

JAMAICA CHESS FEDERATION PROPOSED CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS

No.	GENERAL RECOMMENDED CONSTITUTION CHANGE AND JUSTIFICATION	PROPOSED CHANGE IN CONSTITUTION AREA	CURRENT WORDING	PROPOSED WORDING CHANGE (changes highlighted in Red and Additions in Blue)
1.	<p>REVIEW POSSIBLE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) DATE CHANGE IN THE CONSTITUTION AND MAKE IT MORE FLEXIBLE TO CHANGE IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY</p> <p>Justification It was recommended changing the AGM date to November each year to allow flexibility in the event of an emergency</p>	<p>Change AGM date from June to November under Article 14: GENERAL MEETINGS</p>	<p>(a) The Annual General Meeting of the Jamaica Chess Federation (“JCF”) shall be held no later than the 30th day of June of every year</p>	<p>(a) The Annual General Meeting of the JCF shall be held no later than the 30th day of November of every year</p>
2.	<p>AMEND CONSTITUTION TO INCLUDE A POSITION FOR THE IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT</p> <p>Justification This recommendation was made by members at the 2019 AGM and it was agreed to implement it</p>	<p>Expand Council to 15 members to make way for a new position for the Immediate Past President under- Article 8: MANAGEMENT</p>	<p>(b) The JCF Council shall consist of fourteen Ordinary Members, namely:</p> <p>(i) Six Officers, and</p> <p>(ii) Eight Ordinary members responsible for the following eight functions: Ratings, FIDE Matters Tournaments, Publications, Public Relations & Publicity, Intercollegiate, Schools & Junior Chess Women’s Chess and Fundraising</p> <p>(c) The members of the Council shall hold office for two years and shall demit office at the next Annual General Meeting held in an odd-numbered year and shall be eligible for re-election</p>	<p>(b) The Council shall consist of fifteen members, namely:</p> <p>(i) The six Officers of the JCF.</p> <p>(c) Eight Ordinary Members responsible for the following eight functions. Ratings & Selection, FIDE Matters, Tournaments, Publications, Public Relations & Publicity; Intercollegiate Schools, and Junior Chess, Women’s Chess, Fundraising</p> <p>(d) The immediate Past President of the Jamaica Chess Federation</p> <p>(c) The members of the Council shall hold office for two years and shall demit office at the next Annual General Meeting held in an odd-numbered year and shall be eligible for re-election, save and except for the Immediate Past President who will be replaced by the next Immediate Past President</p>

3.	ADDITIONS TO INTERPRETATION	ARTICLE 1: INTREPRETATION	<p>"JCF" means Jamaica Chess Federation.</p> <p>"Council" means National Executive Council of the JCF.</p> <p>"Student" means a person who is below the age of 25 and is pursuing a course of studies at an educational institution.</p> <p>"Member" means a person who is an Ordinary Member of the JCF as defined in Article 5 below</p>	<p>"Corporate Member" means an organization that is a full member of the JCF.</p> <p>"Affiliate Member" means a Full Corporate Member organization and can be any Club, Association or Organization that is a member of the JCF.</p> <p>"AGM" means the Annual General Meeting of the JCF that is required to be held in each calendar year.</p> <p>"E-Mail" means Electronic Mail.</p>
4.	AMEND CRITERIA FOR MEMBERS ELIGIBLE TO SERVE ON NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE TO AVOID CONFLICT OF INTEREST	<p>Article 12: NOMINATION COMMITTEE</p> <p>to make JCF Council members ineligible to serve on the Nomination Committee</p>	<p>d) Any Ordinary Member shall be eligible for election to the Nomination Committee and he or she shall not be disqualified from being so elected if such a member is already elected or is a candidate for election to the Council of the JCF.</p>	<p>(d) Any Ordinary Member shall be eligible for election to the Nomination Committee but if that member is already elected to the Council or is a candidate for election to the Council of the JCF then he or she will automatically be disqualified.</p>
5.	<p>AMEND JCF OBJECTS TO INCLUDE PARTICIPATION IN OVERSEAS TOURNAMENTS</p> <p>Justification The Constitution does not mention overseas participation only says affiliated to FIDE. The Constitution should be amended to include overseas participation</p>	<p>Article 4: OBJECTS</p>	<p>Article 4 Objects: The objects for which the JCF is formed are:</p> <p>(a) To promote the playing of Chess throughout the Island of Jamaica</p> <p>(b) To encourage the formation of Chess Clubs and other Chess Associations in Jamaica</p> <p>(c) To promote the teaching of Chess in Jamaica</p> <p>(d) To organize Chess Tournaments, contests, seminars, workshops and training sessions</p>	<p>Proposed wording change OBJECTS to read Purposes Article 4 Purposes: The purposes for which the JCF is formed are:</p> <p>(a) To Promote the playing of chess for education, instruction, recreation and social development across the island of Jamaica</p> <p>(b) To encourage the formation of Chess Clubs and other Chess Associations in Jamaica</p> <p>(c) To promote the teaching of Chess in Jamaica</p> <p>(d) To organize Chess Tournaments, contests, seminars, workshops and training sessions</p> <p>(e) To promote the participation of players across Jamaica in national, regional, and international tournaments so as</p>

			<p>(e) To be affiliated with F.I.D.E. and other International chess organizations</p> <p>(f) To be affiliated with other members of organizations of F.I.D.E.</p> <p>(g) To do all such things as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of all or any of the above-named objects.</p>	<p>to improve mastery, enrich the understanding of the game, improve the standards of chess in Jamaica and to encourage the culture of chess in Jamaica. In addition, to promote inclusivity Women in Chess as well as chess for the disabled persons</p> <p>(f) To be affiliated with FIDE and other International chess organizations.</p> <p>(h) To be affiliated with other members of organizations of FIDE</p>
6.	<p>Amend Membership to clarify that the three classes of membership in Constitution are for individual membership only,</p> <p>And to add classes for Corporate Bodies to recognize Clubs and Parish Chess Associations.</p>	<p>Article 5 : MEMBERSHIP</p> <p>Proposed to insert word “individual” for clarity and to add Corporate Membership classes under</p>	<p>There shall be three classes of membership:</p> <p>(i) Ordinary</p> <p>(ii) Associate</p> <p>(iii) Honorary</p>	<p>There shall be three classes of membership FOR INDIVIDUALS:</p> <p>(i) Ordinary</p> <p>(ii) Associate</p> <p>(iii) Honorary</p> <p>There shall be three classes of membership for CORPORATE BODIES:</p> <p>(i) Club</p> <p>(ii) Affiliated association</p> <p>(iii) Associate</p>
7.	<p>AMEND RULES UNDER ARTICLE 6 CLUBS TO ALSO INCLUDE ASSOCIATIONS</p> <p>Justification It is important to include in the Constitution guidelines to form Associations since the JCF is currently establishing Parish Chess Associations</p>	<p>Article 6 CLUBS to be renamed CLUBS and ASSOCIATIONS</p> <p>also add rules to show how ordinary members can form associations</p>	<p>CLUBS</p> <p>(a) Any group of four ordinary members of the JCF may apply in the manner prescribed by the By-Laws of the JCF for affiliation as a Club.</p> <p>(b) There shall be issued to every Affiliated Club a Certificate of Affiliation in the prescribed form.</p> <p>(c) A Club shall cease to be affiliated to the JCF if :</p> <p>(i) its affiliation fee being due is not paid; or</p> <p>(ii) its membership falls below four; or</p>	<p>CLUBS AND ASSOCIATIONS</p> <p>CLUBS</p> <p>(a) Any group of four ordinary members of the J.C.F. may apply in the manner prescribed by the By-laws of the J.C.F. for affiliation as a Club.</p> <p>ASSOCIATIONS</p> <p>(a) Any group of TEN ordinary members of the JCF may apply in the manner prescribed by the By-laws of the JCF for affiliation as an Association.</p> <p>(b) There shall be issued to every Affiliated Club or Association a Certificate of Affiliation in the prescribed form.</p> <p>(c) An Association or Club shall cease to be affiliated to the JCF if</p> <p>(i) its affiliation fee being due is not paid; or</p>

			<p>(iii) it notifies the JCF in writing that it is surrendering its affiliation; or</p> <p>(iv) the Council, for good cause, so determines</p>	<p>(ii) its membership falls below four; or</p> <p>(iii) it notifies the JCF in writing or by E-Mail that it is surrendering its affiliation; or</p> <p>(iv) the Council, for good cause, so determines</p>
8.	LIMIT THE NUMBER OF PAST OFFICERS SERVING ON THE JCF ADVISORY BOARD to 5 AT ANY ONE TIME	ARTICLE 13 ADVISORY BOARD	<p>ADVISORY BOARD</p> <p>(a) There shall be an Advisory Board consisting of all past Officers of the JCF who indicate to the Council their willingness to serve the Federation in an advisory capacity.</p> <p>(b) The Advisory Board shall elect its own Chairman and shall meet and consider any matters pertaining to the J.C.F. referred to them by the Council.</p> <p>(c) The Advisory Board shall where requested by the Council perform the role of arbitrators in any dispute or unresolved issue on which the Council is deadlocked or on which the Council deems it requires expert advice.</p> <p>(d) The Advisory Board shall bring to the attention of the Council any matter relating to the observance of the Constitution and Bye-laws of the JCF</p> <p>(e) The quorum at all meetings of the Advisory Board shall be three</p>	<p>ARTICLE 13 ADVISORY BOARD</p> <p>(a) There shall be an Advisory Board which can include past Officers of the JCF who indicate to the Council their willingness to serve the Federation in an advisory capacity.</p> <p>(b) The Advisory Board shall select its own Chairman and shall meet and consider any matters pertaining to the JCF referred to them by the Council.</p> <p>(c) The Advisory Board shall where requested by the Council perform the role of arbitrators in any dispute or unresolved issue on which the Council is deadlocked or on which the Council deems it requires expert advice.</p> <p>(d) The Advisory Board shall bring to the attention of the Council any matter relating to the observance of the Constitution and Bye-laws of the JCF</p> <p>(e) The quorum at all meetings of the Advisory Board shall be three.</p> <p>(f) All Past JCF Officers are eligible to serve on the Advisory Board but the number of JCF Officers that may serve on the Advisory Board shall be limited to no more than five officers at any one time.</p>

9.	NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING	Article 14 : GENERAL MEETINGS	C) In the case of the Annual General Meeting at least 14 days written notice and in case of a Special General Meeting at least 7 days written notice specifying the purpose of the meeting shall be given to every member of the JCF	C) In the case of the Annual General Meeting at least 14 days notice or and in the case of a Special General Meeting at least 7 days notice specifying the purpose of the meeting shall be given to every member of the JCF. The Notice of the Annual General Meeting and the Special General Meeting may be written, or sent electronically, or such other appropriate means as the Council may from time to time decide.
10.	NOTICES	Article 17: NOTICES	NOTICES : Any Notice which is required to be served pursuant to this Constitution or any By-law, Rules or Regulation made there under shall be delivered to the member to be served or, in the case of a Club, to the member authorized to accept Notices on behalf of the Club PROVIDED THAT such a Notice shall be deemed to be properly served it if is sent by prepaid post to the last address for service registered by the member/Club at least 7 days before the period for proper Notice commences.	NOTICES: Any Notice which is required to be served pursuant to this Constitution or any Bye-law, Rules or Regulation made there under shall be delivered to the member to be served or, in the case of a Club or Association , to the member authorized to accept Notices on behalf of the Club PROVIDED THAT such a Notice shall be deemed to be properly served if is sent by prepaid post to the last address for service registered by the member/Club or sent electronically to the last known email address registered by the member, Club or Association at least 7 days before the period for proper Notice commences.