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US Chess Federation Board of Directors Attn: Affiliate Committee / Executive Director 18705 Murdock Circle St. Louis, MO 63144

RE: Request for Approval of Idaho Chess Federation as Successor State Affiliate to Idaho Chess Association

Dear Members of the US Chess Federation Board,

I am writing on behalf of the **Idaho Chess Federation (ICF)** to formally request approval to become the official **State Affiliate** of the **US Chess Federation** for the State of Idaho, succeeding the **Idaho Chess Association (ICA)**.

After careful deliberation and strategic planning, the leadership of the Idaho Chess Association has determined that restructuring the organization is necessary to better serve the growing chess community in Idaho. Consequently, the ICA will be formally dissolved, and its assets, responsibilities, and mission will be transferred to the newly formed Idaho Chess Federation.

1. Background and Rationale

The Idaho Chess Association has served the state faithfully for 79 years. However, to adapt to modern organizational needs, expand our reach to scholastic programs, and improve tournament infrastructure, the Board of the ICA voted unanimously to dissolve the current entity and establish the **Idaho Chess Federation**.

The new Federation is designed to be more agile, inclusive, and capable of hosting the diverse range of events (from standard Swiss to creative team formats) that Idaho players are requesting.

2. Dissolution of the Idaho Chess Association (ICA)

The Idaho Chess Association is currently in the process of dissolution. A significant factor in this decision was the **loss of the ICA's 501(c)(3) tax-exempt status**.

•**Financial Restructuring:** While 501(c)(3) status is not a USCF requirement for State Affiliates, the loss of this status created administrative challenges for the ICA regarding fundraising and financial management.
•**New Entity Strategy:** To ensure long-term financial stability and the ability to accept tax-deductible donations for future growth, the **Idaho Chess Federation has independently filed** for its own 501(c)(3) status with the IRS. We are currently awaiting the determination letter.
•**Asset Transfer:** All tangible and intangible assets of the ICA, including funds held in reserve, tournament databases, and historical records, are being legally transferred to the Idaho Chess Federation.
•**Liability Settlement:** The ICA is settling all outstanding debts and obligations prior to dissolution.
•**Final Report:** The ICA will file its final financial reports and dissolution documents with the **State of Idaho Secretary of State by August 31, 2026**.

3. Qualifications of the Idaho Chess Federation

The Idaho Chess Federation meets all requirements for State Affiliate status as outlined in the USCF Bylaws:

•**Governance:** The ICF has a duly elected Board of Directors and adopted Bylaws compliant with USCF standards.
•**Membership Base:** We have already secured 86 committed members exceeding the 25-member threshold required for State Affiliate recognition.
•**Continuity of Service:** The ICF is committed to continuing the ICA's legacy of organizing the **Idaho Closed and Open State Championships**. Furthermore, we will assume full responsibility for organizing the specific tournaments required to select Idaho's **National Invitational Representatives** in the following categories:
•**Scholastic State Championship** (Selecting the National Scholastic Representatives)
•**Girls State Championship** (Selecting the National Girls Representative)
•**Senior State Championship** (Selecting the National Senior Representative)
Ensuring these qualification pathways remain robust and USCF-compliant is a top priority for the new Federation.
•**Financial Planning:** The ICF has developed a clear operational budget for the upcoming fiscal year and is prepared to manage tournament finances responsibly as we launch our first events.

4. Request for Action

We respectfully request that the USCF Board:

1. **Accept the dissolution** of the Idaho Chess Association as the State Affiliate.
2. **Grant State Affiliate status** to the **Idaho Chess Federation**, effective immediately.
3. **Recognize the ICF** as the sole authorized body to organize USCF-sanctioned State Championships and manage state-level affairs in Idaho.

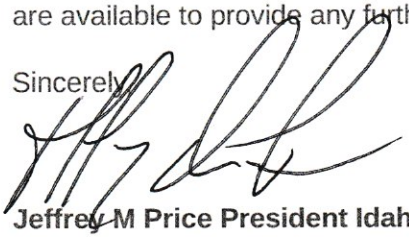
We have attached the following documents for your review:

- **Articles of Incorporation** for the Idaho Chess Network / Idaho Chess Federation.
- **Bylaws** of the Idaho Chess Network / Idaho Chess Federation.
- **Board Minutes** from the ICA Board Resolution of Dissolution and endorsing the transition.
- **Proof of 501(c)(3) Filing** (IRS Receipt) for the Idaho Chess Network / Idaho Chess Federation.

We are eager to continue the partnership between Idaho chess players and the US Chess Federation. We believe this transition will invigorate our state program and lead to greater participation and growth in the years to come.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request. We look forward to your positive response and are available to provide any further information or clarification you may require.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures:

- ICN Articles of Incorporation
- ABN Idaho Chess Federation
- EIN_Confirmation_IdahoChessNetwork

•Minutes of the ICN Organizational Meeting May 5 2026

•ICN / ICF Constitution & Bylaws

•CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY

•ICN POLICY ON DELEGATES AND TOURNAMENT REPRESENTATION

•ICA Board Minutes Resolution of Dissolution

•IRS Filing Receipt for ICF 501(c)(3) for ICN / ICF