

Amend Article VI of the Bylaws as follows:

Article VI: Executive Board

Section 1. Composition. The Executive Board shall consist of eight members elected for staggered terms of four years. The Executive Director serves as an additional member of the Executive Board, with the right to debate and make motions, but without the right to vote. All members, with the exception of the Executive Director, shall meet the eligibility criteria of section 2 of this Article. All Executive Board members are national officers of US Chess.

Section 2. Eligibility. A person shall be eligible to serve, or be nominated as, a member of the Executive Board provided he or she:

1. Is 18 years of age or older upon taking office.
2. Holds a current US Chess membership.
3. Submits to a background check by US Chess.
4. Is not a full or part time hourly or salaried employee of US Chess, nor a currently paid contractor or consultant working on behalf of or serving US Chess.
5. Has never been convicted of or pleaded no contest to a felony or crime punishable by more than one year of imprisonment.
6. Has not served more than 11 consecutive years as a member of the Executive Board.
7. Can serve the entire term to which he or she is nominated for without exceeding 11 consecutive years of service on the Executive Board.
8. Does not share one or more of the following relationships with another member of or candidate for the Executive Board;
 - a. Direct descendant or ancestor
 - b. Spouse or partner in a civil union
 - c. Sibling by birth, marriage, or adoption
 - d. Adopted children or parent
 - e. Stepchild or stepparent

Renumber section 2 to 3 otherwise no changes

Section 3. Responsibility.

Renumber section 3 to 4 otherwise no change

Section 4. Meetings.

Renumber Section 4 to 5 with the following changes

Section 5. Nomination.

- A. Any person who meets the eligibility criteria in Section 2 of this Article is nominated for election to the Executive Board upon submission to the Election Committee, by December 31 immediately preceding an election, of the following:
 1. A valid nominating petition containing the signatures of fifty (50) or more members who meet the requirements specified in Article IV Section 2 to be eligible to register to vote, of whom, at least fifteen (15) shall be Delegates at the time of signing the petition. The fifteen (15) Delegates must represent at least five (5) different states. A nominating petition listing more than one candidate is not valid.
 2. A filing fee of \$100 made payable to the US Chess.

3. A signed statement that they are running for the Executive Board and that they will serve if elected.
4. A signed form consenting to a background check to be conducted by US Chess, provided such background check has not already been conducted by a US Chess Nominating Committee.

B. The Election Committee shall advertise a call for nominations in the issue of Chess Life published no later than November 20 of the year prior to an election year and shall publish a list of all duly-submitted nominations in the issue published not later than April 10 of an election year.

C. Once a candidate is nominated, the candidate may purchase labels of Voting Members at the same rate as affiliates. These labels may only be used for campaign purposes.

D. Any person who meets the eligibility requirements in Section 2 of this article may run as a write-in candidate for the Executive Board provided, prior to May 1 of an election year he or she submits to the Executive Director

1. Notification, in writing, of their intent to run as a write-in candidate.
2. A filing fee of \$100.
3. A signed statement that they are running for the Executive Board and will serve if elected.
4. A signed form consenting to a background check to be conducted by US Chess.

The Executive Director shall forward the names of such candidates to the Election Committee for certification of eligibility to serve as an Executive Board Member. Upon certification by the Election Committee, said candidates are certified as official write-in candidates, and may purchase mailing labels as specified in Article VI, section 5C of the Bylaws. Upon certification of official write-In candidates, the Election Committee shall promptly notify all nominated candidates of the official write-in candidates.

Renumber section 5 to section 6 with no changes
Section 6. Elections

Renumber section 6 to section 7 with no changes
Section 7 Election of Executive Board Officers.

Renumber section 7 to section 8 with the following changes

Section 8. Terms of Office. The terms of office of the Executive Board members shall commence at their first meeting, which shall immediately follow the Annual Meeting. The terms of the Executive Board officers shall commence at their first meeting, which shall immediately follow the Annual Meeting. No individual shall serve more than eleven consecutive years on the Executive Board. No person shall serve as US Chess President more than four consecutive years.

To implement the transition of term lengths from three to four years, the following will apply to those elected in the 2021 regular Executive Board election and thereafter. The terms of those elected prior to the adoption of this implementation schedule will be observed as they were defined by the Bylaws at the time of their election.

2021: Two Executive Board members will be elected to four-year terms that expire in 2025. One will be elected to a two-year term that expires in 2023.

2022: Two Executive Board members will be elected to three-years terms that expire in 2025.

2023 and odd numbered years thereafter: Four Executive Board members will be elected to four-year terms.

Renumber section 8 to section 9 with no changes
Section 9 Duties

Renumber section 9 to section 10 with the following changes
Section 10 Vacancies. If a vacancy occurs on the Executive Board, the Executive Board may decide to fill the vacancy by a Special Election in accordance with Art. VI, Section 6B. If three or more vacancies occur, the Executive Board will instruct the Election Committee to hold a Special election in accordance with Section 6B.

Renumber Section 10 to Section 11 with the following changes
Section 11 Candidate Statements and Advertising. Each candidate nominated for election pursuant to Section 5A is entitled to submit a 150 word statement and photograph for publication in the issue of Chess Life to be published no later than April 10 of the election year. Election supplements shall accompany or be inserted in issues of Chess Life published no later than May 10 and June 10 of the election year. Each candidate nominated for election pursuant to Section 5A is entitled to one-half page of space in each election supplement. The purchase of additional campaign space in the election supplements or other US Chess publications is prohibited. Any candidate for the US Chess Executive Board who is currently a party against US Chess in a lawsuit must disclose that fact in their Chess Life statement. Failure to disclose such a lawsuit would be grounds for immediate recall. The candidate will be allowed an additional 50 words in their first candidate's statement in Chess Life for this purpose.

Renumber section 11 to section 12 with no changes
Section 12 Recalls

Renumber section 12 to section 13 with no changes
Section 13 Restrictions

Renumber section 13 to section 14 with no changes
Section 14 Website Access

Remove current section 14 Nepotism as it is included in section 2 above.

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