

US Chess Sanctioned Members
January 2026

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.	September 10, 2027	5/8/2017	7/11/2017
Andrew Hoy	12846607	Violations of TD Standards	TDCC	TD Certification permanently revoked.	December 31, 2199	10/1/2024	7/9/2025
Andrew Hoy	12846607	Violations of US Chess Code of Ethics	Ethics and Exexecutive Board	Membership suspended for 2 years.	September 9, 2027	10/1/2024	9/9/2025
Adam Kutikoff	13387003	Violations of US Chess Code of Ethics and TDCC Standards	TDCC, Ethics, and Executive Board	TD Certification suspended.	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.	December 31, 2199	2/22/2018	8/31/2018
Leonard Fusselman	13687096	Violation of Article III, Section 13 of the US Chess Bylaws	Executive Director and Executive Board	Membership indefinitely suspended.	December 31, 2199	2/27/2018	3/1/2018
Stephen Shutt	10159504	US Chess Bylaws, Article III, Section 3	Executive Board	Membership indefinitely suspended. Banned from the sites of US Chess organized and contracted events.	December 31, 2199	10/19/2018	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 3	Executive Board	Membership indefinitely suspended.	December 31, 2199	11/17/2020	11/17/2020
Scott Caldwell	11466435	Violations of US Chess TD Standards and under Bylaw, Article III, Section 3	Ethics, TDCC, and Executive Board	TD Certification permanently suspended.	December 31, 2199	12/15/2021	7/24/2022
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 TD Certification suspended for 5 years.	March 16, 2028	8/5/2022	3/16/2023
Daniel Solorio Valderrama	16229362	Violations of US Chess Code Ethics	Ethics and Executive Board	Membership permanently revoked.	December 31, 2199	2/13/2023	5/2/2023
Alejandro Ramirez	12688291	Violations of Safe Play Guidelines	Executive Board	Membership permanently revoked.	December 31, 2199	3/8/2023	5/9/2023
Ramesh Nagarajan	15906837	Violations of US Chess Code of Ethics	Ethics	Suspension from US Chess rated online play through 7/27/26.	July 27, 2026	3/20/2023	7/26/2023
Alexey Diulger	14584110	Violations of US Chess Member Safety	Executive Board	Membership permanently revoked.	December 31, 2199	8/12/2023	11/14/2023
Timur Gareyev	13262157	Violations of US Chess Member Safety	Executive Board	Membership permanently revoked. 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
Darius Overlingas	30254596	Violations of US Chess Code of Ethics	Ethics and Executive Board	Membership suspended for 5 years. During suspension he may not participate in or be present at any chess event organized by US Chess or one of its 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, followed by 3 year probation.	December 6, 2027	3/23/2023	12/7/2023
Logan M. Moore	30203399	US Chess Bylaws, Article III, Section 3	Executive Board	Membership indefinitely suspended.	December 31, 2199	12/8/2023	3/17/2024
Tyrell Harriott	12677159	Violations of the US Chess Safe Play Policy	Executive Board	Membership permanently revoked.	December 31, 2199	12/26/23	4/23/2024
Tyrell Harriott	12677159	US Chess Bylaws, Article III, Section 3	Executive Board	Permanent ban from appearing at, attending, or participating in any events or activities organized, sanctioned, or to be rated by US Chess or its affiliates	December 31, 2199	3/21/25	5/12/2025
Arnaldo Ferragut	16244264	Violations of the US Chess Code of Ethics	Ethics, TDCC, and Executive Board	Membership suspended for 5 years, followed by TD Certification suspension for 5 years.	December 8, 2028 (membership suspension) December 8, 2033 (TD suspension)	2/3/2023	3/12/2024
James A. Penisten	30659818	Violations of the US Chess Safe Play Policy	Executive Board	Membership permanently revoked.	December 31, 2199	2/3/2024	6/11/2024
William Blackman	12729656	Violations of the US Chess Code of Ethics	Ethics	Membership suspended for 3 years, followed by 2 year probation.	April 27, 2029	1/28/2024	4/27/2024
Gerardo Anaya Rodriguez	16744331	Violations of the US Chess Code of Ethics	Ethics, TDCC, and Executive Board	Membership suspended for 5 years, followed by TD Certification suspension for 5 years.	April 23, 2034	2/3/2023	5/17/2024
Minor	Minor	Violations of the US Chess Safe Play Policy	Executive Board	Probation for 5 years through 11/14/2030.	November 14, 2030 (probation)	10/16/2024	11/15/2024
Evan Rabin	12720571	US Chess Bylaws, Article III, Section 3	Executive Board	Membership indefinitely suspended.	December 31, 2199	10/31/2024	01/14/2025
Stan Halstead	14847583	Violations of the US Chess Code of Ethics	Ethics and Executive Board	Membership indefinitely suspended. Reinstatement may be requested beginning 2/10/2028.	December 31, 2199	6/6/2024	2/11/2025
Scott Hunt	12791618	Violations of the US Chess Code of Ethics	Ethics	Membership permanently suspended.	December 31, 2199	9/6/2024	2/21/2025
Minor	Minor	Violations of the US Chess Code of Ethics	Ethics and Executive Board	Probation for 2 years through 09/01/2027.	September 1, 2027	6/26/2024	3/13/2025
F. Leon Wilson	12397107	US Chess Bylaws, Article III, Section 3	Executive Board	Membership indefinitely suspended.	December 31, 2199	4/15/2025	7/8/2025
Minor	Minor	Violations of the US Chess Safe Play Policy	Executive Board	Probation for 2 years through 12/31/27.	December 31, 2027	12/7/2024	4/18/2025
Gregory Vaserstein	12423653	Violations of the US Chess Code of Ethics, TDCC, and Safe Play	Executive Board	Membership suspended for 2 years TDCC certification suspended for 10 years.	May 12, 2027 (membership) May 12, 2035 (TDCC)	12/7/2024	5/12/2025

Joseph Cheng-Yue Wan	14023940	Violations of the US Chess Safe Play Policy	Executive Board	Membership revoked. Member cannot appear at, attend, or participate in any US Chess sanctioned events, rated or unrated. Reinstatement may be requested no sooner than 5 years after September 9, 2025.	December 31, 2199	6/7/2025	9/9/2025
Charles Slade	12487244	Violations of TD Standards	TDCC, Executive Board	Membership suspended for 3 months, followed by 1 year of probation.	October 9, 2026 (probation)	10/1/2024	7/8/2025
Robert M. Snyder	10462738	Violations of US Chess Member Safety	Executive Board	Membership permanently revoked.	December 31, 2199	7/21/2025	10/14/25
Juan Cendejas	12717746	Violations of the US Chess Code of Ethics	Ethics and Executive Board	Membership suspended for 2 years.	August 8, 2027	9/2/2024	8/8/2025
Alex Silvestre	15446526	Violations of the US Chess Safe Play Policy	Executive Board	Membership suspended for 3 years, followed by 10 years of probation.	September 9, 2028 (suspension) September 9, 2038 (probation)	4/15/25	9/9/2025
Christian Silvestre	15467517	Violations of the US Chess Safe Play Policy	Executive Board	Membership suspended for 5 years, followed by 10 years of probation.	September 9, 2030 (suspension) September 9, 2040 (probation)	4/15/25	9/9/2025
Minor	Minor	Violations of the US Chess Code of Ethics	Ethics and Executive Board	Membership suspended for 2 years, followed by 3 year probation	September 15, 2027 (suspension) September 15, 2030 (probation)	4/13/2025	11/19/25
Justin Arnold	12667835	Violations of the US Chess Code of Ethics	Ethics and Executive Board	Membership suspended for 3 years.	September 9, 2028	2/27/2025	9/9/2025
Ram Dake	12444968	Violations of the US Chess Code of Ethics	Ethics and Executive Board	Membership suspended for 2 years, followed by 5 years of probation.	September 9, 2027 (suspension) September 9, 2032 (probation)	4/25/2025	9/9/2025
Minor	Minor	Violations of the US Chess Safe Play Policy	Executive Board	Membership suspended for 6 months, followed by 1 year of probation.	April 14, 2026 (suspension) April 14, 2027 (probation)	5/25/25	10/14/25
Kelly Blouet	n/a	Violations of the US Chess Safe Play Policy	Executive Board	6 month ban from any tournament hall connected with a US Chess sanctioned event, followed by 1 year of probation.	April 14, 2026 (suspension) April 14, 2027 (probation)	5/10/25	10/14/25
Cesar Bercilla Tamondong Jr	12439091	Violations of the US Chess Safe Play Policy	Executive Board	Membership suspended for 6 months, followed by 3 years of probation.	April 14, 2026 (suspension) April 14, 2029 (probation)	7/15/25	10/14/25
Jack Scheible	12478821	Violations of the US Chess TD Standards	TDAC and Executive Board	Membership suspended for 3 months, followed by reduction to local TD for a 2-year probation from the original tournament date.	January 24, 2026 (membership) October 26, 2026	11/5/24	12/16/2025
Robin Ramson	16228766	Violations of the US Chess Code of Ethics	Ethics	Reprimand	January 24, 2026	11/5/24	10/24/2025
Minor	Minor	Violations of the US Chess Code of Ethics	Ethics and Executive Board	Membership suspended for 1 year, followed by 3 years of probation	October 15, 2026 (membership) October 15, 2029 (probation)	7/28/25	12/16/25

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