

**US Chess Sanctioned Members**  
**March 2024**

| Sanctioned Member   | Member ID | Offense  | Reviewed by                                   | Disposition   | Sanction End Date* | Date Received | Date Resolved |
|---------------------|-----------|--|---|---|--------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Andrew Hoy          | 12846607  | Violations of US Chess Code of Ethics  | Ethics, FIDE Events and TDCC                  | TD Certification suspended for 10 years until 9/10/2027.  | September 10, 2027 | 5/8/2017      | 7/11/2017     |
| Adam Kutikoff       | 13387003  | Violations of US Chess Code of Ethics and TDCC Standards                           | TDCC, Ethics and Executive Board              | Membership and TD certification suspended for 6 years until 8/3/2024 by Executive Board.  | May 31, 2034       | 10/11/2017    | 8/3/2018      |
| Ronald Cusi         | 12455815  | Violations of US Chess Code of Ethics  | Ethics, TDCC and Executive Board              | TD Certification permanently suspended.   | December 31, 2199  | 2/22/2018     | 8/31/2018     |
| Ted Castro          | 12911336  | Violations of US Chess Code Ethics   | Ethics, TDCC and Executive Board              | TD Certification permanently suspended, upheld by Executive Board.  | December 31, 2199  | 2/22/2018     | 8/31/2018     |
| Stephen Shutt       | 10159504  | US Chess Bylaws, Article III, Section 11   | Executive Board                               | Membership indefinitely suspended; Banned by the Executive Board from the sites of US Chess organized and contracted events.  | December 31, 2199  | 1/13/2019     | 1/13/2019     |
| Alain Diaz          | 13244888  | Violations of the Code of Ethics   | Ethics and Executive Board                    | Membership Permanently revoked.   | December 31, 2199  | 8/27/2018     | 4/5/2019      |
| Saul Ramirez        | 12677957  | Violations of the Code of Ethics   | Ethics and Executive Board                    | Membership permanently revoked.   | December 31, 2199  | 5/7/2018      | 5/20/2019     |
| Sina Jahandari      | 15779488  | Violations of the Code of Ethics   | Ethics and Executive Board                    | Membership permanently revoked.   | December 31, 2199  | 9/24/2018     | 11/17/2019    |
| Bill Feldman        | 13678710  | Violations of TD Standards   | TDCC  | TD Certification indefinitely suspended.  | December 31, 2199  | 6/21/2019     | 3/17/2020     |
| Trent Elias Hackett | 16755524  | US Chess Bylaws, Article III, Section 11   | Executive Board                               | Membership suspended on 11/17/2020 until criminal charges are cleared.  | December 31, 2199  | 11/17/2020    | 11/17/2020    |
| David Antonucci     | 12902559  | Violations of US Chess TD Standards and Rules of Chess                             | Rules and TDCC                                | TD certification suspended indefinitely; in 2/2023 Antonucci can request a Club TD test and if he passes he can be re-certified as a Club TD.   | December 31, 2199  | 4/30/2020     | 2/11/2022     |
| Timur Gareyev       | 13262157  | Violations of Safe Play Guidelines   | Executive Board                               | Membership suspended for 1 year until 6/3/2023; Banned from competing in, coaching at, appearing at, spectating at, or visiting the site of any US Chess National Event until 6/3/2024. | June 3, 2024       | 1/17/2022     | 6/3/2022      |
| John D. Ellison     | 12432217  | Violations of US Chess Code of Ethics  | Ethics  | Membership suspended for 2 years until 7/15/2024.   | July 15, 2024      | 3/5/2022      | 7/15/2022     |
| Minor               |           | Violations of US Chess Code of Ethics  | Ethics, FIDE Events                           | Membership suspended for 3 years until 7/20/2025.   | July 20, 2025      | 12/23/2021    | 7/19/2022     |
| Ijay Narang         | 14362795  | Violations of US Chess Code of Ethics  | Ethics  | Membership suspended for 2 years until 7/20/2024.   | July 20, 2024      | 12/31/2021    | 7/19/2022     |
| Scott Caldwell      | 11466435  | Violations of US Chess TD Standards and under Bylaw, Article III, Section 11       | Ethics, TDCC and Executive Board              | Lifetime Ban of TD Certification; membership suspended through 7/15/2023.   | December 31, 2199  | 12/15/2021    | 7/24/2022     |
| Minor               |           | Violations of US Chess Code of Ethics  | Ethics  | Membership suspended for 2 years until 9/2/2024.  | September 2, 2024  | 2/23/2022     | 9/1/2022      |
| Yakun Hu            | 13586320  | Violations of US Chess Code of Ethics  | Ethics  | Membership suspended for 3 years until 10/15/2025.  | October 15, 2025   | 1/20/2022     | 10/14/2022    |
| Thomas P Connelly   | 10132258  | Violations of US Chess Code of Ethics  | Executive Board, Ethics                       | Membership suspended for 2 years until 2/13/2025.   | February 13, 2025  | 11/19/2021    | 2/13/2023     |
| Minor               |           | Violations of US Chess Code of Ethics  | Executive Board, Ethics                       | Membership suspended for 3/20/2024; probation and ban from US Chess rated online play until 3/20/2025.  | March 20, 2025     | 9/21/2022     | 2/13/2023     |
| Xuhao He            | 16756156  | Violations of US Chess Code of Ethics , TD Certification Standards, and FIDE rules | Executive Board, Ethics, TDCC and FIDE Events | Membership suspended for 3 years until 3/16/2026; Certification as a Tournament Director suspended until 3/16/2028.   | March 16, 2028     | 8/5/2022      | 3/16/2023     |

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| Daniel Solorio Valderrama | 16229362 | Violations of US Chess Code Ethics    | Executive Board, Ethics                | Membership permanently revoked.   | December 31, 2199  | 2/13/2023 | 5/2/2023   |
| Alejandro Ramirez         | 12688291 | Violations of Safe Play Guidelines    | Executive Director and Executive Board | Executive Director suspended membership; Executive Board permanently revoked membership on 5/9/2023.  | December 31, 2199  | 3/8/2023  | 5/9/2023   |
| Ramesh Nagarajan          | 15906837 | Violations of US Chess Code of Ethics | Ethics                                 | Membership suspended for 2 years until 07/27/2025 with an additional 1 year suspension from US Chess rated online play until 7/27/2026.   | Membership end date: July 27, 2025, US Chess rated online play: July 27, 2026                                | 3/20/2023 | 7/26/2023  |
| Minor                     |          | Violations of US Chess Code of Ethics | Executive Board, Ethics                | Membership suspension for 6 months: 10/16/2023 through 4/15/2024 and a 2 year ban on representing any state at one of the US Chess Invitationals for State Scholastic Champions.  | Membership suspension: April 15, 2024<br>Represent State at Invitational events suspension: October 16, 2025 | 8/10/2023 | 10/16/2023 |
| Alexey Dluger             | 14584110 | Violations of US Chess Member Safety  | Executive Director Executive Board     | Membership permanently revoked under Article III, Section 11 of the US Chess Bylaws   | December 31, 2199  | 8/12/2023 | 11/14/2023 |
| Timur Gareyev             | 13262157 | Violations of US Chess Member Safety  | Executive Board                        | Membership permanently revoked and permanently banned from appearing at, attending, or participating in any events or activities organized, sanctioned, or to be rated by the US Chess Federation or any of its affiliates.   | December 31, 2199  | 8/12/2023 | 12/3/2023  |
| Oziel Juarez              | 13973298 | Violations of US Chess Code of Ethics | Ethics and Executive Board             | Membership suspended for 2 years 11/20/2023 through 11/20/2025 and NM Title is revoked. After suspension there are no conditions on his ability to regain NM Title other than meeting the rating requirements specified by US Chess.  | November 20, 2025  | 7/3/2023  | 11/20/2023 |
| Darius Overlingas         | 30254596 | Violations of US Chess Code of Ethics | Ethics and Executive Board             | Membership suspended for 5 years, 12/7/2023 through 12/6/2028. During suspension he may not participate in or be present at any chess event organized by US Chess or one of it's affiliates.  | December 6, 2028   | 3/23/2023 | 12/7/2023  |
| Minor                     |          | Violations of US Chess Code of Ethics | Ethics and Executive Board             | Membership suspended for 1 year, 12/7/2023 through 12/6/2024. Further after membership suspension there is a 3 year probation, 12/7/2024 through 12/6/2027. If during suspension or probation there are any further additional offenses US Chess retains the right to increase membership suspension through 12/6/2027. | December 6, 2024   | 3/23/2023 | 12/7/2023  |
| Yasser Saber              | 30750162 | Violations of US Chess Code of Ethics | Ethics                                 | Membership suspended for 2 years: 1/8/2024 through 1/8/2026. Also regular rating floor set to 2100.   | January 8, 2026  | 6/12/2023 | 1/8/2024   |
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