



## **James Clemens High School Chess Club**

**Description:** The James Clemens High School Chess Club is a student organization affiliated with the Madison City Chess League (MCCL), a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose mission is to promote chess education for K-12 students in the Madison, Alabama area. The Chess Club is a service organization that partners with MCCL to help teach kids how to play chess and to help develop chess skills.

**Members:** Any student attending James Clemens High School can join the Chess Club. There is no fee to join, but to remain in good standing, members must perform 4 service hours per semester or 8 service hours per year. The service hours must be related to promoting chess in the community.

Chess *club* membership is distinct from being selected for the James Clemens Chess Team. Students try out for the Chess team in the fall and compete in tournaments throughout the year. Chess team members can also join Chess club. Chess *club* members can play chess recreationally or for fun and perform service hours to promote chess in the community.

**Officers:** Each May the following officers will be elected by the membership for the following academic year: President, Vice President, and Secretary. The officers will plan one club event or service project that promotes chess or supports the Madison City Chess League each year. The officers will report on the project that was selected at the MCCL Annual Dinner each year.

**Duties of Officers:** The President shall lead the organization, call membership or officer meetings as necessary and represent the organization to the public. The Vice-President shall assist the President, stand in for or become President if there is any reason that the President cannot fulfill his or her term. The VP should also promote the JCHS Chess Club and Chess Team by using social media and writing articles. The Secretary shall keep a roster of all members, send out communication or meeting notices, and apprise the membership of upcoming volunteer opportunities. In the event of a vacancy for Vice-President or Secretary, the membership will vote for a replacement at the next meeting.



# Chess Club Service Hours Form

(Due no later than December 15 and May 10 each school year)



*Please have the person in charge of the event sign to verify that you served the hours claimed on each line.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Event	Name of Event	Hours	Approval - Signature

**Approved Service Hours:** There are numerous opportunities to volunteer in chess-related activities to earn your service hours. *You can begin logging hours in the summer preceding the school year* and turn in your hours December 15 and May 10 to the Club Sponsor. Approved activities to earn service hours include:

- MCCL meetings Monday evenings 6:15-7:45 p.m. at Madison Library assisting the MCCL instructor who supervises kids playing chess
- Madison Street Festival – Chess Area in Teen Zone
- Coaching chess at elementary schools and tournaments
- Summer Chess Camp
- Set up and clean up at numerous chess tournaments throughout the year
- Any group service project that the Chess Club decides to conduct during the year

***\*At the end of the school year, the Chess Club member with the most volunteer hours will be recognized at the MCCL Annual Dinner or Club Party.***