

National Chess Society of Japan Bylaws

1. ORGANIZATION

- The name of the organization shall be the National Chess Society of Japan.
- The organization belongs to the world chess organization, FIDE.
- The organization is responsible for following the rules of FIDE and paying the membership fee to FIDE.

2. PURPOSES

- This organization aims to promote chess in Japan.
- This organization aims to host chess tournaments in Japan and help organize tournaments through member clubs.
- This organization is responsible for the selection of Chess Olympiad members.

3. MEMBERSHIP

- Membership in this organization shall be open to all people not excluding people from outside of Japan.
- Members are required to give following information to the organization: Name, Address, Email address, Gender, Date of Birth, Phone number and FIDE ID if applicable.
- Members are also responsible in updating the information by emailing or contacting the organization.
- Members are also required to pay the membership fee. There are two types of membership fees: annual and in-tournament.
- Annual membership fees:
 1. 6300 (6000) yen – adults
 2. 3200 (3000) yen – High school students (under 18)
 3. 2200 (2000) yen – Junior high and younger (under 15)
 4. () pricing is if registered through a club.
- In-tournament fees:
 1. 2000 yen – adults
 2. 1000 yen – under 18 years
- If you join the organization before the 25th of a month, your membership starts from that month. If you join between the 26th and the end of the month, the membership starts from the 1st of the following month. The in-tournament membership is good for that specific tournament only and can not be used for the selection of official players of international tournaments, Japan National Chess Championship, or any other qualifying tournaments. If your membership started between January and March 25, 2019, it is good until the end of February, 2020.
- Member benefits:
 1. Members can play at any NCS tournaments
 2. Members can apply for a FIDE ID under Japan chess federation and play internationally
 3. Members receive an NCS rating which is updated regularly

4. Members have the full access to NCS Letter published regularly on the website
5. Members have the opportunity to qualify to play at FIDE Events as official players

4. TERMINATION OF THE MEMBERSHIP

- Members may terminate their membership any time by reporting to the organization.
- Members may lose their membership or the organization may decide to remove members from participating in tournaments for the following reasons:
 1. Breaking any of the rules stated in these Bylaws
 2. Intentionally cheating at tournaments or if caught trying to cheat.
- This organization is required to give notice of membership forfeiture to the said member and also give said member the chance to appeal.
- Members may lose the right to participate in any tournaments held in Japan if they fail to pay the membership fee.
- This organization is not required to return any fees back to members who have violated these Bylaws or if members deacease.

5. CLUBS

- Registration
 1. Any member can start an NCS Chess Club, as long as there is a leader and one more member.
 2. NCS clubs can also host a National Chess Championship qualifying tournament (1 leader plus 3 registered members are required). The organizer or the tournament director (TD) has to be a member of NCS. A non-NCS member can not be the TD for any of the qualifying tournaments.
 3. There are only Clubs. No "Circles".
- Fees
 1. NCS Club registration: 3000 yen/year
 2. Qualifying tournament fee: 10000 yen
- Benefits
 1. A discount rate for membership fees is available if a Club collects more than 10 members and pays the fees altogether. (See 3.MEMBERSHIP)
 2. NCS Clubs can host tournaments throughout the year including FIDE-rated tournaments (FIDE Tournament Regulations must be met)
- NCS rating
 1. NCS rating registration fee is 200 yen per tournament, per player. A rating report can be submitted together if there are more than one Club tournaments in a month, and in that case, the rating fee will be counted as one tournament's.
 2. The deadline for rating report submission is the 20th of each month. A new rating report will be posted on the 1st of every month.
- Others
 1. We may ask a new club to change/arrange its new name if there are any conflicts with already registered club names.

2. Clubs are responsible for running their tournaments under NCS regulations and also responsible for dealing with any problems that may occur within the clubs or at their tournaments.

6. PRIVACY

- The organization will do its best to maintain member confidentiality and only use personal information in the running of the organization and not for any other commercial purposes.
- Members agree to the use of their name, results, rating and photography in the normal course of publishing tournament information and results.

These Bylaws are effective as of February 19th 2019