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# 2023 INVITATIONALS AWARDS

## Opening Ceremony

July 29, 2023 | Ambassador Ballroom | 3:00 p.m.

### WELCOME REMARKS

Mike Nietman

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### WEERAMANTRY BLITZ AWARDS

### US CHESS BOARD AND STAFF

Carol Meyer, Executive Director

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Maureen Grimaud

### THE JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER III LEGACY

John D. Rockefeller V

### THE DEWAIN BARBER LEGACY

Dewain Barber

### SPONSOR RECOGNITION

### SPECIAL ACTIVITIES ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ROLL CALL OF STATES

John D. Rockefeller V & Carol Meyer

### CHIEF ARBITER REMARKS

Chris Bird

### GROUP PHOTOS

### *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.

### *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.

### *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.

## State versus State Championship

The state whose representatives have the highest combined score will be recognized. Gift certificates for the U.S. Open Chess Store 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.

## Additional Prizes

### CASH PRIZES

The top five finishers in each scholastic 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. **Cash prizes will be sent in accordance with the U.S. Open prize distribution system. (see <https://www.uschess.org/tournaments/2023/usopen/> for details).**

### UPSET PRIZES & CLASS PRIZES

Gift Certificates to the U.S. Open Chess Store will be awarded for Best Game (\$100), Biggest Upset overall (\$50), and Biggest Upset in each round (\$50). The following class prize winners also will receive \$50 Gift Certificates to the U.S. Open Chess Store: 1st place, U2000 (Denker); 1st place, U1800 (Barber); 1st place, U1600 (Haring); and 1st place, U1500 (Rockefeller).

Gift certificates must be picked up during the awards ceremony and may be redeemed with the U.S. Open Chess Store onsite or at [www.uscfsales.com](http://www.uscfsales.com).

## Weeramantry Blitz Awards

The top five finishers in each section (2200+, 1800-2199, 1400-1799, Under 1400) will receive gift certificates to the U.S. Open Chess Store in the amounts of \$240 (first place), \$200 (second place), \$160 (third place), \$120 (fourth place), and \$80 (fifth place). If there is a tie, then the prize will go to the highest finisher based on tiebreaks.

## Irwin Awards

For information on Irwin prizes, awards, and gift certificates, visit <https://new.uschess.org/irwin> or scan the QR code at right.



## MANY THANKS

### TO OUR AWARDS PRESENTERS

Dewain Barber, Dylan Denker, Maureen Grimaud, Mike Nietman, and John D. Rockefeller V

# Closing Ceremony

August 1, 2023 | Ambassador Ballroom | 4:30 p.m.

## WELCOME REMARKS

Mike Nietman

## AWARDS

### ROUND SIX UPSET AWARDS

### BIGGEST OVERALL UPSET AWARDS

### BEST GAME AWARDS

### DENKER PRIZES

Dylan Denker, Presenter

1st Place: Plaque & \$5,000 College Scholarship Presentation

2nd and 3rd Places: Plaque Presentation

4th and 5th Places: Awards Announcement

Ursula Foster Memorial Award

Under 2000 Award

### HARING PRIZES

Maureen Grimaud, Presenter

1st Place: Plaque & \$5,000 College Scholarship Presentation

2nd and 3rd Places: Plaque Presentation

4th and 5th Places: Awards Announcement

Ursula Foster Memorial Award

Under 1600 Award

### BARBER PRIZES

Dewain Barber, Presenter

1st Place: Plaque & \$5,000 College Scholarship Presentation

2nd and 3rd Places: Plaque Presentation

4th and 5th Places: Awards Announcement

Barber 11 and Under Award

Under 1800 Award

### ROCKEFELLER PRIZES

John D. Rockefeller V, Presenter

1st Place: Plaque & \$5,000 College Scholarship Presentation

2nd and 3rd Places: Plaque Presentation

4th and 5th Places: Awards Announcement

Rockefeller 8 and Under Award

Under 1500 Award

### STATE TEAM AWARDS PRESENTATION

## CLOSING REMARKS

Mike Nietman

# THE 2023 U.S. OPEN INVITATIONALS **ROLL CALL**

(confirmed participants as of July 19, 2023)

STATE	IRWIN	DENKER	HARING	BARBER	ROCKEFELLER
AK				Elijah Pancoast	
AL	Brent Inman	Samuel Baskarraj	Sarah Peter	Xavier Bruni	Esteban Jerez
AR	Steve Elkins	William Donham	Isabella Elkins	Havish Kunchanapalli	Neeli Buchireddy
AZ	Mark Ginsburg	Jayden Lee	Kylie Tokeshi	Aaradhya Panda	Aiden Dsouza
CA-N	Timothy Taylor	Pranav Sairam	Ruiyang Yan	Henry Deng	Alden Liu
CA-S	Enrico Sevillano	Rushaan Mahajan	Esther Jou	Sihan Tao	Glenn Zhang
CO	DuWayne Langseth	Neil Bhavikatti	Tanya Prabhu	Vedant Margale	Shubh Misra
CT	Sergey Kudrin	Maximillian Lu	Lacey Wang	Jasmine Zhixin Su	Kushagra Bhargava
DC	Salvador Rosario	Benjamin Tyrrell	Sydney Mack	Sarah Ramson	Lenox Serrette
DE		Terry Luo			Andrew Jing
FL	Javier Torres	Nicolas de la Colina	Zoe Zelner	Advait Nair	Riyaan Datta
GA	James Altucher	Arthur Guo	Jwalanthi Ram	Andrew Jiang	Anmay Kumar Chaudhury
HI	Cornelius Rubsamen	Mark Chen	Aurelia White	Kyle Ching	Echae Kim
IA	Valeriy Kosokin	Anish Lodh	Irene Fei	Asim Shivapur	Max Cao
ID	Adam Porth	James Wei	Olivia Ding	Kaustubh Kodihalli	Whitney Engel
IL	Frederick Rhine	Rohit Guha	Anisha Oberai	Anjaneya Rao	Sachit Rajkumar
IN	Lester VanMeter	Timothy Lim	Laura Escobar	Arjun Raman	Harvey Hanke
KS	Kenneth Sarnar	Aun Hathiri	Ananya Wadhwa	Samuel Mehlhaff	Oliver Ohly
KY	Kevin French	Kavin Parthiv	Bijou Brown	Pasha Dashti	John Abraham
LA	Ramon Tagorda	Minh Tran	Sana Baig	Matteo Runge	Wyatt Sledge
MA	Timothy Sage	Alan Song	Sophia Rosenholtz	Eric Feng	Shawn Xu
MD	Jesse Kraai	Chen-chen Ye	Angelina Verma	Architsai Ramnath	Michael Deng
ME		Eli Slaughter	Rachel Norment	Henry Shannon	Avery Zhang
MI	Thomas Sloan	Adhvaith Rajanish	Sanjana Ramesh	Jesse Ren	Freyr Wang
MI-ALT	Tony Nichols	Kalman Vanderhoek	Miah Guo	Marcus Zheng	Lerui Zheng
MN	Timothy Radermacher	Alexander Demir Augustine	Nastassja Matus	Vaibhav Kalpaka	Vihaan Pendse
MO	Matthew Pratt	Luke Ye	Celina Shou	Ayden Huang	Albert Shi
MS	Jeff Bulington	Landon Tu	Ella Grace Kinney	Will Hutchins	Timothy Gray
MT	Richard Hobbs	Alex Karns		Matteo Nero	Jace Yellowrobe
NC	Henry Jhon Hasman	Vishnu Vanapalli	Asha Kumar	Karthikeya Malireddy	Alex Chu
ND	Todd Wolf	Triton Bren	Olivia Grote	Kevin Schill	Aaron Schill
NE	Jerry Slominski	Dominic Zeisler	Samanvi Kanterem	Luke Hengen	Siva Kolli
NH	Kevin Cotreau	Dylan Jiang	Avni Nagaraj	Oliver Davis	Daniel Brovman
NJ	Nikoloz Managadze	Justin Lee	Sahana Aravindakshan	Narayan Venkatesh	Eshaan Hebbar
NM		Wilson White	Alexandra Zagrai	Manuel Castillo	Harshin Jagirapu
NV		Darsh Patel		Akash Anumalasetty	Aastik Grover
NY	John Fedorowicz	Gus Huston	Megan Paragua	Brewington Hardaway	Bryan Lin
OH	Michael Sheaf	Jason Wang	Keya Jha	Charithra Arvind	Evan Fan
OK	Mark Hulsey	Maxwell Barnes	Elizabeth Braddy	Joshua Li	Aayush Praveen
OR	Wilson Gibbins	Zoey Tang	Anisha Sripada	Austin Tang	Varun Iyengar
PA	Karl Dehmelt	Evan Park	Lilian Wang	Erick Zhao	Mason Li
RI	Michael Carey	Levon He		Jhavin Patil	Gustav Wernevi
SC	Mike Sailer	Eli Moore	Uyen Tran	Caton Tsao	Aaryav Saha
SD	Nels Truelson				Proverb Linder
TN	Ronald Burnett	James Nguyen	Sabrina Hoja	Aarman Singhvi	Yi Sun
TX	Chris Land	Sharvesh Deviprasath	Sunny Zhang	Logan Shafer	Vijay Anandh
UT	Thomas Johansen	Aurelius Mlynar	Jacklyn Wei	Shreyan Sarangi	Kevin Cai
VA	Robert J. Fischer	Aarush Vinod	Chance Nguyen	Ronen Kai Wilson	Aaradhya Nitin Patil
VT		Elijah Cummings		Alexander Collins	Vivek Chadive
WA	Leonid Gavrysh	Advait Vijayakumar	Lily Deng	Yiding Lu	Ted Wang
WI	Bryan Lilly	Hersh Singh	Aradh Kaur	Ethan Liang	Ojas Sahoo
WV	James Fuller	John Boylin	Skylar Hsu		Pushkal Solanki
WY	Daniel Joelson	Elliis Hagan		Hayden Peters	Hieronymus Olsson