POLICY ON DELEGATES AND TOURNAMENT REPRESENTATION

IDAHO CHESS NETWORK, INC. *(Operating as Idaho Chess Federation)*

1. US Chess Federation Delegates

- **Selection:** The Board of Directors of the **Idaho Chess Network, Inc.** shall select two (2) individuals to serve as official delegates to the US Chess Federation Annual Meeting.
- **Qualifications:** Delegates must be current members of the **Idaho Chess Network, Inc.** and the US Chess Federation.
- **Term:** Delegates shall serve for a term of one (1) year or until their successors are appointed.
- **Responsibilities:** Delegates shall report back to the Board on all matters discussed at the US Chess meeting and vote on behalf of the **Idaho Chess Network, Inc.** (dba Idaho Chess Federation) in accordance with Board directives.

2. National Invitational Tournaments

- **Primary Representative:** The representative for each specific invitational category shall be the **winner** (1st place finisher) of the corresponding **Idaho Chess Federation** state-level qualifying tournament.
- **Succession Protocol:** If the Primary Representative is unable to attend the National Invitational event, the offer of participation shall be extended in the following order:
    1. **First Alternate:** The 2nd place finisher of the corresponding state tournament.
    2. **Second Alternate:** The 3rd place finisher of the corresponding state tournament.
- **Board Discretion:** If neither the 1st, 2nd, nor 3rd place finishers are able to attend, the **Board of Directors** shall have the authority to select an alternate representative based on criteria deemed appropriate (e.g., next highest rating, age eligibility, or other factors) to ensure the state's slot is filled.
- **Play-offs:** In the event of a tie for 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place, the **Tournament Director** shall conduct a play-off in accordance with US Chess rules to determine the official ranking for succession purposes.
- **Support:** The **Idaho Chess Network, Inc.** shall establish a fund or budget allocation to assist the selected representative(s) with travel and registration costs, subject to available funds and Board approval.

3. Amendment This policy may be amended by a majority vote of the Board of Directors of the **Idaho Chess Network, Inc.**