

US Chess Membership Rates

Age Memberships	One Year	Two Years
Senior (age 65 or older at purchase)	\$40	\$77
Adult	\$45	\$87
Young Adult (under age 24 at expiration)	\$27	\$51
Youth (under age 19 at expiration)	\$20	\$37

Family Memberships (1-year)	
Family Plan #1 (includes parents, their children under age 19 at expiration in the household living at one address, and any full-time college students up to age 24 at expiration)	\$85
Family Plan #2 (includes all children under age 19 at expiration in the household living at one address)	\$55
All memberships expire at the same time. For families wanting to start a new family plan but have at least one current US Chess member, the existing memberships will be pro-rated based on the number of months remaining and the expiration date of the family membership plan will be extended accordingly.	

Two-Month Membership: \$20
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One printed issue of the <i>Chess Life</i> magazine • Only available through affiliates • Not available at US Chess run national events

International Online Membership (1-year): \$20
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must live outside the US • Only available through affiliates

Life Memberships	
Life	\$1500
Senior Life (age 65 or older at purchase)	\$750
Blind Life (Only available by contacting the US Chess office and showing proof of eligibility. A state's certification of legal blindness is accepted unless the person holds a valid driver's license.)	\$375
Benefactor Life (Benefactor members receive a special membership card, are recognized periodically in <i>Chess Life</i> , the US Chess website, and elsewhere. Any Life member can upgrade to a benefactor life member.)	\$3000
All life memberships include a printed copy of the <i>Chess Life</i> magazine each month for free if desired. US Chess intends to contact life members approximately once every three years for reconfirmation of this choice.	

Blind Membership (1-year): \$18
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only available by contacting the US Chess office and showing proof of eligibility. A state's certification of legal blindness is accepted unless the person holds a valid driver's license.

Membership rates effective June 1, 2021. The U.S. Chess Trust offers a limited number of free one-year US Chess memberships to students attending a Title I school who have never been US Chess members before (uschesstrust.org/chess-for-youth). For information about the group membership program, which organizations can use to make memberships cheaper for K-12 players, see <https://secure2.uschess.org/voucher/index.php>. A person in prison may become a member for an annual rate of \$18. Affiliates receive \$3 commission on all memberships that are purchased through them except the two-month, international online, blind, group, and prison memberships.

US Chess Membership Information

- All memberships give the balance of the current month plus the time indicated
- All members (except international online members) receive a membership card in the mail
- Members may purchase a print subscription to the monthly *Chess Life* magazine, currently for \$9.35/year, and/or the bi-monthly *Chess Life for Kids* magazine, currently for \$4.75/year. Magazines are sent by surface mail. For other delivery options, including first class mail and airmail, contact the US Chess office. For members receiving a printed magazine with an address outside of the US, Canada, or Mexico, a \$25 per year postage surcharge is added for those receiving the *Chess Life* magazine and \$12.50 per year for those receiving the *Chess Life for Kids* magazine.
- Membership dues help support and expand chess in the US

US Chess Membership Benefits

- The ability to play in US Chess rated tournaments (regular, quick, blitz, online regular, online quick, online blitz, correspondence) and earn ratings, titles, rankings, and milestones²
- The ability to access member only content on the US Chess website, uschess.org, including current and back issues of the *Chess Life* and *Chess Life for Kids* magazines
- Discount on some Internet Chess Club (ICC) memberships
- Discount on a one-year Chess Magnet School account
- The ability to become a US Chess certified tournament director
- The ability to post on the US Chess forums³
- The right to vote in US Chess elections⁴
- The ability to run for the US Chess Executive Board and be eligible to be a US Chess delegate
- The ability to become a US Chess certified chess coach
- The ability to compete in the US Chess Junior Grand Prix and/or Grand Prix⁵
- The ability to compete in the US Chess membership appreciation program

1) Membership information and benefits effective June 1, 2021. 2) Players do not have to be US Chess members for their section of a tournament to be US Chess rated in the following cases: GM's, IM's, WGM's, and WIM's who are listed on FIDE's records under a country other than the US, house players, and players playing in a section of a tournament that is through 3rd grade or less (except K-3 or lower sections at national events). 3) Must be at least 16 to post. 4) Must register to vote by May 1, be a member the entire day Central Time on May 5 and be at least 16 as of June 30 of election year. If your US Chess membership expires, you must register to vote again. Two-month members are not allowed to vote. 5) Must be under 21 the entire calendar year to be eligible for the Junior Grand Prix.