

## US Chess Accepting T-Shirt Vendor Bids For National Events

February 8, 2021

The US Chess Federation (US Chess) is soliciting T-Shirt Vendor bids for the following FY 2021-2022 through FY 2024-2025 National events. The US Chess fiscal year starts on June 1 and ends on May 31. This will be a one-year agreement, with three optional one-year agreements based on performance and mutual consideration. The successful bid will include the following National events\*:

- **2021 U.S. Open, July 31-August 8, 2021, [Crowne Plaza Philadelphia-Cherry Hill](#), 2349 W. Marlton Pike, Cherry Hill, NJ 08002**
- **2021 National K-12 Grade Championships, December 3-5, 2021, [Rosen Shingle Creek](#), 9939 Universal Blvd., Orlando, FL 32819**
- **2022 National High School (K-12) Championship, April 8-10, 2022, [Memphis Cook Convention Center](#), 250 N. Main St., Memphis, TN 38103**
- **2022 National Junior High (K-9) Championship, April 29-May 1, 2022, [Gaylord Texan Resort and Convention Center](#), 1501 Gaylord Trail, Grapevine, TX 76051**
- **2022 National Elementary (K-6) Championship, May 13-15, 2022, Greater Columbus Convention Center, 400 North High Street, Columbus, OH 43215**
- **2022 U.S. Open, July 30-August 7, 2022, [Westin Mission Hills Golf Resort & Spa](#), 71333 Dinah Shore Dr., Rancho Mirage, CA 92270**
- **2022 National K-12 Grade Championships, December 9-11, 2022, [Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center](#), 201 Waterfront St., National Harbor, MD 20745**
- **2023 National High School (K-12) Championship, March 31-April 2, 2023, [Washington Hilton](#), 1919 Connecticut Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20009**
- **2023 National Junior High School (K-9) Championship, April 21-23, 2023, [Kalahari Resorts & Conventions](#), 3001 Kalahari Drive, Round Rock, TX 78665**
- **2023 National Elementary (K-6) Championship, May 12-14, 2023, Baltimore Convention Center, 1 West Pratt Street, Baltimore, MD 21201**
- **2023 U.S. Open Championship, July 29-August 6, 2023, [DeVos Place](#), 187 Monroe Ave. N.W., Grand Rapids, MI 49503**
- **2023 National K-12 Grade Championships, December 15-17, 2023, [Washington Marriott Wardman Park](#), 2660 Woodley Rd. NW, Washington, DC 20008-4106**
- **2024 National High School (K-12) Championship, date and location TBD**
- **2024 National Elementary (K-6) Championship, April 26-28, 2024, Greater Columbus Convention Center, 400 North High Street, Columbus, OH 43215**
- **2024 National Junior High School (K-9) Championship, May 10-12, 2024, [Hyatt Regency Atlanta](#), 265 Peachtree St. NE, Atlanta, GA 30303**
- **2024 U.S. Open Championship, July 27-August 4, 2024, [Sheraton Norfolk Waterside Hotel](#), 777 Waterside Drive, Norfolk, VA 23510**
- **2024 National K-12 Grade Championships, December 6-8, 2024, [Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center](#), 201 Waterfront St., National Harbor, MD 20745**
- **SuperNationals VII, May 9-11, 2025, [Orange County Convention Center](#), 9800 International Drive, Orlando, FL 32819**

*\*Dates and locations are subject to change.*

US Chess will:

1. Provide adequate space for the T-Shirt vendor with tables and chairs at all listed National Events.
2. Provide a point of contact person at the event.
3. Include a complimentary half-page in the Program Booklet for each event.
4. Include vendor advertising on the US Chess webpage for each event.
5. Provide vendor with list of pre-registrations no later than one week prior to the event.
6. Provide vendor with renderings of official event logos no later than one month before each event.

The successful bid will:

1. Include the percentage of sales to US Chess. Bid may also include a minimum guaranteed amount for each fiscal year.
2. State that complimentary staff apparel will be provided at each event.
3. Acknowledge that vendor will notify the US Chess Director of Events of the number of desired tables for each event. Notification must be provided at least 30 days prior to each event.
4. Acknowledge that vendor is responsible for arranging for electrical power and internet service with venue.
5. Acknowledge that vendor is responsible for making arrangements concerning the delivery or pick up of product with venue.
6. Acknowledge that vendor must pay any drayage fees associated with the T-Shirt vending.
7. Acknowledge that vendor will provide the US Chess Director of Events with its contact information and arrival and departure dates, not later than 30 days prior to each event.
8. Acknowledge that vendor will submit its hours of operations at least 30 days prior to each event, and acknowledge that the schedule is subject to approval by the US Chess Director of Events.

This agreement will be renewable for up to three additional one-year periods, based on vendor performance and at the sole discretion of US Chess. Either party may elect to discontinue the agreement for future fiscal years, by notifying the other party not later than May 31, 2022, for the first extension, or May 31 for subsequent years' extensions.

Competitive bids will be evaluated on the following criteria:

1. Completeness of bid pursuant to requirements listed above.
2. Financial terms that benefit US Chess.
3. Past performance (if any) at US Chess events.
4. Special offerings that enhance the experience of the chess tournament.

The bid process is a sealed process. No bid will be reviewed until the deadline for submission has passed. Bids must be submitted to [jmisner@uschess.org](mailto:jmisner@uschess.org) not later than February 28, 2021. Details for each event, including hotel name, address and telephone number, are available on the US Chess National Events Calendar, <https://new.uschess.org/national-events-calendar>.

Please direct all questions to US Chess Director of Events, Boyd Reed, [boyd.reed@uschess.org](mailto:boyd.reed@uschess.org). DO NOT SUBMIT FINAL BIDS TO THIS EMAIL.