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FOR 1909.

President:

MR. J. J. MARLOW.

Vice-Presidents:

MR. A. ELLIS.

MR. T. J. MOUAT.

Hon. Treasurer:

MR. G. D. WRIGHT.

Hon. Solicitor:

MR. D. FORSYTH.

Committee:

MESSRS. R. A. CLELAND, J. CROW,
S. S. MYERS, H. ARMSTRONG,
and REV. A. T. CHODOWSKI.

Hon. Auditor:

MR. F. M. GILLIES.

Hon. Secretary:

MR. W. J. SMART.

... The ...

Otago Chess Club

REGISTERED).

AMENDED RULES.

1. The name of the Society shall be "The Otago Chess Club (Registered)."

2. The whole of the objects of the Club and the mode and purposes in and to which its funds shall only be applied shall be the promotion and cultivation of the game of chess.

3. The qualifications and annual subscription for membership, including (a) ordinary membership, (b) honorary membership, (c) junior membership (that is, membership confined to minors under the age of 21 years), (d) country membership (that is, membership confined to players resident in Otago, but outside of Dunedin and suburbs), and (e) life membership shall be as follows:—Any person desirous of becoming an ordinary member must be nominated for election as such by one member of the Club, and such nomination must be seconded by another member of the Club. Either the nominator or the seconder must be a member of the Committee of the Club. The name of the nominee, together with that of his proposer and seconder, shall be

posted in a conspicuous position in the Club room for one clear week, and on the following meeting night at nine o'clock the members of the Club then present shall vote for the election of the person nominated. One adverse vote in five shall exclude the nominee from admission to the Club, and such nominee so rejected shall not again be proposed as a member until after the next annual meeting of the Club. No election shall take place unless eight members of the Club are present thereat. Any person desirous of becoming an honorary, a country, or a junior member of the Club shall be elected in the same manner as an ordinary member, and the same rule as to exclusion of nominees for ordinary membership shall apply to persons nominated for honorary, country, or junior membership. The annual subscription payable by ordinary members shall be 21s, payable in advance, and shall cover the period from April 1 in the year of election to March 31 following; the annual subscription payable by honorary, country, and junior members shall be 10s 6d, which sum shall be payable in advance, and shall cover the same period as the subscription for ordinary membership. Notwithstanding anything hereinbefore contained, the right shall be reserved to the Club Committee to remit the whole or any portion of a subscription payable by any member. An honorary member shall not have the privilege of playing in Club tournaments or interclub matches. Any member of the Club may become a life member on payment of the sum of £10 10s to the Treasurer for the time being, and such payment shall absolve such member from payment of any further subscrip-

tion in respect of his membership; provided that a member may also be elected a life member in recognition of his services to the Club without payment of any sum. Such election shall be by a majority vote of members of the Club at a Special Meeting called for the purpose, and a life member so elected shall also be absolved from payment of any subscription in respect of his membership. Anyone who has been duly elected shall be deemed a member of the Club until he sends in his resignation in writing to the Secretary.

4. The making, altering, and rescinding of rules shall be done only at a special meeting of members convened for the purpose, and seven days' previous notice (exclusive of the day of meeting) shall be given in writing to each member of the intention to make, alter, or rescind (as the case may be) any of the rules. Provided that such Special Meeting may be called by advertisement in the "Otago Daily Times" or "Evening Star" newspapers in lieu of being convened by circular as hereinbefore mentioned.

5. An annual meeting of the Club shall be held before the end of the third week in April in each year, when a report and statement of accounts to the 31st March preceding shall be submitted by the Committee to the members. A Special Meeting of members may be convened by the Committee, or by the Secretary if the latter is requested in writing so to do by at least five ordinary members. A week's notice of either a general or a special meeting shall be given by circular addressed to every member, or by advertisement in "The Otago Daily

Times" or "Evening Star" newspapers, and the said week's notice shall not include the day of meeting. The President, by virtue of his office, shall be Chairman of any meeting, but if he be absent, the senior Vice-president shall preside, and if the latter be also absent, the junior Vice-president shall take the chair. In the event of the three office-bearers named not being present at the time appointed for holding any meeting, the members shall choose some one of their number to be Chairman of such meeting. Questions arising at any meeting shall be determined by a majority of votes. Each member (other than an honorary member, who shall not be qualified to vote) shall exercise one vote only, but in case of an equality of votes the Chairman shall have a second or casting vote. No vote shall be recorded by proxy.

6. In the event of a written complaint being made against any member signed by five other members and forwarded to the Committee, a special meeting shall be called, at which there being present at least twelve members of the Club, a vote of three-fourths thereof shall be sufficient to exclude such member complained of from the Club, whether a life-member or not, and such exclusion shall be deemed a forfeiture of membership by the person excluded.

7. The Committee of Management shall be appointed at the Annual General Meeting, and shall consist of a President, Senior Vice-President, Junior Vice-President (who shall be ex-officio members of the Committee), Treasurer, Secretary, the retiring President, and five other members. The Committee shall remain in office

until their successors are appointed, but a member of the Committee who absents himself from three consecutive Committee meetings shall cease to be a Committeeman. If a vacancy occur in the Committee, the remaining committeemen shall have power to appoint some member of the Club to fill the vacancy until the next annual meeting of the Club. The Committee may be removed from office by a three-fifths majority vote of the members of the Club at a special meeting of members called for the purpose of considering such removal. A meeting of the Committee of the Club shall be held at least once a month, and four Committeemen shall constitute a quorum.

8. There may be an honorary solicitor appointed from among the members of the Club, who shall not be deemed a Committeeman, but who shall transact the Club's legal business and attend any Committee meeting to tender legal advice to members present thereat when requested by any office-bearer so to do. There shall also be an honorary auditor, who shall not be deemed a Committeeman, but whose duty it shall be to audit the Club's accounts prior to the Annual Meeting each year, and to submit the result of his audit to the Annual General Meeting.

9. The control of the funds of the Club shall be vested in the Treasurer for the time being, who shall deposit the Club's moneys to its credit in the Post Office Savings Bank at Dunedin, and shall not withdraw the whole or any portion of the said moneys from the Bank without the sanction of the Committee first had and obtained by resolution duly minuted. It shall be the

duty of the Treasurer to lay the bank book on the table for inspection at each Committee meeting and at the Annual General Meeting.

10. The control of the common seal of the Club shall be vested in the President for the time being, and the seal shall be affixed only to such documents and papers as the Committee shall from time to time direct.

11. The rules of the British Chess Code, as adopted by the New Zealand Chess Association, shall be adhered to in so far as the same are not inconsistent with or repugnant to the rules as here set forth.

12. The President, or one of the Vice-Presidents, or the Secretary, or the Treasurer may appear on behalf of the Club in any Court proceedings to conduct or defend any action, suit, or other proceeding at law.

13. The voluntary dissolution of the Club shall not take place unless and until such dissolution has been decided upon by a two-thirds majority vote of members at a Special Meeting of the Club called for the purpose of considering the question of dissolution. In the event of the dissolution of the Club, all its real and personal property, after payment of debts, shall forthwith vest in the Trustees of the Carnegie Public Library at Dunedin, to be used for the promotion of the game of chess.

14. The rules as here amended shall have full force and effect as from April 1, 1908, and shall be in substitution for the rules heretofore existing.