

THE CHARTER OF THE PRECITA VALLEY CHESS CLUB
COMMUNITY CENTER
534 Precita Avenue
San Francisco, Calif.

Adopted by the original charter members during March, April, and May, 1956.

PRE-AMBLE

We, the members of the Precita Valley Chess Club of San Francisco, California, in order to create a friendly chess club for all ages of chess players, and all races and creeds of chess players, and for those who desire to learn and be chess players, do hereby form this charter to govern the Precita Valley Chess Club of San Francisco, California.

ARTICLE I

Purpose of the Club - The purpose of this club is to create a friendly fellowship of chess players and to promote interest in the game as much as possible. We will affiliate ourselves with other chess organizations that have the same purpose or aim as us whenever possible.

ARTICLE II

Section 1. Offices and Officers. This club (organization) shall have offices of a club director, assistant club director, a secretary, a treasurer, and a team captain; all to be elected by the club membership.

Section 2. Duties of the Officers.

Paragraph A. The Club Director. This officer will preside over the club at all meetings, be chairman of all membership business meetings and committee meetings. He will be responsible for the programs of all club chess sessions and will do his utmost to keep these sessions orderly and interesting, and organize special occasions. He will act as tournament director of the club. Only in due interest to the club he shall have the power to initiate new laws, amendments, or additions, to this charter or create new offices if needed. He shall have the power of veto. This officer shall act as host at all club chess sessions.

Paragraph B. The Assistant Club Director. This officer will assist the club director in all duties named in Paragraph A. He shall act as the club director whenever the club director is absent. This officer will also be the promotion manager of the organization.

Paragraph C. The Secretary. This officer will keep all records of the club in a neat and presentable order. He shall write correspondence in the interest of the club whenever necessary. He shall record as accurately as possible the minutes of all membership business meetings, executive board meetings, and committee meetings. He shall be the assistant to the assistant club director in promotional matters.

Paragraph D. The Treasurer. This officer will keep all financial records of the organization. He shall be collector of all fees, dues, or any monies due to the club. He shall, with the assistance of the secretary, issue all membership cards. He will, in the interest of the club, have the power of veto in all financial matters. Purchases of trophies, other prizes, or supplies and equipment must have his approval before such purchases can be made.

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Paragraph E. The Team Captain. This officer will preside over the competitive team of the club. He shall be responsible for the conduct of the team players in all matches whether at the home club or visiting another club. He will present the team line-up at all team matches, and be responsible for notifying team players of a team match and getting them to the team matches.

ARTICLE III

Elections and Nominations - Election of officers and other matters will be held in the month of September of each year. Nominations for election will be held in the month of June of each year.

Section 1. Of Officers. The club director will be responsible for issuing out a nominating ballot to all club members in the month of June of each year. If this is an impossibility the club director shall appoint a nominating committee to take care of the matter and this is to be done in the month of June of each year.

Paragraph B. The nominees will be notified either by the club director or the nominating committee of their nomination and they may accept or decline.

Paragraph C. The club director or nominating committee will be responsible for issuing out an election ballot to all club members (the results of the June nomination) in the month of September of each year.

Paragraph D. If the occasion should arise a special election for any office or offices vacated for some reason unforeseen, or for a new office or offices created, will be called by either the club director or whatever officer is present when such a time should materialize.

Section 2. Of Laws (Rules, Regulations, or Resolutions). New laws, amendments, or additions to this charter, may be initiated by any officer of the club. Such new laws should be reviewed by the executive board and written up for adoption. These new laws, amendments, or additions to charter, will be placed on the election ballot along with those nominated for office by either the club director or the nominating committee for approval of the membership at the regular election time in the month of September of each year. However, if the new law, amendment, or addition to charter, is of an urgency nature then either a special election will be called by the club director or the executive board will vote upon it immediately.

Section 3. Election to Office. It will take a majority of those members electing to elect a person to an office. New officers elected will take over their respective offices in exactly two weeks after they are elected.

Section 4. Passing of a Law, Amendment, or Addition to Charter. A motion will have to be made and seconded to adopt a new law, amendment, or addition to charter, for presentation to the membership for passing. The club director may veto such an adoption. The executive board may override the club director's veto only by agreeing unanimously that such a law, amendment, or addition to charter, be adopted. The club director may poll the executive board in this case. Such new resolutions become a law, amendment, or addition to charter, only upon a majority vote of those members electing. In emergency cases as named in Section 2 those procedures named in Section 2 will prevail.

ARTICLE IV

The Executive Board constitutes the officers of the club and is presided over by the club director.

ARTICLE V

Governing of Tournaments. The International Laws and Rules of Chess (FIDE) will be recognized by this club in all types of tournaments. The club director

will act as tournament director for all tournaments concerning the club. He shall present rulings for each tournament. These rules may be reviewed and commented on by the executive board and if necessary changed or a vote will be held by the executive board to approve of these rulings.

AMENDMENT II

Be it resolved that Article VI, pertaining to the membership of the club should now read:

Membership. Any person interested in the royal game of chess may become a member of this club by stating such interest and paying the fees as shown below to be a member in good standing. He should supply his name, address, and phone number.

- Ages above 18 years - \$3.00 per year (\$2.00 membership to the Valley Community Center and \$1.00 for the club)
- Ages 15 to 18 incl. - \$2.50 per year (\$1.50 for the membership to the center and \$1.00 for the club dues).
- Ages 7 to 14 incl. - \$2.00 per year (\$1.00 for membership to the center and \$1.00 for club dues).

Honorarymembers can only be voted in by the membership at a regular or special election. His contribution to the club's welfare would have to be outstanding and very special to be recommended for this honor and type of membership.

Approved by special election; March 15, 1957 by members.

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a vote will be taken of the entire membership and should the vote still reach 80% of the club's membership then the officer shall consider himself impeached from office and must vacate same within ten days.

ARTICLE VIII

The Precita Valley CHESS HERALD, A Weekly Chess News Bulletin, is hereby designated as the official organ of the club. The editor will be appointed by the club director or the executive board to a person who has the ability and enthusiasm for this task.

This charter approved by the original charter members of the Precita Valley Chess Club affixing their signatures below:

Jim Reynolds *Paul Dignian* *Jess L. Silver*
Noel Renaud *Ivan Vegvany*
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