



# Lima Area Chess Club

*An unincorporated Nonprofit Association*

Lima, Ohio | Allen County

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## CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

### ARTICLE I: NAME AND LOCATION

1. **Name:** The name of this organization shall be the **Lima Area Chess Club** (hereinafter referred to as the "Club").
2. **Principal Location:** The principal operations of the Club shall be conducted in Lima, Allen County, Ohio, and surrounding areas.

### ARTICLE II: PURPOSE AND MISSION

1. **Purpose:** The Club is organized exclusively as a non-stock, nonprofit community association.
2. **Mission:** The mission of the Club is to promote the study, play, and appreciation of the game of chess in the Lima, Ohio area by organizing local meetups, casual play, tournaments, and educational initiatives for players of all skill levels.

### ARTICLE III: MEMBERSHIP

1. **General Members:** Participation in casual Club activities, meetups, and open events shall be open to all members of the public interested in chess.
2. **Voting Rights:** Management and operational decisions are vested entirely in the Executive Officers named in Article IV.



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## ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS AND GOVERNANCE

The affairs, properties, and business operations of the Club shall be managed by the Executive Officers.

### 1. **President**

- **Officer:** Aaron Neil Baker
- **Duties:** Serves as the primary director and public representative of the Club; oversees general operations, meetings, and official state filings; holds primary signature authority on Club bank accounts and legal execution.

### 2. **Marketing Officer (CMO)**

- **Officer:** Joe Vernik
- **Duties:** Directs community outreach, advertising, local event promotions, digital presence, social media, and player recruitment.

### 3. **Treasurer**

- **Officer:** Joe Vernik (acting)
- **Duties:** Manages financial accounting, budget tracking, collection of event fees or donations, financial reporting, and co-signatory authority over Club bank accounts.

## ARTICLE V: MEETINGS

1. **Executive Meetings:** The Officers shall meet periodically (in person or digitally) to plan events, review finances, and establish operational strategies.
2. **Quorum:** A majority of active Officers present shall constitute a quorum for making binding operational decisions.

## ARTICLE VI: FINANCIALS AND PROPERTY

1. **Nonprofit Operations:** No part of the net earnings or assets of the Club shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its officers or members, except to pay reasonable reimbursement for expenses incurred on behalf of the Club.
2. **Banking:** All funds of the Club shall be deposited in a designated business bank account under the legal name **Lima Area Chess Club**. The President and Treasurer shall have operational authority over account disbursements.



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## ARTICLE VII: AMENDMENTS AND DISSOLUTION

1. **Amendments:** This Constitution may be amended or revised by a unanimous vote of all active Officers.
2. **Dissolution:** Upon dissolution of the Club, all remaining assets after payment of debts shall be donated to a local educational or charitable organization in Allen County, Ohio.