

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
- Members may purchase a print subscription to the monthly *Chess Life* magazine, currently for \$12/year, and/or the bi-monthly *Chess Life Kids* magazine, currently for \$6/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 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 milestones¹
- 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 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 and see the US Chess Issues forum²
- The right to vote in US Chess elections³
- 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 Prix⁴
- The ability to compete in the US Chess membership appreciation program

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 3rd 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.