

## Third Coast Chess Club Charter



### Article 0: Legal Structure

#### Section 1: Governing Entity

The Club is brought to fruition and operates under the governance and protection of Third Coast Chess, LLC, a Texas-based limited liability company. The LLC assumes responsibility for operational, financial, and legal matters associated with Club activities.

#### Section 2: Liability

This structure ensures that legal and financial liabilities are borne by Third Coast Chess, LLC, and not by individual Club members or officers, except in cases of gross misconduct or negligence.

### Article I: Name, Mascot, and Purpose

#### Section 1: Name

The name of this organization shall be the "Third Coast Chess Club," hereinafter referred to as the "Club." The Club is a program and community initiative operated by Third Coast Chess, LLC. It may also be referred to as "Rockport Chess Club" or "Chess in the Village" in promotional or community settings.

#### Section 2: Mascot

The mascot of the Club is Gus the Gorilla.

#### Section 3: Purpose

The purpose of the Club is to promote and foster the intellectual and recreational growth of its members through the royal game of chess. The Club aims to create a welcoming and inclusive environment where members of all skill levels can come together to learn, play, and appreciate the royal game of chess.

### Article II: Membership

#### Section 1: Eligibility

Membership in the Club shall be open to all individuals, regardless of age, gender, race, religion, or skill level, who have an interest in chess and are willing to abide by the Club's charter and rules.

## **Section 2: Rights and Responsibilities**

Members of the Club shall have the right to participate in all Club activities, including meetings, tournaments, and workshops. Members are expected to treat each other with respect and uphold the principles of fair play and sportsmanship during all Club activities.

### **Article III: Leadership**

#### **Section 1: Officers**

The Club shall have a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, collectively referred to as the "Officers." These Officers shall be responsible for the overall coordination and management of Club activities.

#### **Section 2: Appointment of Officers**

Officers shall be appointed by the Club President.

### **Article IV: Meetings**

#### **Section 1: Regular Meetings**

Regular meetings of the Club shall be held at least once weekly. The schedule of meetings shall be communicated to all members in advance.

#### **Section 2: Special Meetings**

Special meetings may be called by the President or upon the request of a significant number of Club members. The purpose and agenda of the special meeting shall be communicated to all members with reasonable notice.

### **Article V: Activities**

The Club shall organize or participate in a variety of activities, including but not limited to:

1. **Chess Tournaments:** Regular tournaments shall be held to provide members with opportunities to compete and improve their chess skills in a friendly environment.
2. **Chess Workshops:** Workshops led by experienced players shall be organized to enhance members' understanding of different aspects of chess, such as tactics, openings, and endgames.
3. **Friendly Matches:** The Club shall facilitate friendly matches between members to encourage practice and camaraderie.
4. **Guest Speakers:** Inviting guest speakers, such as experienced chess players and coaches, to share insights and strategies with the Club members.

### **Article VI: Amendments**

Amendments to this charter may be proposed by any Club member or officer. Proposed amendments shall be discussed among Club officers and require a two-thirds majority vote from the officers to be adopted, with the President retaining final veto authority.

## **Article VII: Dissolution**

In the event of the dissolution of the Club, any remaining assets shall be distributed in a manner consistent with the Club's purpose, as determined by a majority vote of the remaining Club officers.

This charter is hereby adopted on the date of **January 1, 2018**.

### **Founding Members:**

- Ian Samples | President & Club Director
- Lincoln Samples | Vice President
- Walter Samples | Secretary
- Theodore Samples | Treasurer