



Lima Area Chess Club

An unincorporated Nonprofit Association

Lima, Ohio | Allen County

Club Charter: Lima Area Chess Club

Article I: Name & Purpose

Section 1: Name

The name of this organization shall be the **Lima Area Chess Club** (hereinafter referred to as the "Club" or "LACC").

Section 2: Purpose

The purpose of the Club is to:

- Promote the study, play, and appreciation of chess within the greater Lima area.
- Provide a welcoming, inclusive, and competitive environment for players of all ages and skill levels.
- Organize regular club nights, friendly matches, casual play, and formal tournaments.
- Engage with the local community through educational outreach, workshops, and youth programs.



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Article II: Membership

Section 1: Eligibility

Membership is open to all individuals in the Lima area interested in chess, regardless of age, background, or skill level.

Section 2: Membership Types

- **General Member:** Entitled to attend regular club nights, participate in open play, and attend general membership meetings.
- **Youth Member:** Members under the age of 18 (must have parental/guardian consent)

Section 3: Code of Conduct

All members are expected to maintain good sportsmanship, adhere to standard chess etiquette, and foster a safe, respectful environment for everyone. Unsportsmanlike conduct or harassment may result in suspension or revocation of membership.



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Article III: Governance & Leadership

Section 1: Officers

- LACC will be governed by:
 - President to act as the chief executive and coordinator for the organization, responsible for running operations, building the local chess community, and overseeing events.,
 - Treasurer to manage the organization's financial health, handles cash flow from events, and ensures total transparency with the board and club members.
 - Marketing Officer is responsible for growing the club's membership, promoting events, and building a recognizable presence across the local community both online and offline.

Section 2: Decision-Making & Transitions

- **Decision-Making:** Day-to-day decisions regarding meeting times, events, and club activities are made informally through consensus among officers and input from active members.



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Article IV: Meetings & Events

- **Regular Club Nights:** Held monthly (with the hopes of adding more dates/times as interest grows)
- **Quarterly Community Check-In:** Held once per quarter (January, April, July, and October), separate from a regular club night for all active members to discuss club ideas, review equipment needs, and plan upcoming events.
- **Tournaments & Events:** Organized periodically as agreed upon by the Organizers and interested members.

Article V: Finances

- **Dues:** LACC is free to join and participate in regular club night, and quarterly community check-in
- **Tournaments:** to cover the costs associated with hosting a tournament an entry fee will be charged to those interested in participating. The amount of this fee will be determined based on the venue, any extra equipment needed, refreshments, etc.



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Article VI: Amendments & Dissolution

Section 1: Charter Amendments

This Charter may be updated or amended through informal consensus during a quarterly officer meeting.

Section 2: Dissolution

In the event of the dissolution of the Club, any remaining physical equipment (boards, clocks, sets) and monetary assets shall be donated to a local public school, library, or community center chess program as agreed upon by the Organizers.



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Amendments

- I. **First Adopted on this date:** 8/14/2026
- II. Article III Section 1: changed wording to “officers” and defined general roles of President, Treasurer, and Marketing Officer (see board minutes from 9/16/26)
- III. Article III Section 2: changed “leadership team” to “officers, removed section defining the process of adding and removing leadership team members (see board minutes from 9/16/26)
- IV. Article VI Section 1: removed details stating charter can be updated during an annual community check in and changed to happen during quarterly officer meetings (see board minutes from 9/16/26)