

US Chess Accepting Apparel Vendor Bids For National Events

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The US Chess Federation (US Chess) is soliciting Apparel Vendor (Vendor) bids for the following FY 2025-2026 through FY 2028-2029 National events. The US Chess fiscal year starts on July 1 and ends on June 30. This will be a one-year agreement, with three optional one-year agreements based on performance and mutual consideration. The successful bid will include the following National events*:

- **2025 U.S. Open**
- **2025 National K-12 Grade Championship**
- **2026 National High School (K-12) Championship**
- **2026 National Middle School (K-8) Championship**
- **2026 National Elementary (K-6) Championship**
- **2026 U.S. Open**
- **2026 National K-12 Grade Championship**
- **2027 National High School (K-12) Championship**
- **2027 National Middle School (K-8) Championship**
- **2027 National Elementary (K-6) Championship**
- **2027 U.S. Open**
- **2027 National K-12 Grade Championship**
- **2028 National High School (K-12) Championship**
- **2028 National Middle School (K-8) Championship**
- **2028 National Elementary (K-6) Championship**
- **2028 U.S. Open**
- **2028 National K-12 Grade Championship**
- **2029 SuperNationals IX**

See the National Events Calendar at <http://new.uschess.org/national-events-calendar> for dates and locations for these events. If the event is not listed, the date and location are TBA.

**Dates and locations are subject to change.*

US Chess will:

1. Provide adequate space for Vendor with tables and chairs at all listed National Events.
2. Provide a point of contact person at the event.
3. Include a complimentary half-page in the Program Booklet for each event.
4. Include Vendor advertising on the US Chess webpage for each event.
5. Provide Vendor with list of pre-registrations no later than one week prior to the event.
6. Provide Vendor with renderings of official event logos no later than one month before each event.

The successful bid will:

1. Include the percentage of sales to US Chess. Bid may also include a minimum guaranteed amount for each fiscal year.
2. State that complimentary staff apparel will be provided at each event.
3. Acknowledge that Vendor will notify the US Chess Director of Events of the number of desired tables for each event. Notification must be provided at least 30 days prior to each event.
4. Acknowledge that Vendor is responsible for electrical power and internet service with venue.

5. Acknowledge that Vendor is responsible for delivery or pick up of product with venue.
6. Acknowledge that Vendor must pay any drayage fees associated with the T-Shirt vending.
7. Acknowledge that Vendor will provide the US Chess Director of Events with its contact information and arrival and departure dates, not later than 30 days prior to each event.
8. Acknowledge that Vendor will submit its hours of operations at least 30 days prior to each event and acknowledge that the schedule is subject to approval by the US Chess Director of Events.

Competitive bids will be evaluated on the following criteria:

1. Completeness of bid pursuant to requirements listed above.
2. Financial terms that benefit US Chess.
3. Past performance (if any) at US Chess events.
4. Special offerings that enhance the experience of the chess tournament.

Vendors are free to address the criteria in their bids as they see fit. This includes, but is not limited to, proposing alternative approaches to fulfilling the criteria.

The selected Vendor shall be bound by the relevant specifications of the US Chess Safe Play Policy. Failure to adhere the Safe Play Policy shall be grounds for termination of the awarded contract. The Safe Play Policy is available for review at the US Chess Safe Play Hub: <https://new.uschess.org/us-chess-safe-play-hub>.

Either party may elect to discontinue the agreement for future fiscal years, by notifying the other party not later than June 30, 2026 for the first extension, or June 30 for subsequent years' extensions.

The bid process is a sealed process. No bid will be reviewed until the deadline for submission has passed. Bids must be submitted to eventbids@uschess.org not later than January 13, 2025.

Please direct all questions to US Chess Director of Events, Boyd Reed, boyd.reed@uschess.org. DO NOT SUBMIT FINAL BIDS TO THIS EMAIL.