constitution will be reviewed for possible amendment if in violation of the United States Constitution and Howard University Constitution

SECTION 2: PROCEDURE

1. The proposal of an amendment or revision must be made in writing by at least one of the active members.
2. The proposal for the amendment or revision must be circulated among all the regular members one week prior to the general body meeting.
3. The amendment or revision must be approved by a three-fourths majority vote of the regular members present and voting at a general meeting.
4. The amended and ratified constitution immediately supersedes the previous constitution.

ARTICLE XI: USCF State chapter committee.

1. The number of seats on the USCF state chapter sub committee is to the discretion of the current presiding Howard Chess Club eboard, and election to this sub committee shall be by majority vote of currently presiding Howard Chess Club eboard.

2. The goal of the USCF state chapter sub committee is to provide opportunities to engage in chess tournaments and affairs within the District of Columbia area.

3. Requirements for membership and participation in the D.C. USCF state chapter is an active USCF membership

4. The sub-committee will meet once a week via zoom to discuss USCF state chapter affairs

5. Rules governing the sub committee are subject to amendment by majority votes of the current presiding Howard Chess Club Eboard.

Howard University Chess Club | Aspiring State Chapter

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President

Lawrence D. Custis -
Chess Experience: 4 years (30398957)

Professional Chess Experience: Pan-American Intercollegiate Tournament (VA) 2021-2022, Pan-American Intercollegiate Tournament (WA) 2022-2023, Chess Girls D.C x Columbia (DC) 2021, DCCL RD 4 - RESERVE (DC), 2023 Seattle New Years Blitz (WA), DCCL 2022-23 Round 1 (VA), 2023 Seattle Puzzle Rush Championship (WA), Make A Move DC (DC), Avid Club Player (1800-2000 Range)

Organizational Experience: Chess Instructor Griot Academy (2022-2023), Chess Tutor I.D.E.A. Center (2021-2022), Chess Volunteer Tutor E.L. Haynes Public Charter School, Private Chess Tutor (2021-2024), Howard University Chess Club Vice-President | President (2022 - Present), Camden Repertory Theater Sales/Financial Manager (2018-2022), ASEZ Leader (2021-Present)(World Mission Society Church of God Student Volunteers), Howard University Robotics Organization Vice-President (2023-2024) (Own 501(c)(3) Organization),

Co - Vice-President

Katelyn Magoiga -
Chess Experience: 2 (31640563)

Professional Chess Experience: 2024 Pan American Intercollegiate Championship (TX), 2023 Pan American Intercollegiate Blitz (TX), 2024 HBCU Chess Classic (GA)

Organizational Experience: Chess Instructor Griot Academy (2023 - Present), Campaign Volunteer - Muscogee County

Co - Vice-President

Michael Ewing -

Chess Experience: 2 (31640563)

Professional Chess Experience: 6-7-20 (MS), TCPS Practice #2 (MS), TCPS Practice Tournament (MS)

Organizational Experience: Howard University Chess Club Co-Vice President (2023-Present)

Co -Secretary

Malik Castro-Devarona

Chess Experience: 14 years (30344571)

Professional Chess Experience: Second Annual Metropolitan Open (VA), 2024 HBCU Chess Classic (GA), DC Speed Chess Challenge, 5th Colonial Open - nonFIDE (VA), 13th Annual Chesapeake Open (MD), 2024 Pan American Intercollegiate Championship (TX), 2023 Pan American Intercollegiate Blitz (TX), 33rd Annual North American Open (NV), ACC Action PLUS November 2023 (VA), 13th WASHINGTON Chess Congress! (VA), 8th Washington Congress Blitz! (VA), ACC Action-Plus October 2023 (VA), 2nd Skyline Open Fide (VA), 2023 MCA September Action (MD), 2023 Maryland Action and Blitz Championship (MD), 55th Annual Atlantic Open! (VA), 10th Annual Atlantic Open BLITZ! (VA), DMV Herndon G60 (VA), Milpitas Real Championship (BAC 2500) (CA), Free Chess in Whittier #175 (CA), DCCL RD 4 - RESERVE (DC), RCC QUAD - 7 DIEGO SULTAN-LEBLOND ME (MD), 2023 Pan American Intercollegiate Championship (WA), 2023 Seattle New Years Blitz (WA), DCCL 2022-23 Round 1 (VA), 22nd Washington D.C. Action Championship (DC), 2022 Skyline Open (VA), 2022 Pan American Intercollegiate Championship (VA), 2022 PanAm Collegiate Blitz (VA), 2021 Maryland November Action (MD), 2013 California School G/30 CH (CA), Ever Sunday Chess 4 Jrs III (CA) x8, American Open Scholastic (CA), Regionals Finale Part III (CA), Make A Move DC (DC), Make a Move LA (LA)

Organizational Experience: Chess Wizards Instructor (2022-Present), Howard University Chess Club President | Secretary (2022 - Present)

Co - Secretary

Matthew Rhone

Chess Experience: 3 Years (31178436)

Professional Chess Experience: 2024 HBCU Chess Classic (GA), 2024 Pan American Intercollegiate Championship (TX), 2023 Pan American Intercollegiate Blitz (TX), Make A Move DC (DC)

Organizational Experience: Howard University Chess Club (Secretary 2023-Present)

Treasurer

Martin Jahil Warren

Chess Experience: 2 Years (31636817)

Professional Chess Experience: 2024 HBCU Chess Classic (GA), 2024 Pan American Intercollegiate Championship (TX), 2023 Pan American Intercollegiate Blitz (TX)

Organizational Experience: Howard University Chess Club Treasurer (2023-Present)

Fundraising Coordinator

Xavier Ntamere

Chess Experience: 6 Years (31551986)

Professional Chess Experience: 2024 HBCU Chess Classic (GA), 2024 Pan American Intercollegiate Championship (TX), 2023 Pan American Intercollegiate Blitz (TX), ACC Action-Plus November 2023 (VA)

Organizational Experience: Howard University Chess Club Fundraising Coordinator (2023-Present)

Public Relations Coordinator

Azaria Johnson

Chess Experience: 10 years (31552005)

Professional Chess Experience: 2024 HBCU Chess Classic (GA), 2024 Pan American Intercollegiate Championship (TX), 2023 Pan American Intercollegiate Blitz (TX), ACC Action-Plus November 2023 (VA)

Organizational Experience: Howard University Chess Club Public Relations Coordinator (2023-Present)

Co - Public Relations Coordinator

Rodak Tehwodros

Chess Experience: 2 Years

Professional Chess Experience: 2024 HBCU Chess Classic (GA)

Organizational Experience: Howard University Chess Club Public Relations Co-Chair (2024 - Present)

Organizational Experience: Howard University Chess Club Co-Public Relations Coordinator (2023-Present)

CHAPTER STATEMENT

Howard University Chess Club | Aspiring State Chapter

Our organization is uniquely qualified to serve as the state chapter, since we are a board of Young Adults who actively follow chess. We represent the chess world of the future, the ones who will drive the evolution of the game by taking the reins today. We have extensive networks and deep involvement with chess organizations in Washington, D.C., and the deep involvement and experience with Chess Girls D.C., The Boardroom, and H Street Chess, and have collaborated with out-of-state organizations like TBO Society and Make a Move LA. Our electoral board members are seasoned chess leaders with years of experience in fundraising, organizing tournaments, providing lessons, and competing in collegiate leagues.

Three of our executive board members are Chess.com Ambassadors, which enhances our ability to host and compete in online leagues while promoting chess across Howard University and throughout D.C. This status allows us to receive merchandise, request masterclasses/site visits from chess.com affiliates, assistance in tournament hosting, and more. Our board members excel in event planning and teaching players of all ages and skill levels due to our previous record of chess instruction/tutoring (including Chess Wizards, Griot Academy), and we are proud to have a board that represents diverse genders.

Our organization, founded in 1925, has a long-standing history and remains active today. We benefit largely from guaranteed on-campus space for hosting events, providing a significant logistical advantage over organizations that must rent venues. Furthermore, Howard University's highly selective admission process, with 30,000 applications for fewer than 3,000 freshman spots, speaks to the quality and dedication of our community.

In summary, our robust history with chess organizations in D.C., combined with our leadership's proven track record of successful events and deep involvement in the chess community in and out of state, makes us an ideal candidate for the USCF D.C. state chapter.

Evidence of previous large-scale events the Howard University chess club has been involved with.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ppbmmue1iMI> (Make a Move tournament hosted at Howard University)

<https://www.thechessdrum.net/blog/2024/05/15/reflections-on-the-2024-hbcu-chess-classic/>

<https://www.thechessdrum.net/blog/2023/05/11/reflections-on-the-1st-hbcu-chess-classic/>
(Participation in the the 1st and 2nd HBCU classic)

https://shop.chessbase.com/en/products/opening_encyclopaedia_2024?ref=RF249-5E9N4Z28RL

(Howard University chess club participation in collegiate chess.)

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/dc-md-va/2022/11/04/howard-chess-fundraise-competition-hbcu/> (fundraising efforts: we raised 9,000\$ during this particular fundraiser)