

# **The Bishop's Knights of Electra Chess Club**

## **Information & By-Laws**

### **Chess:**

A game played on a chessboard by two people who maneuver sixteen pieces each according to rules governing movement of the six kinds of pieces (pawn, rook, knight, bishop, queen and king). The object being to bring the opponent's king into checkmate.

### **What is Chess Club?**

Chess Club is an opportunity for students to learn and improve on their chess skills; as well as, compete with one another and other students in practice. Students will be taught Swiss-style, blitz, rapid play and bughouse/tandem. They will also learn how to use a play clock; as well as, the rules of tournament play. Chess Club is also a great way to learn and practice good sportsmanship among students and competitors. Students must be an active member of the chess club in order to receive a USCF membership and be eligible for tournament play.

### **Who can be a member?**

Any student enrolled in Electra ISD 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade can become a member of the Electra Chess Club.

## **Rules for Active Membership:**

1. Members must participate in club fundraisers to offset the cost of trips and tournament entry fees.
2. Members must help with 4 of the 7 Chess Nights
3. Members must attend a minimum of 4 monthly practices. The exception will be the month before a tournament.

## **Eligibility Rules for Competitions and Tournaments:**

1. Must be an active member
2. Must be currently passing all classes and have no missing assignments order to go to competition/tournaments
3. Must **NOT** have received any days of AEP or ISS and no more than 3 detentions
4. Must attend all practice
  - a. Cannot miss more than 2 practices 1 month prior to a competition/tournament (or you must wait until the next competition to be eligible)
  - b. Excused absences will not count against you and you must have a Dr. or professional note or school related excuse (ex. Athletics, Band, FFA, One Act Play, UIL, 4-H). High School students will receive excused absences as long as they are at practice for another UIL or extracurricular activity.
  - c. Parent notes will not count for excused absences

## Behavior Consequences:

1. Members must follow Electra ISD student code of conduct at practices and away on trips. Failure to follow Electra ISD student code of conduct could result in expulsion from the club.
2. Members must **NOT** degrade any opponent in anyway. This behavior will not be tolerated at practice or competition/tournaments. This behavior will be automatic expulsion from the club.
3. If a member is removed or banned from a competition or tournament for any reason the member will be automatically expelled from the club.
4. If a member is removed from two practices they will be expelled from the club.
5. If a member steals property or funds from the club, they will be automatically expelled.
6. If a member loses or damages club property they must pay to replace the lost or damaged property. If the member does **NOT** pay the replacement cost, they will be expelled from the club.
7. All other issues that arise will be dealt with at the administrators' discretion.

