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**Application to be a US Chess Federation (US Chess)  
Certified Club Tournament Director**

I, the undersigned, hereby request certification as a Club Tournament Director. I am a current member in good standing of US Chess. I understand that I must be at least 18 years old as of today's date to file this application under my own signature. I understand that, if I am between 13 and 17 years old as today's date, I must have a parent or legal guardian sign this application. (As of August 6, 2023, applicants must be at least 13 years old.)

I certify that I have reviewed the Safe Play requirements at <https://new.uschess.org/us-chess-safe-play-hub>. I understand that all tournament directors must complete the SafeSport Trained Core course offered by the U.S. Center for SafeSport, and that a copy of my SafeSport Trained completion certificate (PDF) must be submitted with my TD application. I further understand that SafeSport refresher training is required annually thereafter to maintain compliance with Safe Play.

I have read the US Chess Federation's Official Rules of Chess (2019, 7th edition) and changes posted on the US Chess website at <http://www.uschess.org/docs/gov/reports/RulebookChanges.pdf>. I have access to a copy of the rules and to the current administrative regulations necessary to be a good tournament director. I promise to conform to these rules and regulations and to their spirit.

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **US Chess ID#:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DOB:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Please print your email address very clearly.*

**Street Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** Home (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ **Mobile** (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/guardian printed name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

*(only required if applicant is between 13 and 17 years old as of today's date)*



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### **Submitting the Application**

You may email the completed application to [tdcert-group@uschess.org](mailto:tdcert-group@uschess.org), or mail it to US Chess, Attn: TD Certification, PO Box 775308, Saint Louis MO 63177. Email submission is strongly preferred. Only the first page is necessary.

### **Recommendations for becoming a good TD**

A good TD is aware of the rules and regulations involved and should take advantage of available resources to gain experience. Contact TDs in your area and ask to assist at their events. Check out the US Chess Forums where experienced TDs often reply to a variety of tournament director and technical questions.

The Club TD certification is renewable. You should upgrade to Local as soon as you meet the minimum requirements. It is important to remember that you must have an established US Chess rating to upgrade. For more information regarding TD Certification, please email [tdcert-group@uschess.org](mailto:tdcert-group@uschess.org)

Thank you for your decision to become a certified TD.