

QUESTIONNAIRE

for national Federation applying for FIDE Membership

1. Exact name of the chess Federation : Tonga Chess Federation Inc.
..... Year founded : 2023
2. Postal address : PO Box 32, Nukuálofa, Kingdom of Tonga
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3. Full name of President (Chairman) : William Sanft.....
4. Full name of Executive Director (General Secretary or other full-time official) : Dean Bishoprick
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5. What is (are) your national language(s) ? Tongan and English.....
Which of the following FIDE languages* do you prefer and what is your second choice ? 1.English..... 2. German.....
** English, French, German, Spanish, Russian, Arabic and Portugese are FIDE languages. FIDE Minutes are published in English.*
6. How many individual members (players) do you have ? 21
How many competitions for individuals did you have last year ? N/A
How many of these were for players under 16 years of age ? N/A
Name your National individual champion : N/A

7. How many affiliated clubs do you have ? N/A.....
- How many team competitions do you organize in a year ? N/A.....
8. Are you the only national organization for chess in your country ? YES..
- Name others (if any) :
9. Name your player(s) with FIDE titles (if any) : None.....
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10. What is the name of your official chess magazine (if any and please enclose a copy) ? We are launching a Facebook page upon affiliation
11. Will your Federation have the opportunity to take part in the activities of FIDE (for example, to organize international tournaments, send representatives to official FIDE competitions) ? Yes
12. Do you receive any government support ? Being applied for
- If yes, give details, stating cash subsidy given last year or recently ?
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- What government department is in charge of chess ? Ministry of Internal Affairs and Sports.....
13. Does your country have a National Olympic Committee that is affiliated to the International Olympic Committee ? YES
14. What is your relationship with your National Olympic Committee ? We have spoken to the President of the Tongan National Olympic Committee along with GM Nigel Short and they will be reviewing our application for affiliation at their next quarterly meeting
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15. Do you receive any subsidy from your National Olympic Committee ? N/A
- If yes, give details, stating cash subsidy given last year or recently ?
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16. Are there restrictions on membership in your Federation (on national,

political, racial, social or religious grounds or on account of sex) ? A foreign national must be a resident in Tonga for a minimum of 2 years to represent Tonga internationally, but they can be a member of our Federation for local tournaments

17. Does your Federation acknowledge the Charter of FIDE and develop activities in accordance with the Statutes ? YES.....

18. Is your country an independent state with its own constitution ? YES

If not, is it fully autonomous in the administration of sport ?

Is your country a member of the United Nations, or do you have an Observer status in the United Nations ? (If so, state year) YES.....

Does your country have a national flag and national anthem ? YES

19. Are there in principle restrictions for issuing visas to foreigners ? No, not for a tourist visa

20. Do you have a copy of your Federation Statutes or Constitution ? YES ...

If yes, please forward a copy with this questionnaire.

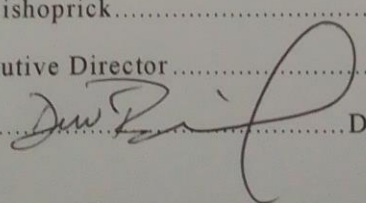
Are your Statutes approved by your government ? YES

If so, by which government entity ? the ministry of sports and culture
Ministry of Trade and Economic Development.....

National Chess Federation Authorized Official :

Name : Dean Bishoprick.....

Position : Executive Director.....

Signature :  Date : March 20, 2023.....



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27th March 2023

Ref: IS/1048

*Chairman of Tonga Chess Federation Inc.,
Hotel Nuku'alofa,
Nuku'alofa,
Tongatapu*

Dear Sir,

Re: Incorporation of – TONGA CHESS FEDERATION INCORPORATED

It is my pleasure to forward herewith the Certificate of Incorporation with the attached Constitution in respect of the above-named society registered under the Incorporated Societies Act 1984, as **Society No. 1048**.

Kindly take note that the incorporation of the society is subject to the provisions of the Incorporated Societies Act 1984, and other Laws of the Land. Consideration must be taken to comply with the requirement for the society to submit its Financial Statement each year to the Registrar.

On behalf of the Business Registries Office and the Ministry of Trade and Economic Development we extend our best wishes to the society and its members.

Should you require further information regarding the registration of your society, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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Sione M Lautaha

for Registrar of Incorporated Societies





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Ref: SPO 1/23

July 28, 2023

To Whom It May Concern

**Subject: Recognition of Chess Federation as one of the National Federations operated here
at the Kingdom of Tonga**

The Ministry of Internal Affairs which house Sports in Tonga has fully supported the establishment of the Tonga Chess Federated for they have completed the requirement by having an Association registered at Ministry of Economic Trade and Development as a non-profit organization.

The Ministry is looking forward to working together with the Tonga Chess Federation and more than willing to endorse their programs to the schools in Tonga.

Please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned if needed more information.

Respectfully

Tuivaita Ueleni

Acting Deputy Chief Executive Officer



**KINGDOM OF TONGA****INCORPORATED SOCIETIES ACT**
(Section 7)**CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION**

I hereby certify that

TONGA CHESS FEDERATION INCORPORATED

Whose registered office is situated at Nuku'alofa, Tongatapu

Kingdom of Tonga, is this day INCORPORATED under the CORPORATED SOCIETIES ACT (Cap. 28)

Given under my hand this Twenty-seventh Day of March 2023.

SOCIETY INCORPORATED No.: 1048



Sandradee Fifita
for Registrar of Incorporated Societies

Tonga Chess Federation.

Business Plan.

1. Executive Summary.

The Mission Statement in the Constitution of the Tonga Chess Federation states: "Our mission is to promote Chess at all levels of society as an effective tool to enhance social and intellectual development for the benefit of one and all". The number of players in the Kingdom is currently very small, so our first task will be to increase the number of players, and this will be achieved by promoting chess in schools, organizing chess tournaments in schools for each age group, and eventually staging inter-school tournaments. In order to increase players, we will need to attract sponsors. The winners of the tournaments will be encouraged to join the federation and will be able to represent Tonga in international youth tournaments.

2. Business Description.

The Tonga Chess Federation will be incorporated as a Non-Profit Organization, with the Ministry of Trade and Economic Development. As a non-profit legally registered entity, corporate sponsorship is a tax deductible expense. The Funding of the organization will be by sponsors mainly from the private sector, but also from the Ministry of Sport and other public sector bodies. Any person can become a member of the federation by paying a subscription fee of \$20.- pa'anga for adults, and \$10.- pa'anga for children under 18 years old. Members can stay in contact with each other through the federation Facebook Page, which will be launched as soon as the federation has been incorporated. The federation will apply for affiliation to FIDE, and affiliation to the Tonga National Olympic Committee.

3. Market Size and Growth Opportunity.

As mentioned above, the current pool of players is very small, but the potential for growth is healthy. In order to increase the market size, Mr. Nigel Short had meetings with the Director of Government Primary Schools, and the Director of Government Secondary Schools, during his recent visit to Tonga as the international FIDE Development Officer for chess. He explained the advantages of chess to assist school children in logical, structured thinking, and solving mathematical problems. The Tonga Chess Federation will also arrange for meetings with the Heads of the Wesleyan, Catholic, Mormon and Siasi Tonga schools, to teach chess and to eventually hold tournaments. By the end of 2024, the growth in the market size will have increased exponentially compared to today, and will continue to do so into the future as more and more schools are encouraged to promote chess for the sake of nurturing the mental wellbeing and competitive nature of kids. FIDE requires that an open national tournament be held at least once every two years. The main focus initially however will be increasing the pool through development in schools.

4. Management and Personnel.

The Management of the Federation in the initial stage will be carried out by the office bearers, ie. President, Bill Sanft, Executive Director, Tele Faletau, and Treasurer, Collin Johansson. Including to the management and administration, the office bearers will also be visiting schools, and potential sponsors. Additional staff and development officers will be required in the future as we enlarge the number of chess players and chess activity in Tongatapu, Vava'u, Ha'apai and 'Eua.

5. Financial Forecast.

It will take some time and hard work to secure sponsorship deals. The federation will begin by researching corporations that offer sponsorship. Once a list of banks, hotels, businesses, insurance companies, airlines and major retailers has been compiled, we can write a short introductory outreach letter asking for an appointment to meet with them. Upon determining exactly how much funding we need to develop chess in schools over the next twelve months, and what incentives we can offer in return for sponsorship, we can then meet with potential sponsors.

Mr. Tele Faletau has had extensive experience in this field, and will be the Chief Negotiator on behalf of the federation. We will also have online fundraising for the club via our facebook page.

The school tournaments and national tournament is expected to attract event sponsorship from corporations due to event advertising and media coverage. By 2024, school vs school tournaments, once a month for example can be made into an event to attract sponsors. These events can be televised for national interest, and thereby help sponsors advertise their products.

After we build up the federation bank account amount such that we have a healthy reserve after cost of sales and expenses, the federation committee can meet to discuss investing a portion of the reserve amount in order to increase the reserves.

Tonga Chess Federation



The Constitution

NAME

1. The name of this body shall be the TONGA CHESS FEDERATION and it shall hereinafter be referred to as the 'Federation'.

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to promote Chess at all levels of society as an effective tool to enhance social and intellectual development for the benefit of one and all.

OBJECTIVES

2.
 - a) To promote Chess in Schools and Communities in Tonga.
 - b) To organize Chess Tournaments and Competitions.
 - c) To liaise with relevant National and International Sporting and Chess Federations.
 - d) To become a member of the International Chess Federation.

MEMBERSHIP

3. a) Any person of any nationality residing in Tonga, or any person of Tongan descent residing overseas, who is interested in Chess shall be eligible for membership regardless of gender, class, social status or ethnic affiliation upon filling up of an application for membership form.
b) Foreign nationals may only represent Tonga in international tournaments if they have resided in Tonga longer than two years.
4. a) The annual membership fee for all classes of membership shall be determined at the Annual General Meeting of the Federation in each year.
b) Persons under the age of 18 years shall be eligible to join as junior members at such special fee as shall be determined , but they shall not be entitled to hold office, or vote or take part in business procedure at meetings of the Federation.
5. A properly constituted Annual General Meeting or an Extra-Ordinary Meeting may appoint any person as an honorary member of the Club in recognition of the interest and support rendered in promoting the interests and objectives of the Federation.
6. Any member may resign from the Federation and such resignation must be in writing to the Secretary of the Federation.
7. Upon any person ceasing to be a member for any reason whatsoever, he shall not be entitled to the return of his membership subscription or any position thereof.
8. a) The Committee shall expel from the Federation or otherwise penalize any member whose conduct, in the opinion of the Committee, is discreditable or injurious to the character or interests of the Federation.
b) Before any member is expelled from the Federation, provided that quorum is established, a full investigation or enquiry shall be conducted and the member shall be given the opportunity to defend or justify or

explain his conduct as aforesaid, then the Committee may expel or penalize him.

c) Should any member fail to appear at any enquiry conducted under Clause '8b' hereof or any adjournment thereof, the Committee may proceed in that member's absence to conduct the said enquiry and to make its findings as seen fair and just.

COMMITTEE

9. The business and affairs of the Federation shall be under the management and control of the committee, provided however, that except in the case of extreme urgency the committee shall not take any action contrary to decisions made at a general meeting.

10. The committee shall consist of:

- a. The President, Secretary, Treasurer (hereinafter called the Office Bearers) and;
- b. Three (3) members of the Executive Committee shall be elected at the Annual General Meeting or as provided herein.

11. All members of the committee must be financial members of the Federation except here an honorary member or patron is appointed at the Annual General Meeting or an Extra-Ordinary Meeting.

12. Should any vacancy occur, in the committee or office bearers of the Federation other than in the normal course of elections, the committee or office bearers of the Federation other than in the normal course of elections, the committee shall fill such vacancy from the financial members of the Federation, and such member duly elected shall hold office for the portion of his predecessor's term.

13. The committee shall meet as often as may be required to conduct the business of the Federation. The President of the Federation shall take the

chair at all committee meetings. Should the President not be present, the committee shall elect one of its members to take the chair.

14. The chairman at all committee meetings shall have a casting vote in addition to a deliberative vote.
15. All notices of committee meetings shall be in writing and posted to members of the committee at least 7 days prior to the date of such meeting by the Secretary.
16. The accidental omission to give to any member, or the non-receipt by any member of the any notice required by this constitution, shall not invalidate or affect any proceedings at such meeting.
17. The quorum for committee meetings shall be five (4) members present in person.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

18. Once a year the Committee shall convene the Annual General Meeting. This meeting shall be held within 5 months from the end of the previous financial year.
19. The Annual General Meeting shall be open to all members of the Federation.
20. The quorum for the Annual General Meeting shall be ten (10) members present in person.
21. All notices of the Annual General Meeting shall be in writing and posted or emailed to Federation members 21 days prior to the date of such meeting by the Secretary.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE

22. Nomination for each candidate for election as office bearers or committee members shall be proposed and seconded respectively by to members at the Annual General Meeting. Voting shall be by show of hands by all eligible members.
23. No person shall be eligible for election unless he is a financial member of the Federation.

DUTIES

24. The Chairman of the committee shall always be the President of the Federation who shall also chair all committee meetings and the Annual General Meeting.
25. The Secretary shall assume duties and responsibilities of the Chairman in his absence for any reasons whatsoever.
26. The Secretary shall carry out his duties under the direction of the committee and keep a true record of all minutes of all meetings, attend to correspondence, issue notices for meetings, keep records and carry out such duties as the committee may from time to time direct.
27. The Treasurer shall receive all monies payable to the Federation and receipts for the same. All monies so received shall be paid into the bank account of the Federation. The Treasurer shall present at each meeting a statement of financial position and shall keep proper books of account of all monies received and disbursed and perform all such duties as directed by the committee from time to time.

28. The Members of the committee shall have voting rights and shall be elected during the AGM or any Extra-Ordinary meeting as seen appropriate by the committee.

FINANCES

29. The Financial Year shall be from 1st January to 31st December.
30. All monies of the Federation shall be paid into the account of the Federation at such bank as the committee may direct.
31. The following members shall be the signatories to the Federation's bank account; President, Secretary and Treasurer from which any two can sign to draw payments agreed upon by the committee.
32. All monies shall be drawn from the Federation account by cheque signed by the bank signatories authorized by the committee.
33. No cheque shall be pre-signed unless approved by the committee for such withdrawal hereby either or any of the signatories are unavailable to sign the cheque.
34. The books and accounts shall be audited annually by an independent auditor appointed by the Annual General Meeting.

TRUSTEES

35. Unless otherwise determined, the members of the committee for the time being shall be deemed to be the trustees of the Federation, to hold any property real and personal belonging to the Federation.

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION

36. This shall be the only Constitution of the Tonga Chess Federation, and shall come into force forthwith and shall not be altered, varied, added to or repealed unless two thirds, (2/3) of financial members present at an Annual General Meeting or any meeting specifically convened for that purpose are in favour of such alteration, variation, addition or repeal.
37. The property assets and equipment whether purchased or donated and income of the Federation shall be not paid or transferred either directly or indirectly by way of bonus or dividend to members generally of the Federation. However, nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment in good faith of remunerations and services provided by any officers or servants of the Federation or any member in return for services actually rendered.
38. Should the Federation cease to function for any reason whatsoever, any member or person holding any money or property, shall forthwith pay the same to the Committee. The asset and property shall be donated to any similar federation or organization with similar objectives to the Federation under the jurisdiction of the committee.

INTERPRETATION

39. In this Constitution masculine includes feminine and words importing singular include the plural and words importing plural include the singular where the context permits.