

CONSTITUTION OF THE BUNBURY CHESS CLUB INC.

Date of Adoption: May 13, 2026

1. NAME

The name of the Association is Bunbury Chess Club Incorporated.

2. OBJECTS OF THE CLUB

- To promote and encourage the playing and study of chess within Bunbury and the South West region.
- To organize and conduct chess tournaments, matches, and exhibitions, including the Bunbury Chess Open and Grandmaster exhibitions.
- To provide a safe and inclusive environment for players of all ages and skill levels.
- To maintain affiliation with the Chess Association of Western Australia (CAWA).

3. QUORUM

- Committee Meetings: A quorum is three (3) Committee members.
- General Meetings: A quorum is five (5) members or 20% of the total membership, whichever is greater.

4. MEMBERSHIP

- Full Member: Persons aged 18 and over with full voting rights.
- Junior Member: Persons under 18. No voting rights, but full participation in club play.
- Honorary Life Member: Persons elected by the Committee for distinguished service to the club.
- Inspection of Records: A member may, at any reasonable time, inspect without charge the Register of Members and the Constitution of the Club.

5. THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (AS ELECTED MAY 2026)

The business and affairs of the Club shall be managed by a Committee consisting of:

Role	Officer Name
President & Treasurer	Michael Molenaar
Vice President	Dylan Iwach
Secretary & Tournament Manager	Stephen Mazza

- Voting: A Committee member holding multiple roles is entitled to only one vote on any motion at Committee meetings.
- Powers: The Committee has the power to make, amend, or repeal By-Laws (including Tournament Tie-Break rules) for the proper management of the Club.

6. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

- Financial Year: The financial year of the Club shall commence on 1 July and end on 30 June of each year.
- Not-for-Profit: The property and income of the Club shall be applied solely towards the promotion of the objects of the Club. No portion shall be distributed to members except in good faith for the Club's purposes.
- Authority: The Treasurer shall maintain the books of account. All payments must be authorized by two members of the Committee.

7. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

The grievance procedure applies to disputes between members or between a member and the Club. Parties must first attempt to resolve the dispute between themselves. If unresolved within 14 days, the Committee shall appoint a mediator or act as an arbitration body to determine the outcome in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Act 2015.

8. TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

- Games played under the auspices of the Club shall be governed by the FIDE Laws of Chess.
- The Tournament Manager is responsible for the conduct of competitions and submission of results for ratings.

9. DISSOLUTION

In the event of the Club being wound up, any surplus property shall be distributed to another not-for-profit association with similar objects, such as the Chess Association of Western Australia.

This document serves as the governing rules for the Bunbury Chess Club Inc. in accordance with the Associations Incorporation Act 2015 (WA).