

**US Chess Sanctioned Members  
March 2025**

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. TD Certification suspended 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 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 3	Executive Board	Membership indefinitely suspended; Banned by the Executive Board 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 suspended on 11/17/2020 until criminal charges are cleared.	December 31, 2199	11/17/2020	11/17/2020
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
Scott Caldwell	11466435	Violations of US Chess TD Standards and under Bylaw, Article III, Section 3	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
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 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 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	10/23/2023: 90-day membership suspension through 1/21/2024 11/14/2023: Membership permanently revoked under Article III, Section 12 of the US Chess Bylaws.	December 31, 2199	8/12/2023	11/14/2023
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
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 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, 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 3	Executive Board	Membership suspended on 3/17/2024 until criminal charges are cleared.	December 31, 2199	12/8/2023	3/17/2024
Tyrell Harriott	12677159	Violations of the US Chess Safe Play Policy	Executive Director Executive Board	3/18/2024: 90-day membership suspension through 6/16/2024 4/23/2024: Membership permanently revoked under Article III, Section 12 of the US Chess Bylaws.	December 31, 2199	12/26/23	4/23/2024

Arnaldo Ferragut	16244264	Violations of the US Chess Code of Ethics	Ethics, TDCC and Executive Board	5 year membership suspension 12/8/2023 through 12/8/2028 followed by 5 year suspension of TD Certification 12/8/2028 through 12/8/2033	Membership Suspension: December 8, 2028 TD Certification suspension: December 8, 2033	2/3/2023	3/12/2024
James A. Penisten	30659818	Violations of the US Chess Safe Play Policy	Executive Director Executive Board	5/14/2024: 90-day membership suspension through 8/12/2024 6/11/2024: Membership permanently revoked under Article III, Section 12 of the US Chess Bylaws.	December 31, 2199	2/3/2024	6/11/2024
William Blackman	12729656	Violations of the US Chess Code of Ethics	Ethics	3 year membership suspension: 4/27/2024 through 4/27/2027 followed by a 2 year probation: 4/27/2027 through 4/27/2029	Membership Suspension: April 27, 2027 Probation: April 27, 2029	1/28/2024	4/27/2024
Ram Dake	12444968	Violations of the US Chess Code of Ethics	Ethics and Executive Board	Censure that carries a 1 year probation: 4/19/2024 through 4/18/2025	April 18, 2025	5/15/2023	4/18/2024
Pejman Sagart	12536658	Violations of the US Chess Safe Play Policy	Executive Board	2 year Membership probation: 5/15/2024 through 5/15/2026	May 15, 2026	1/12/2024	5/14/2024
Gerardo Anaya Rodriguez	16744331	Violations of the US Chess Code of Ethics	Ethics, TDCC and Executive Board	5 year membership suspension 4/23/2024 through 4/23/2029 followed by 5 year suspension of TD Certification 4/23/2029 through 4/23/2034	Membership suspension: April 23, 2029 TD Certification: April 23, 2034	2/3/2023	5/17/2024
Jorge Orlando Trevino	12731810	Violations of the TD Certification Standards	TDCC	Must abide by limitations given for the certification level which he is at, currently Senior. TDCC has placed Trevino on a 1 year probation: 5/31/2024 through 5/31/2025	May 31, 2025	1/11/2024	5/31/2024
Hans Niemann	15041466	Violations of the US Chess Code of Ethics	Ethics and Executive Board	Executive Board placed GM Niemann on a 1 year probation 5/14/2024 through 5/13/2025	May 13, 2025	2/2/2024	5/14/2024
Jordan Levin	30308508	Violations of the US Chess Code of Ethics	Ethics	3 month membership probation as a result of receiving a Reprimand: 9/30/2024 through 12/30/2024	December 30, 2024	5/13/2024	9/30/2024
Chad D. Ambrose	16395630	Violations of the US Chess Safe Play Policy	Executive Board	6 month membership probation: 10/31/2024 through April 30, 2025	April 30, 2025	6/30/2024	10/31/2024
Gregory Nolan	10158419	Violations of the US Chess Safe Play Policy	Executive Board	3 month membership suspension: 9/21/2024 through 12/21/2024 followed by a period of probation for 6 months: 12/21/2024 through 6/21/2025	June 21, 2025	7/7/2024	9/20/2024
Minor	Minor	Violations of the US Chess Safe Play Policy	Executive Director   Executive Board	10/17/2024: 3 mo. temporary membership suspension through 01/15/2025; 11/15/2024: 1 year suspension through 11/14/2025, followed by a 5-year period of probation through 11/14/2030	November 14, 2030	10/16/2024	11/15/2024
Evan Rabin	12720571	US Chess Bylaws, Article III, Section 3	Executive Director   Executive Board	3 month temporary membership suspension: 10/31/2024 through 1/29/2025; membership revoked 1/14/2025 until criminal charges are cleared.	December 31, 2199	10/31/2024	01/14/2025
Shaun Graham-Bowcaster	12590577	Violations of the US Chess Safe Play Policy	Executive Board	1 year membership probation: 11/12/2024 through 11/12/2025	November 12, 2025	6/10/2024	11/12/2024
Aaron A. Thompson	14004907	Violations of the US Chess Code of Ethics	Ethics	1 year membership suspension	December 10, 2025	10/30/2024	12/10/2024
Minor	Minor	US Chess Bylaws, Article III, Section 3	Executive Director	2/12/25: 90-day membership suspension through 5/13/2025	May 13, 2025	12/7/2024	2/11/2025
Stan Halstead	14847583	Violations of the US Chess Code of Ethics	Ethics and Executive Board	Indefinite suspension beginning 2/11/2025. Halstead may request reinstatement beginning 2/10/2028 subject to conditions outlined in EB25-029.	December 31, 2199	6/6/2024	2/11/2025
Scott Hunt	12791618	Violations of the US Chess Code of Ethics	Ethics	Permanent membership suspension	December 31, 2199	9/6/24	2/21/2025

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