



# US CHESS NEW MEMBER / RENEWAL APPLICATION

## MEMBER INFORMATION

Check one: ☐ NEW ☐ RENEWAL

Gender\*: ☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Nonbinary ☐ Prefer not to report

US Chess ID (if renewal): \_\_\_\_\_ EXP \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

May we send you promotional mailings? ☐ Yes ☐ No

May we send you information via email? ☐ Yes ☐ No

\*US Chess uses gender information for statistical purposes and to determine eligibility for women's-only events.

## DUES INFORMATION

All categories include the right to earn a US Chess rating and digital access to *Chess Life* and *Chess Life Kids*.

\*Asterisk indicates surcharge must be paid to receive a print version of the magazine (see "Payment" box).

|  | 1 YEAR                             | 2 YEARS     |
|--|------------------------------------|-------------|
| <b>Adult *</b><br><i>Ages 25-64</i>  | <b>\$45</b>                        | <b>\$87</b> |
| <b>Senior *</b><br><i>Age 65 and over</i>  | <b>\$40</b>                        | <b>\$77</b> |
| <b>Young Adult *</b><br><i>Ages 19-23; must be under 24 years of age at expiration of the purchased membership.</i>  | <b>\$27</b>                        | <b>\$51</b> |
| <b>Youth *</b><br><i>Ages 18 and under; must be under age 19 at the exp. of the purchased membership.</i>  | <b>\$20</b>                        | <b>\$37</b> |
| <b>Family Plan 1 *</b><br><i>Includes parents and their children under age 19 in the household living at one address. Also includes any full-time college students up to age 24.</i> | <b>\$85</b>                        | <b>N/A</b>  |
| <b>Family Plan 2 *</b><br><i>All children, under age 19 living in a household at the same address</i>  | <b>\$55</b>                        | <b>N/A</b>  |
| <b>Life</b><br><i>Age 64 and under</i>   | <b>\$1,500</b><br>One-time payment | <b>N/A</b>  |
| <b>Life</b><br><i>Age 65 and over</i>  | <b>\$750</b><br>One-time payment   | <b>N/A</b>  |
| <b>Benefactor</b><br><i>Any age; \$1,500 if an existing Life Member</i>  | <b>\$3,000</b><br>One-time payment | <b>N/A</b>  |
| <b>Special Membership *</b><br><i>Blind or incarcerated</i>  | <b>\$18</b>                        | <b>N/A</b>  |
| <b>Blind Life</b>  | <b>\$375</b><br>One-time payment   | <b>N/A</b>  |

MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE NOT REFUNDABLE AND ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE. THIS FORM WILL NO LONGER BE VALID IF A NEW ONE IS POSTED. PROOF OF ELIGIBILITY MAY BE REQUIRED. Each member is entitled to have their tournament play officially rated, to participate in the Annual Membership meeting, and to enjoy all other rights and privileges of membership not herein enumerated.

## PAYMENT

☐ **MEMBERSHIP DUES** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **CHESS LIFE PRINT OPT-IN**  
(add \$9.35 per year in addition to membership dues) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **CHESS LIFE KIDS PRINT OPT-IN**  
(add \$4.75 per year in addition to membership dues) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

☐ **DONATION**  
(Optional; I would like to make a donation to support US Chess, a 501(c)(3) organization.) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL ENCLOSED** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

By submitting this application, you agree to the US Chess Membership Terms & Conditions (see flip side).

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Non-U.S. residents must add annual \$25 surcharge for postage and handling for *Chess Life*. Canada/Mexico: No Charge

Please send check or money order payable to:

**US Chess, PO Box 3967,  
Crossville, TN 38557**

To pay by credit card call **800-903-8723 ext. 4**,  
Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. CT or go to  
[uschess.org](http://uschess.org) and click on "Join."

## FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

**Affiliate:** Please print legibly and firmly.

**Note:** Affiliates are not agents of US Chess for any purpose.

Name of  
Authorized Affiliate: \_\_\_\_\_

Affiliate ID Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Selling Officer's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**AFFILIATE COMMISSION: \$3.00**

Affiliate commissions may not be available for certain memberships processed online.

**Membership terms and conditions are on the reverse side.**



United States of America Chess Federation (“US Chess”) membership (“Membership”) is available to chess players and those with an affinity for chess, subject to these US Chess Membership Terms and Conditions (these “Terms and Conditions”) and other applicable US Chess policies and procedures. US Chess requires that all US Chess members (each, a “Member” and collectively, the “Members”), except Life Members, pay an annual Membership fee.<sup>1</sup> Each Member also must adhere to these Terms and Conditions, the Rules of Chess, the US Chess Code of Ethics, the US Chess Articles of Incorporation, the US Chess Bylaws, and all applicable US Chess policies and procedures (collectively, the “US Chess Rules”), each as from time to time in effect.

During the Membership application and renewal process, all those applying for initial Membership or renewal of Membership (each, an “Applicant” and collectively, the “Applicants”) are required to attest that they have read, understand, and agree to adhere to the US Chess Rules. Applicants must further agree that failing to adhere to the US Chess Rules, as determined in the sole discretion of US Chess, will result in disciplinary action, which may include, but shall not be limited to, suspension or revocation of Membership by an appropriate US Chess sanctioning authority in accordance with the Policies and Procedures set forth in the US Chess Rules.

## MEMBER STATUS

### Resignation of Membership

A Member may resign from Membership at any time. A resigning Member is not relieved from any obligation for charges incurred, services or benefits actually rendered, dues, assessments or fees arising from contract or otherwise, and this provision shall not diminish any right of US Chess to enforce any such obligation or obtain damages for the Member’s breach.

### Membership Expiration

Each Membership, except Life Memberships<sup>2</sup>, shall expire upon the conclusion of the membership. Upon the expiration of a Member’s term, such Member shall submit a new Membership application to be considered for renewal of such Membership. US Chess is under no obligation to extend or renew a Member’s Membership at the expiration of a term. US Chess expressly reserves the right, within its sole discretion, to re-admit or to decline to admit a Member following the expiration of a Membership term or to establish additional conditions for admission. No Member shall have any right or expectation of continued Membership following the expiration of a Membership term. All Members, regardless of the type of Membership, must pay and remain current with their US Chess dues in such amounts as are set forth in, or established in accordance with, the US Chess Bylaws.

### Suspension or Termination of Membership

Members of US Chess and Applicants agree, as a condition of Membership, that their Membership may be suspended or terminated by US Chess for good cause, as determined by US Chess in its sole, good-faith discretion and subject to the policies and procedures set forth in the US Chess Rules. Good cause includes, but is not limited to: (1) any failure by the Member to comply with one or more US Chess Rules, (2) any failure to pay dues, (3) decisions arising from the US Chess complaint process, or (4) any other reason that US Chess, within its sole discretion, determines is in the best interests of the organization.

### Executive Board and Board of Delegates Decisions

Except as otherwise provided in the US Chess Bylaws, all US Chess Executive Board and US Chess Board of Delegates decisions that relate to or affect Membership status, rights, or duties are final and binding.

## DISPUTES

### Choice of Law Selection

These Membership Terms and Conditions and all other US Chess Rules shall be governed, construed, and enforced by and in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois without regard to its conflict of law principles. Any dispute relating to or arising out of these Terms and Conditions or any rights or obligations of an Applicant or Member shall be resolved exclusively in a court of competent jurisdiction sitting in Cook County, Illinois. As a condition of Membership, each Member waives any objections to venue in Cook County, Illinois.

1. Life Members are required to pay a one-time Membership fee rather than annual Membership dues
2. A Life Membership expires upon the death, termination, or resignation of the Life Member.

Each member is entitled to have his or her tournament play officially rated, to participate in the Annual Membership meeting, and to enjoy all other rights and privileges of membership not herein enumerated. Members and Affiliates with mailing addresses outside the United States will be charged an additional fee to cover extra costs. MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE NOT REFUNDABLE AND ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE. THIS FORM WILL NO LONGER BE VALID IF A NEW ONE IS POSTED. PROOF OF ELIGIBILITY MAY BE REQUIRED. Affiliate commissions may not be available for certain memberships processed online.