

Constitution of the Superior Chess Club

Stable over time. Amendments require broad member support. Last amended 2026-09-14.

Motto - Balanced Chess. Competitive Seasons. Superior Community.

PREAMBLE

We, the members of the Superior Chess Club, establish this Constitution to create a welcoming community where chess players of every age, experience level, and playing strength can learn, compete, improve, and build lasting friendships through the game of chess.

We believe that meaningful competition should be challenging, fair, enjoyable, and accessible to all.

The Superior Chess Club exists not merely to determine who is the strongest player, but to create an environment where every member has opportunities to improve, contribute, and experience success.

ARTICLE I - NAME

The organization shall be known as the Superior Chess Club.

ARTICLE II - MISSION

The mission of the Superior Chess Club is:

- To promote the enjoyment of chess.
 - To develop stronger chess players.
 - To cultivate sportsmanship and integrity.
 - To build an inclusive and welcoming chess community.
 - To provide innovative competitive formats that reward improvement, consistency, and participation.
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ARTICLE III - VISION

The Club strives to become a model for community-based chess by combining balanced competition with season-long league play that allows every member to pursue meaningful achievements regardless of playing strength.

ARTICLE IV - CORE VALUES

Fairness - Competition should be structured so that players regularly compete against opponents of similar strength.

Growth - Improvement is celebrated at every level. Every player is capable of becoming a stronger player than they were yesterday.

Sportsmanship - Members shall conduct themselves with honesty, respect, humility, and

professionalism both at and away from the board.

Community - The Club values friendships, mentorship, volunteerism, and service to fellow members. Strong communities create strong players.

Excellence - The Club continually seeks to improve its tournaments, leagues, teaching, and member experience.

ARTICLE V - THE SUPERIOR GRAND PRIX

The Superior Grand Prix is the Club's flagship league competition.

Its purpose is to answer a question fundamentally different from traditional chess tournaments:

Who performed best over an entire season against peers of similar strength?

Playing strength is measured by rating. Season excellence is measured by Grand Prix performance. Both accomplishments deserve recognition.

ARTICLE VI - CHAMPIONSHIPS

The Club recognizes multiple forms of excellence. These include:

- Superior Grand Prix Season Champions
- USCF Class Champions
- Weekly Quad Winners
- Most Improved Player
- Largest Rating Gain
- Giant Killer Award

Additional awards may be established by the Board.

ARTICLE VII - GOVERNANCE

The Club shall be administered by officers and tournament directors according to policies established in the Superior Grand Prix Rulebook.

ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENTS

This Constitution should remain stable over time.

Amendments require broad member support and should be reserved for changes affecting the Club's mission, values, or organizational structure.

Operational rules belong in the Rulebook and may evolve from season to season.

CLOSING PRINCIPLE

The Superior Chess Club exists to prove that meaningful competition and welcoming community are not

opposing goals.

When players compete fairly, improve continually, and encourage one another, everyone wins.

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