

**US Chess Sanctioned Members
August 31, 2023**

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 crininal charges are cleared.	December 31, 2199	11/17/2020	11/17/2020
Minor		Violations of the Code of Ethics	Ethics	Membership suspended for 2 years through 11/2/2023.	November 2, 2023	6/11/2021	11/2/2021
Minor		Violations of the Code of Ethics	Ethics and Executive Board	Membership suspended for 2 years until 11/6/2023.	November 6, 2023	2/18/2021	1/13/2022
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
Daniel Solorio Valderrama	16229362	Violations of US Chess Code of 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 with an additional 1 year suspension from US Chess rated online play.	July 27, 2025 (membership suspension) July 27, 2026 (online rated play suspension)	3/20/2023	7//26/2023

*If multiple sanctions were given, the sanction with the latest date is listed.