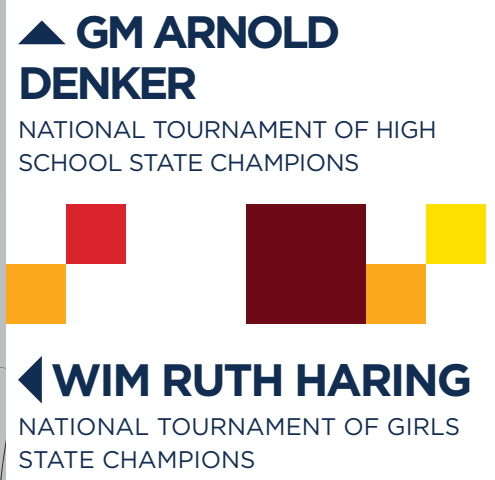
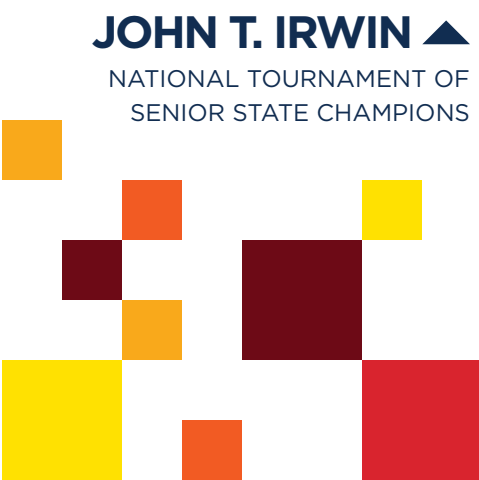




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Opening Ceremony

July 31, 2021 | Riverside Ballroom | 3:00 p.m.

NATIONAL ANTHEM

WELCOME REMARKS

Mike Nietman, Master of Ceremonies

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ROLL CALL OF STATES

Mike Nietman and Maureen Grimaud

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Awards

College/University Scholarships

The first place finisher in each event will receive a \$5,000 college/university scholarship. Second and third place finishers will receive \$3,000 and \$2,000, respectively. If there is a tie, then the scholarship will be awarded to the highest finisher, based on tiebreaks; the scholarship will not be split. A recipient may use the scholarship at any school of higher learning. To redeem the scholarship, a recipient must provide proof of enrollment in an institution of higher learning, prove standing as at least a half-time student, and claim the scholarship prior to the recipient's 26th birthday. See event websites for redemption information.

Cash Prizes

The top five finishers in each event will receive cash prizes of \$800 (first place), \$500 (second place), \$400 (third place), \$300 (fourth place), and \$200 (fifth place). Each player tied for fifth place will receive \$100.

Rockefeller 8 and Under Chess Award

A \$500 Rockefeller 8 and Under Chess Award will be presented to the highest finisher eight years old or younger as of the first day of the tournament. If there are fewer than two participants eight years old or younger, then the award will go to the top finisher nine years old or younger. There must be at least two eligible players for the award to be given. If there is a tie, then the award will go to the highest finisher based on tiebreaks. The award will not be split.

Barber 11 and Under Chess Award

A \$500 Barber 11 and Under Chess Award will be presented to the highest finisher 11 years old or younger as of the first day of the tournament. If there are fewer than two participants 11 years old or younger, then the award will go to the top finisher 12 years old or younger. There must be at least two eligible players for the award to be given. If there is a tie, then the award will go to the highest finisher based on tiebreaks. The award will not be split.

Ursula Foster Memorial Awards (Haring and Denker)

Two \$500 Ursula Foster Memorial Awards will be presented: one to the highest Haring finisher 12 years old or younger as of the first day of the tournament, and the other to the highest Denker finisher 15 years old or younger as of the first day of the tournament. If fewer than two participants are 12 years old or younger in the Haring, then the award will go to the top finisher 13 years old or younger. If fewer than two participants are 15 years old or younger in the Denker, then the award will go to the top finisher 16 years old or younger. There must be at least two eligible players for each award to be given. If there is a tie, then each award will go to the highest finisher based on tiebreaks. Neither award will be split.

REDUCE WASTE

Please retain this program for the Closing Ceremony. A PDF is also available on all event websites.

Upset Prizes

Gift Certificates to the U.S. Open Bookstore will be awarded for Best Game (\$100), Biggest Upset overall (\$50), and Biggest Upset in each round (\$50).

State versus State Championship

The state whose representatives have the highest combined score will be recognized. Gift certificates for the U.S. Open bookstore will be awarded to each player from the three highest-scoring states. In addition, gift certificates will be awarded to each player of the highest-scoring state whose players' average rating is Under 2100, Under 1900, or Under 1600. A total of \$400 of gift certificates will be awarded. States must have at least three players from the five simultaneous national state champions invitationals to be eligible for team prizes. Each state's Irwin representative will be the state's honorary team captain.

Internet Chess Club (ICC) Membership

Each participant who completes all six rounds (including the host state's alternate, if available for all six rounds) will receive a free, one-year ICC membership valued at \$70. If a participant is already a current ICC member, then the participant will receive a one-year membership extension.

Prizes and Gift Certificates

Cash prizes and gift certificates will be handed out during the awards ceremony. Gift certificates must be picked up during the awards ceremony and must be redeemed with the U.S. Open bookstore vendor before the U.S. Open concludes. Cash prizes are intended to help reimburse some players for tournament expenses.

MASK POLICY

Masks must be worn in all public spaces related to the U.S. Open's competitive functions.

This is a requirement implemented by US Chess at the direction of the Executive Board. This mask policy applies to all sanctioned games, skittles room, side events, official vendors including the bookstore and T-shirt concession, and other activities, such as when interacting with Chess Control. Those covered by this policy include, but are not limited to, players in games, tournament staff, and other attendees in the above specified areas.

You may bring your own face covering. US Chess will provide face coverings as well. More information is provided at <http://www.uschess.org/tournaments/2021/usopen/> or by scanning this QR code.



Closing Ceremony

August 3, 2021 | Riverside Ballroom | 4:00 p.m.

WELCOME REMARKS

Mike Nietman, Master of Ceremonies

ROCKEFELLER TRIVIA CHALLENGE

Dewain Barber, Maureen Grimaud, and Executive Director Carol Meyer

AWARDS

ROCKEFELLER 1ST PLACE

Plaque & \$5,000 College Scholarship Presentation

BARBER 1ST PLACE

Plaque & \$5,000 College Scholarship Presentation

HARING 1ST PLACE

Plaque & \$5,000 College Scholarship Presentation

DENKER 1ST PLACE

Plaque & \$5,000 College Scholarship Presentation

ROCKEFELLER 8 AND UNDER AWARD

BARBER 11 AND UNDER AWARD

URSULA FOSTER MEMORIAL AWARDS

ROCKEFELLER 2ND & 3RD PLACE

Plaques Presentation

BARBER 2ND & 3RD PLACE PLACE

Plaques Presentation

HARING 2ND & 3RD PLACE

Plaques Presentation

DENKER 2ND & 3RD PLACE PLACE

Plaques Presentation

4TH & 5TH PLACE AWARDS RECOGNITION

BIGGEST UPSET AWARDS

BEST GAME AWARDS

STATE TEAM AWARDS PRESENTATION

CLOSING REMARKS

Mike Nietman

MANY THANKS TO OUR AWARDS PRESENTERS:

Dewain Barber, Maureen Grimaud, Al Lawrence, Carol Meyer, Mike Neitman, and John D. Rockefeller V

THE 2021 U.S. OPEN INVITATIONALS ROLL CALL

(updated as of July 28, 2021)

STATE	IRWIN	DENKER	HARING	BARBER	ROCKEFELLER
AL	Kenneth Sloan	Zachary Isaac Snow	Sarvagna Velidandla	Samuel Baskarraj	Shawn Choi
AR	Steve Elkins	William Donham	Neeli Buchireddy	Gage Carr	Aryan Buchireddy
AZ	IM Mark Ginsburg	Sandeep Sethuraman	Angela Parra	Evan Yin	Roshan Sethuraman
CA-N	IM Elliott Winslow	Milind Maiti	Ruiyang Yan	Vyom Vidyarthi	Henry Deng
CA-S	Alaa Addin Moussa	FM Robert Shlyakhtenko	Liora Ginzburg	Tommy Wen	Sepehr Golsefidy
CO	Joshua Samuel	Vedanth Sampath	Iris Li	Davin Yin	Derek Yin
CT	Mikhail Koganov	Nathaniel Moor	Beatrice Low		Jasmine Su
DC	David Sherman	Benjamin Nemelka	Amanda Lossef	Benjamin Tyrrell	Lenox Serrette
DE		Ryan Luo		Terry Luo	Andrew Jing
FL	Roberto Alvarez Ferreiro	Raghav Venkat	Sisira Yerrajennu	Bach Ngo	Maxwell Yang
GA	GM Ben Finegold	Preteek Mishra	Vaishnavi Tammali	Harry Le	Andrew Jiang
HI		Gabriel White	Ivey Zhong	Benjamin Kim	Austin Uezu
IA	Tim McEntee	Samraat Zagade		Anjali Lodh	Irene Fei
ID	Adam Porth	Darwin Porth	Emma Gao	James Wei	Hanford Chong
IL	Steven Szpisjak	Nicholas Ladan	Aria Hoesley	Gabriel Gronski	Anjaneya Rao
IN	Jay Carr	Braydon Povinelli	Madison Brown	Grant Mu	Ruoxiao Xia
KS		Sameeth Sheshappa	Sanya Namboodiri	Rishabh Bapat	Oliver Ohly
KY	J. Kevin French	Liam Chesemore		Vishwaa Kannan	Mutha Avaneesh Prem
LA	James Eryk Hargrove	Minh Binh Tran	Jordan Pembo	Matteo Runge	Andrey Terokhin
MA	Timothy Sage	IM Carissa Yip	Kelsey Liu	Ansh Yadawad	
MD	IM Tegshsuren Enkhbat	Bijan Tahmassebi	Carissa Zheng	Chen-chen Ye	Daniel Udovenko
ME		Benjamin Mock	Delia Hill	Gabriel Eaton	Miles Kaplan
MI	Ariel Levi	Larrance Xing	Charisse Woods	Ashrith Mathiyazhagan	Jess Ren
MN	Dan Voje	Samrug Narayanan		Troy Cavannah	Ahmed Ilyasor
MO	FM Doug Eckert	Asish Panda		Arjun Puri	Aaradhya Panda
MS		Landon Tu	Ella Grace Kinney	Ryan Wu	Levi Mei
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NC	Patrick Sciacca	Neo Zhu	Arya Kumar	Jerry Xue	Enzo Restelli
ND		Hanson Du	Sameera Kathawala	Bennett Ross	Vincent Schaff
NE				Sai Kolli	Siva Kolli
NH	Kevin Cotreau	Tanmay Odugu	Avni Nagaraj	James Clifford	Hrishikesh Vedula
NJ	FM Gregory Markzon	Merric Hu	Sanjana Vittal	Atharva Makode	Alexander Wang
NJ (Alt)		David Zhurbinsky	Claire Cheng	George Y. Chen	Shyla Rana
NM		John Jules Scott	Yana Outkin	Wilson White	Manuel Castillo
NV		Lucas Flach	Shenmei Wu	Chris Bao	Nirav Natha
NY	GM John Fedorowicz	FM Justin Chen	Yassimin Ehsani	FM Nico Chasin	Sho Moritani
OH	Alan Casden	FM Christopher Shen	Dhruti Shah	Sean Tan	Siddharth Kunapuli
OK	Dr. Mark Hulsey	Ryan Amburgy	Elizabeth Braddy	Oscar Wang	Benjamin Li
OR	Wilson Gibbins	FM Shunkai Peng	Neha Narendran	Zoey Tang	Austin Tang
PA	IM Igor Khmel'nitsky	Maxim Yaskolko	Gracy Prasanna	Evan Park	Wesley Luo
RI	Michael Carey	Atul Thyvalappil		Eric He	Vihaan Kale
SC	IM Dr. Alexander Matros	Eli Moore	Helena Bajarias	Allen Hong	Aadi Agnihotri
TN	IM Ronald Burnett	Chirath Illukpitiya	Sydney Kong	Stewart Hall	Andrew Lu
TX	IM Douglas Root	FM Anish Vivekananthan	Ambica Yellamraju	Aryan Gutla	Ryo Chen
UT	Grant Hodson	Tinh Nguyen	Seraphina Mlynar	Aiden Gandhi	Kelen Gold
VA	John Farrell	Tyson Brady	Aasa Dommalapati	Arnav Gupta	Kyle Zhuang
VT		Luca Mikulis-Borsoi		Jacob Graham	Aiden Green
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