

Charter: US Chess Committee for Senior Chess

Implemented on X/X 2021

Background: The Senior Chess Committee is appointed by the US Chess Executive Board (EB). Seniors have a substantial presence in US Chess membership. Moreover, researchers have found a link between playing chess and reducing the possibility of developing dementia, Alzheimer's and other debilitating mental illnesses.

Purpose: The purpose of this committee is to develop and implement initiatives that promote chess and grow the game among seniors, both within and outside of US Chess.

Core Objectives:

- Advise the EB on senior chess related activities.
- Advocate senior chess in all US Chess activities as appropriate.
- Create synergies for senior chess activities with the state chapter affiliates.
- Support organization of the Irwin Tournament of Senior State Champions.
- Develop and support programs geared towards seniors outside of the US Chess umbrella, including but not limited to senior centers, VA facilities, assisted living homes and the Alzheimer's Association.

Committee Composition: The committee shall consist of no more than 15 persons. Persons nominated to serve must be willing to participate in email discussions, phone conferences, and a communications group. Participation in the "Senior Committee" workshop during the annual US Open (in person or by phone) is strongly desired. The structure of the committee shall include

- A Chairperson (or Co-Chairpersons)
- A Vice-Chairperson
- A Secretary
- Other persons with a passion for senior chess and a willingness to work towards the committee objectives.

It is desirable to have members from many parts of the country and to have at least one member with a passion for each of the committee's core objectives.

Members of the Committee do not speak for or act as agents of US Chess.

Resources: This committee members shall not receive financial compensation for their activities. Any requests for funds to support the committee must be submitted to and approved by the US Chess Executive Director.

Committee Operations: The Committee shall recommend its selection of officers to the Executive Board for approval each year, normally during the week of the U.S. Open. The Chair shall serve for a minimum of one year and can be re-elected, but shall not serve more than 3 consecutive years. The Chair sets meeting agendas and times for committee meetings. The Chair shall submit an annual report to US Chess through the EB Liaison(s) in time for publication in or distribution with the annual Delegates Call. The Chair shall work with the appointed EB Liaison(s) and Office Liaison to communicate senior chess issues with US Chess.