

US Chess Sanctioned Members
April 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. TDCC suspension until 5/31/2034.	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 of 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 1 year until 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 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 Invitational for State Scholastic Champions.	Membership suspension: April 15, 2024 Represent State at Invitational events suspension: October 16, 2025	8/10/2023	10/16/2023
Alexey Diulger	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
Logan M. Moore	30203399	US Chess Bylaws, Article III, Section 11	Executive Board	Membership suspended on 3/17/2024 until criminal charges are cleared.	December 31, 2199	12/8/2023	3/17/2024
Minor		Violations of US Chess Code of Ethics	Ethics	Membership suspended for 6 months: 2/29/2024 through 8/29/2024	August 29, 2024	1/29/2024	2/29/2024