

**US Chess Sanctioned Members
May 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.	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	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
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
Minor		Violations of US Chess Code of Ethics	Ethics and FIDE Events	Membership suspended for 3 years.	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	TD Certification permanently suspended.	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.	October 15, 2025	1/20/2022	10/14/2022
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 and 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	Membership suspended for 2 years plus additional 1 year suspension from US Chess rated online play.	July 27, 2026	3/20/2023	7/26/2023
Minor		Violations of US Chess Code of Ethics	Ethics and Executive Board	Banned from representing any state at one of the US Chess Invitationals for State Scholastic Champions for 2 years.	October 16, 2025	8/10/2023	10/16/2023
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
Oziel Juarez	13973298	Violations of US Chess Code of Ethics	Ethics and Executive Board	Membership suspended for 2 years. 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. 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
Yasser Saber	30750162	Violations of US Chess Code of Ethics	Ethics	Membership suspended for 2 years. 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 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
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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, 2033	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
Pejman Sagart	12536658	Violations of the US Chess Safe Play Policy	Executive Board	Membership suspended for 2 years.	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	Membership suspended for 5 years, followed by TD Certification suspension for 5 years.	April 23, 2034	2/3/2023	5/17/2024
Jorge Orlando Trevino	12731810	Violations of the TD Certification Standards	TDCC	Probation for 1 year. Must abide by limitations of the Senior TD certification level.	May 31, 2025	1/11/2024	5/31/2024
Hans Niemann	15041466	Violations of the US Chess Code of Ethics	Ethics and Executive Board	Probation for 1 year.	May 13, 2025	2/2/2024	5/14/2024
Gregory Nolan	10158419	Violations of the US Chess Safe Play Policy	Executive Board	Probation for 6 months.	June 21, 2025	7/7/2024	9/20/2024

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Evan Rabin	12720571	US Chess Bylaws, Article III, Section 3	Executive Board	Membership indefinitely suspended.	December 31, 2199	10/31/2024	01/14/2025
Shaun Graham-Bowcaster	12590577	Violations of the US Chess Safe Play Policy	Executive Board	Probation for 1 year.	November 12, 2025	6/10/2024	11/12/2024
Aaron A. Thompson	14004907	Violations of the US Chess Code of Ethics	Ethics and TDCC	Membership suspended for 1 year. TD Certification revoked through 11/1/2029.	December 10, 2025	10/30/2024	3/13/2025
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 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	Membership permanently suspended.	December 31, 2199	9/6/24	2/21/2025
Minor	Minor	Violations of the US Chess Code of Ethics	Ethics and Executive Board	Membership suspended for 1 year, followed by probation for 2 years.	September 1, 2027	6/26/24	3/13/2025
F. Leon Wilson	12397107	US Chess Bylaws, Article III, Section 3	Executive Director	Membership suspended for 90 days.	July 14, 2025	4/15/25	4/15/25
Minor	Minor	Violations of the US Chess Safe Play Policy	Executive Board	Membership suspended through 12/31/25, followed by probation for 2 years.	December 31, 2027	12/7/24	4/18/25
Gregory Vaserstein	1242653	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 effective 5/12/25.	May 12, 2027 (membership) May 12, 2035 (TDCC)	12/7/24	5/12/25

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