

Constitution of the Brookdale Chess Club

Article I:
Brookdale Chess Club

Article II:
The purpose of the Brookdale Chess Club is to teach and play chess in a friendly environment. Our aim is to get as many people as possible to enjoy the game of chess and hopefully even play on after the club.

Article III: Membership:
Full membership in this organization shall only be available to students of Brookdale Community College regardless of race, color, gender, sexual orientation, political, ethnic, or religious affiliation. This organization shall not limit any member in the enjoyment of any right or privilege, advantage or opportunity. Brookdale Community College cannot aid any agency or organization which discriminates on the basis of any of the above. Non-students may be guests of organizations but have none of the rights and responsibilities of membership. An organization must keep accurate official membership rosters that are submitted, when requested, to the Office of Student Life. The provision for initiation fees and/or dues is helpful to the organization in identifying those members who are active members.

Section 1.
The Chess Club will be made up of a President, Vice President, Secretary and a Treasurer. Students who serve in these leadership positions must be currently enrolled for a minimum of six college credits (active-not audit status) and must have an acceptable ratio of credits attempted to credits earned (as defined by the college catalog).

Section 2.
The chess club will recruit members by hanging up fliers, advertising in the SLC and going around campus and asking students. Elections must be held once a year. The general active membership elects the members of the executive committee. Nominations should be made at the meeting prior to the election, with notification of those nominations being sent to all members prior to the election meeting. Nomination may be re-opened by majority vote.

Section 3.
The President presides over meetings, acts as the spokesman for the organization, calls meetings, and acts as the overall official for the organization, in addition to other requirements which the organization might have. The Vice President usually heads special committees and acts as the place of the President in his absence. The secretary keeps the records of the meetings and formal business, as well as writes letters for the organization. The secretary will also email weekly to inform members of meetings and events. Finally the secretary will advertise in the SLC and around campus. The treasurer keeps the financial records of the club. organization, keeps the officers roster up to date, and prepares the budget. In addition to these duties, each person on the executive should be at every meeting, especially the President and

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Vice President. Only members of the club who meet the eligibility requirements as set forth in Article IV, section 1, are permitted to be an officer of an organization.

Article V:

Generally in the case of the vacancy in the office of the President, the Vice President assumes his duties. In the case of a vacancy in the office of secretary or treasurer, these offices are usually combined. The organization should ensure that there are at least two officers at any given time.

Article VI:

The Chess Club will meet every other week (bi-weekly) to accommodate the tight schedule of the college students.

Section 4: At each meeting there should be a minimum of ten members plus two executive board members. To make an even number of players available.

Article VII:

All monies of the organization shall be kept in a special account assigned by the Associated Students of Brookdale Community College and the Office of Student Life and Activities. Use of allocated funds and earned income are governed by the ASBCC Finance Committee Guidelines. Authorized signatures for check disbursements will be kept on file with the ASBCC Treasurer and updated as needed.

Article VIII:

The advisor shall be a regular employee of the College. The duties of the faculty/staff-advisor will be defined in The Role of the Brookdale Club and Organization Advisor. The faculty advisor may participate in all activities of the organization. The Office of Student Life and Activities will appoint an advisor each April. Appointments begin July 1, and conclude June 30 of the following year.

Article IX:

This organization shall abide by all applicable rules and regulations of the college and under the privileges as granted by the Associated Students Brookdale Community College. The rules and regulations are found in such documents as the Brookdale Community College Catalog, the Student Handbook, as well as the general regulations of the College as provided by the Board of Trustees, by the State of New Jersey, and the Federal Government.

Article X:

This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the membership, provided the amendment was submitted in writing at a previous meeting, and notice of the proposed amendment was given to all members at least one week before the meeting on the constitutional amendment. Before becoming all amendments must be approved by the Student Life Board and Director of Student Life and Activities following procedure for recognition.

