

Charter: US Open Committee

Mission:

The mission of the US Open Committee is to advise the US Chess Director of Events on the location, dates and format of the annual US Open. This includes the playing schedules, time controls, side events and other aspects of the event. The committee also tracks US Open attendance records and awards certificates of recognition to those who have attended five or more times.

Structure:

The committee typically consists of about 5-7 members, who have considerable experience with the US Open as players, TDs or organizers.

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

Operations:

Typically, the Chair meets with the Director of Events at the tournament or consults with him by e-mail and phone during the year. If significant changes in format to the event are suggested, the committee discusses them and takes a vote. The vote and a summary of the deliberations is then reported to the Director of Events and/or the Delegates. In December or January of each year, before the TLA for the next US Open is finalized, there is a final discussion of details for the event. A month or two before the tournament, the US Chess office provides a comprehensive US Open attendance list from 1992 to the present, drawn from MSA records. The committee has additional, pre-1992 records for many players. A preliminary list of award recipients is then drawn up, with additional names being added at the tournament.

Budget and Resources:

The US Open Committee does not have an operating budget. There are annual expenses of \$20-30 (for award certificates), which have been donated by the current Chair since 2009.

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