

# US CHESS

## Membership Rates

Membership Type	One Year	Two Years
<b>Senior</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Age 65 or older at purchase</li> <li>• 12 printed issues of the <i>Chess Life</i> magazine per year</li> </ul>	\$40	\$75
<b>Premium Adult</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 12 printed issues of the <i>Chess Life</i> magazine per year</li> </ul>	\$49	\$95
<b>Regular Adult</b>	\$40	\$75
<b>Premium Young Adult</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Age 25 or under at expiration</li> <li>• 12 printed issues of the <i>Chess Life</i> magazine per year</li> </ul>	\$35	\$65
<b>Regular Young Adult</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Age 25 or under at expiration</li> </ul>	\$26	\$48
<b>Premium Youth</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Age 16 or under at expiration</li> <li>• 6 printed issues (bi-monthly) of the <i>Chess Life</i> magazine per year</li> </ul>	\$30	\$55
<b>Regular Youth</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Age 16 or under at expiration</li> </ul>	\$22	\$40
<b>Premium Scholastic</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Age 13 or under at expiration</li> <li>• 6 printed issues (bi-monthly) of the <i>Chess Life for Kids</i> magazine per year</li> </ul>	\$25	\$45
<b>Regular Scholastic</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Age 13 or under at expiration</li> </ul>	\$17	\$30

### New Member Recruitment Pilot Program

From March 1, 2017 to May 31, 2018, US Chess is running a pilot program with the goal of attracting new adult members to US Chess and assisting affiliates in increasing their club members. People who are at least 18 years old and have never been US Chess members before have a one-time opportunity to play in a US Chess rated event for \$6 instead of paying for US Chess membership. This is only available in events sponsored by affiliates who applied and were approved to be part of the program, in a section of an event that is four rounds or less, and the tournament cannot be a US Chess national event or a US Chess Grand Prix event. The player will not receive a membership card, US Chess publications, or any benefit of membership except to be able to play in one US Chess rated event.

### Two-Month Membership: \$20

- One printed issue of the *Chess Life* magazine
- Only available through affiliates
- Not available at US Chess national events

### International Online Membership (1-year): \$20

- Must live outside the US
- Will not receive a membership card or US Chess publications
- Only available through affiliates

### Family Memberships (1-year)

<b>Family Plan #1</b> (one member at least 25 at expiration)	\$80
<b>Family Plan #2</b> (all members under 25 at expiration)	\$50

- Includes all parents and kids living at the same address
  - \* (Plan #1 can include full time college students living at different address if under 25 at expiration)
- 12 printed issues of the *Chess Life* magazine (sent to home address, not college students address)
- Printed issue of the *Chess Life for Kids* magazine if a member is under 14 at date magazine is issued
- 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.

### Life Memberships

<b>Life</b>	\$1500
<b>Senior Life</b> (Age 65 or older)	\$750
<b>Life Membership for Blind Players</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 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.</li></ul>	\$375
<b>Benefactor Life</b>	\$3000

- Includes printed copy of the *Chess Life* magazine each month if desired. US Chess intends to contact life members approximately once every three years for reconfirmation of this choice.
- Benefactor members receive a special membership card, are recognized periodically in *Chess Life*, the US Chess website, and elsewhere. Any Life member can upgrade to a benefactor life member.

### Blind Membership (1-year): \$18

- 12 printed issues of the *Chess Life* magazine
- 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 March 1, 2017

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 magazine monthly and \$12.50 per year for those receiving the magazine bi-monthly. 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](https://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. The membership includes 12 printed issues of the *Chess Life* magazine. Affiliates receive \$3 commission on all memberships that are purchased through them except the two-month, international online, blind, group, and prison memberships.

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## 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
- The magazines include a bulletin (TLA newsletter) which, among other things, has information about upcoming tournaments that affiliates have paid to advertise. Except for international online members, members not receiving a printed magazine can opt to receive the Adult TLA Newsletter every other month during the even months of the year and/or the Scholastic TLA Newsletter in Feb., June, and Oct. for free by contacting the US Chess office.
- Members can upgrade from regular to premium membership by contacting the US Chess office and paying a prorated difference
- Membership dues help support and expand chess in the US

## Membership Benefits

- The ability to play in US Chess rated tournaments (regular, quick, blitz, online quick, online blitz, correspondence) and earn ratings, titles, rankings, and milestones<sup>1</sup>
- Printed issues of the award-winning *Chess Life* (monthly) and/or *Chess Life for Kids* (bi-monthly) magazines for some membership types
- The ability to access member only content on the US Chess website, [uschess.org](http://uschess.org), including current and back issues of *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 forums<sup>2</sup>
- The right to vote in US Chess elections<sup>3</sup>
- 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 Prix<sup>4</sup>
- The ability to compete in the US Chess membership appreciation program
- Discount with Nationwide Insurance

Membership information and  
benefits effective December 2, 2014

(1) 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 3<sup>rd</sup> grade or less (except K-3 or lower sections at national events). (2) Must be at least 16 to post. (3) 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. 4) Must be under 21 the entire calendar year to be eligible for the Junior Grand Prix.