**Article I: Name**

This organization shall hereafter be known as the Window Rock Chess Club, also known as the Window Rock High School (WRHS) Chess Club of the Window Rock Unified School District #8 (WRUSD).

**Article II: Membership**

1. High School Members: Any academically eligible Window Rock High School student. Student members and officers must maintain a grade point average of 70% or higher in all classes to participate in Chess Club activities. Student officers must to retain that 70 % or face removal from office.
2. Window Rock Unified School District Members: Any adult employed by the WRUSD.

**Article III: Preamble**  
We, the members of Window Rock Chess Club, in Order to form a more perfect Union, will abide by rules and procedures of the Window Rock High School Student Handbook, insure domestic Happiness and Peacefulness, promote the general Welfare of all members, secure for everyone the Blessings of Liberty to pursue the academically enriching Sport of chess, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the Chess Club of Window Rock High School.   
  
**Article IV: Mission Statement and Vision Statement**  
It is the Mission of the Window Rock Chess Club to promote and ensure relevant learning, interest, motivation, concentration, perseverance, intellectual accomplishments, confidence–building, curiosity, open–mindedness, enhance student ability to deal with setbacks, hard work, and increase the awareness of good characteristics that the game of chess endorses through active participation withinthe Window Rock High School, the Window Rock Unified School District, and the community at large. We endorse the WRUSD Vision to be an exemplary student centered learning organization reflecting the Dine’ values of life–long learning.

Window Rock Chess Club is essentially geared towards the development of newcomers who have yet to learn and experienced players who seek to improve, all the while creating a healthy environment where members enjoy the logic, creativity, and strategic maneuvers of the game. The club will offer a variety of ways in which the classical game of chess is played, including Team Chess, Round Robin, Blitz, Bullets, Tag Team and the game's innumerable variants. It also pushes to accommodate for a wide range of competitiveness for its members: as a member, you can choose to play casual games, join regular club activities, sign up for tournaments, or participate in rated United States Chess Federation (USCF) matches. The “club room” is open almost daily during lunch, where active members spend their time enjoying the academically enriching hobby. Points are rewarded to members who actively participate.

**Article V: Officers**  
**Section 1: Composition**. The officers of Window Rock Chess Club shall consist of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

**Section 2: Election and Terms of Officers**. The Window Rock Chess Club members shall choose Officers. Officers shall serve for a term of one year. An officer must receive a majority vote of the standing Window Rock Chess Club members. If no candidate for an officer position receives a majority vote, then run off between the top two candidates shall be conducted. Should a vacancy occur, the Window Rock Chess Club members shall choose new officers at their next meeting, to serve out the remainder of the term.

**Section 3: The President**  
***A. The President shall:***  
Preside over all the club's cabinet and unofficial meetings; oversee the club's activities, projects, and identity; sustain or increase the club's active membership base ; develop future leaders of the club; ensure that the club meets its goals; communicate with all members; participate in fundraising; and plan out activities for the club with the vice president and Chess Club sponsor.  
  
***B. The President has the power to:***  
Veto anything and everything the club cabinet (individually or as a group) may decide to do; plan activities for the club with the Teacher Chess Club sponsor; add new members into the club roster; instate new officers into the club cabinet; remove/replace current cabinet members from office; deduct points (with no limit) from any and all members for misbehavior; maintain order within the club room; keep the voice level down within the club room; have the power to kick individuals out of the club room for disturbing the peace, with the consent of 1 core cabinet officer; and refer a member or members to a core cabinet officer for misbehavior; grant additional powers to other club officers; revoke powers from other club officers; fill out forms on behalf of the club; administrate the club forums, and the club newsletter; give anyone permission to administrate the club forums; and excuse a cabinet member from performing a duty; authorize expenditures up to a limit of $100; and amend the Window Rock High Chess Club constitution.

**Section 4: The Vice President**  
***A. The Vice President shall:***  
Consult with the president on plans or special work needed to be done; preside over all cabinet and unofficial meetings; work with other officers in their respective responsibilities; assign tasks to other club cabinet members in additional to the responsibilities already enumerated in this constitution; and participate in fund raising activities.  
  
***B. The Vice President has the power to:***  
Plan out activities for the club with the president and Teacher Chess Club sponsor; add new members into the club roster; deduct points (with no limit) from any and all members for misbehavior; maintain order within the club room; keep the voice level down within the club room; have the power to kick individuals out of the club room for disturbing the peace, with the consent of 1 core cabinet officer; and refer a member or members to a core cabinet officer for misbehavior; determine the number of points rewarded to the club cabinet members for their services; fill out forms on behalf of the club; and as enacting president, may have all the powers of the president; and amend the Window Rock High Chess Club constitution.

**Section 5: The Secretary**  
***A. The Secretary shall:***  
Take notes on every club general meeting and club cabinet meeting; keep track of the club's membership points and ratings systems; monitor and update the club roster; record all of the results of intra-school rankings and intra-school tournaments; record all official matches; record the attendance of club members during general meetings; construct forms assigned by the club president; have a copy of and update all of the club's documents, especially the club constitution; have the contact information of all club members, especially cabinet members; be present in almost all activities; participate in food sales; and monitor the number of fund raising activities participated by all cabinet members.   
  
***B. The Secretary has the power to:***  
Plan out activities for the club with the president and Teacher Chess Club sponsor; add new members into the club roster; fill out forms on behalf of the club; deduct points (with no limit) from any and all members for misbehavior; maintain order within the club room; keep the voice level down within the club room; have the power to kick individuals out of the club room for disturbing the peace, with the consent of 1 core cabinet officer; and refer a member or members to a core cabinet officer for misbehavior; and amend the Window Rock High Chess Club constitution.  
  
**Section 6: The Treasurer**  
***A. The Treasurer shall:***  
Monitor the club's budget; maintain and increase the club's budget as much as possible; supervise the fundraising activities; participate in the majority of fund raising activities; keep track of the club's expenses and deposits; be familiar with and be able to fill out the Activities Request Forms, the Purchase Order Form, and the Cashbox Form; manage purchases of new items for the club; manage maintenance and organization of the club supplies, such as chess sets, books, and clocks.  
  
***B. The Treasurer has the power to:***  
Plan out activities for the club with the president, vice president, and Teacher Chess Club sponsor; deduct points (with no limit) from any and all members for misbehavior; maintain order within the club room; keep the voice level down within the club room; have the power to kick individuals out of the club room for disturbing the peace, with the consent of 1 core cabinet officer; refer a member or members to a core cabinet officer for misbehavior; kick out any Window Rock Chess Club members from any fund raising activities and the Department of Fundraising for misconduct; fill out forms on behalf of the club; and amend the Window Rock High Chess Club constitution.

**Section 7: The Chess Club Teacher Sponsor**  
***A. The Chess Club Teacher Sponsor shall:***  
Supervise the Window Rock Chess Clubactivities; plan out activities for the club with the Chess Club Officers; shall apply to the USCF for membership to be an official affiliate in order to supervise official chess tournaments; consult with the president and/or vice president on ideas for future club activities; preside over all official meetings; be present in almost all activities; be familiar with and be able to fill out the Activities Request Form; create event descriptions for all upcoming activities; support and defend the Officers in their decision to remove members from the Window Rock Chess Club for misconduct;and participate in fund raising activities.

***B. The Chess Club Teacher Sponsor has the power to:***  
Fill out forms on behalf of the club; deduct points (with no limit) from any and all members for misbehavior; instate new Window Rock Chess Club officers; replace/remove Window Rock Chess Club officers; maintain order within the club room; keep the voice level down within the club room; have the power to kick individuals out of the club room for disturbing the peace, with the consent of 1 core cabinet officer; assist in any publication of the Window Rock Chess Club newsletter; and update the Window Rock Chess Club activities with the Window Rock High School Principals.

**Article VI: Departments**  
**Section 1: Fundraising**

A. Supervised by: The Treasurer   
B. Officers in this department: The Fundraising Committee   
C. The Fundraising Committee shall: Organize all fund raising activities for the Window Rock Chess Club as a group facilitate and participate in all fund raising activities; and find other ways to raise funds for the club.

**Section 2: Publicity**

A. Supervised by: Window Rock Chess Club Teacher Sponsor  
B. Officers in this department: The Window Rock Chess Club officers and member volunteers.  
C. TheDepartment of Publicity shall begin a newsletter, take pictures for the club and update the WRUSD community of past and current activities.

**Section 3: Activities**

1. Supervised by: Window Rock Chess Club Teacher Sponsor
2. Officers in this department: The Window Rock Chess Club officers
3. The Activities Department shall: Manage club communication and involvement with other clubs/classes/organizations within school and outside of it; and research upcoming local tournaments that the club as group will be able to attend.

**Article VII: Meetings**  
**Section 1: Official Cabinet Meetings**

1. General Meetings: Presided over by the President and held once a week; pertain to news and updates about the club.
2. Intra-school tournaments: Presided over by the Window Rock Chess Club Teacher Sponsor and held twice a year, Winter and Spring; and no official matches will be counted other than tournament matches during tournament season.
3. Intra-school rankings: Presided over by the Window Rock Chess Club Teacher Sponsor and held whenever possible and no official matches will be counted other than ladder matches during ranking season.

**Article VIII: Points System**  
**Section 1 - The Ladder System**

1. This system is designed to rank individual active members within the club according to skill.
2. Participation to this system is not mandatory, but everyone is encouraged to partake in it.
3. Every month (if there is enough room in the club's scheduled activities) a set of ladder matches will be held to decide the next month's rankings. The days in which these matches occur will collectively be called the Intra-School Rankings.
4. For the first month of the school year, a general Swiss System tournament will be held to designate to everyone designate to everyone a fair and appropriate initial rank. The Ladder System's existing participants will then be divided into 3 Tiers, 1 being the lowest and 3 being the highest. The following month, players within each Tier will play against one another in a mini-tournament, and theirs ranks will then be reorganized based on the results.
5. Those in the top half of each Tier will have the privilege to advance into the Tier above them while those in the bottom half will drop to a Tier below them. The following month, players will once again play against one another in their respective Tiers, and will be ranked accordingly based on the results. This process will continue every month.
6. Should there be any new participants in the ladder system, they will automatically be placed in Tier 1 - having joined late, they will have to work their way up to the top, regardless of everyone's impression of their skill level on the outset.

**Section 2 - The Rating System**

1. This system is designed to give a rough estimate of the playing strength of all of the club members, based on their performance in matches with other club members throughout the school year.
2. A higher rating indicates a higher level of skill in the game.
3. Everyone in the club will have a starting rating of 1500.
4. There will be a lot of rated games in the club throughout the school year. Ladder matches and intra-school tournament matches will all automatically count as rated. Matches played in club activities can sometimes be rated, but not always. Additionally, members that are going to play a casual game with one another may choose to make the match rated, as long as they notify a club cabinet member beforehand.
5. The formula for the Rating System is the same formula used by the USCF for its own rating system, with a few minor adjustments in order to make the system more appropriate for Window Rock Chess Club.

**Section 3 - The Points System**

1. This system is designed to reward members for participating in the club.
2. Members earn points through partaking in the club's various activities, holding a club position, and helping with tasks offered to them by a club cabinet member.
3. All rated matches will count as 5 points each.
4. All unrated matches - in club activities and in casual games - will count as 3 points each.
5. Those participating in food sales and other similar fundraisers will earn 20 points per hour.
6. Points rewarded for fulfilling certain tasks will vary depending on the task at hand, but will be no more than 20 points per task.
7. Being present at an official club meeting - which encompasses but is not limited to general meetings, activities, tournaments, and ladder matches - will count as 2 points each.
8. Being present at an unofficial club meeting will count as 1 point each.
9. Cabinet members will earn points for their services to the club each month. The number of points rewarded to them will be determined by the President and Vice President, who will not receive any to avoid controversy.
10. Points may be deducted from members due to misbehavior. There is no limit to how many points will be deducted in one instance.

**Article XI: Club Newsletter**  
A. The club newsletter shall be published once a quarter then monthly when conditions progress.  
B. The club newsletter may contain articles concerning the following:

1. Introduction/Content description; news and announcements;
2. Monthly updates on the points, rating, and ladder systems; upcoming events.
3. Listof the month's club activities.
4. Opening of the month.
5. Game of the month.
6. Personal club experiences and point of view.
7. A poll on club issues.
8. Quote of the month.   
     
   C. Writing and editing process:
9. Articles for the chess club newsletter may be submitted by anyone from the club.
10. Articles shall come primarily from the club core cabinet officers and club newsletter writer.
11. All pending articles must be submitted to the club president.
12. The club president shall submit all approved articles to the club newsletter writer for compilation.
13. The club cabinet members shall review and discuss suggested changes on the newsletter once the first draft is made, primarily in the club forums and in club cabinet meetings.
14. The club president shall make a finalized list of changes on the newsletter and submit it to the newsletter writer for revision.
15. The newsletter may continue to be revised several times until it is published.
16. The newsletter's finalized draft must be approved by the chess club cabinet prior to being published.

**Article XII: Amending the Constitution**  
**Section 1: Process**

A. Proposing an amendment:

1. Only club cabinet members may propose an amendment to the constitution.
2. Should an ordinary member wish to propose an amendment, he/she must petition for it with the signatures of at least 5 members.
3. Amendment proposals must be posted on the forums, under Club Discussion.

B. Ratifying an amendment:

1. The club cabinet shall discuss the proposed amendment in the cabinet-only section of the club forums and on club cabinet meetings.
2. Ratification of the proposed amendment must come by a 2/3 majority rule within the cabinet, either in a forum poll or in a cabinet meeting.
3. If the ratification of the amendment is to be decided in a cabinet meeting, the 2/3 majority shall only count for members present in the meeting.
4. If the ratification of the amendment is to be decided in the forums, the 2/3 majority shall only count for those who will vote before a specified deadline, agreed upon by the cabinet.
5. Cabinet members may choose to abstain from making a vote pertaining to ratifying an amendment.

C. Altering the amendment:

1. While assessing the ratification of a proposed amendment, the club cabinet may change a small or substantial part of the original amendment.
2. If the amendment was originally proposed by a non-cabinet member or members, then the club cabinet shall post the revised amendment proposal on the club forums for it to be discussed by the club as a whole.
3. The amendment proposal shall then undergo several more revisions if necessary.
4. If the club should reach a point of disagreement, the decision will be reached by majority rule via a forum poll.
5. Once the club has reached a consensus on the revised amendment proposal, it shall them be resubmitted to the club cabinet for ratification. See Section 1B

**Section 2: Amendments**

1. Once an amendment has been ratified, the constitution shall be changed in accordance to that amendment.
2. Approved amendments shall be listed in the club forums, but they shall not be listed in the constitution itself.
3. Only the club president and secretary may amend the constitution - to implement changes on the constitution once an amendment has been ratified.