

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

ABOUT US CHESS

US Chess is the official governing body and nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization for chess players and chess supporters in the United States. We represent and embrace chess lovers of all ages, ethnicities, genders, backgrounds, and abilities. Few organizations can match our diversity and reach beyond the board, because we believe that everyone has a seat at the chess table.



Mission

Empower people, enrich lives, and enhance communities through chess.

Vision

Chess is recognized as an essential tool that promotes inclusiveness and benefits education, rehabilitation, recreation, and friendly competition.



OUR EVENTS

For decades, US Chess has been at the forefront of organizing premier chess events, including multiple prestigious national championships annually. With our proven track record of delivering well-executed, high-profile tournaments, US Chess has consistently brought together players of all ages and skill levels in a spirit of competition and learning. Our events, which include the National K-12 Grade Championships, spring scholastic nationals, and the U.S. Open, attract the nation's top chess talents and thousands of participants each year. Through careful planning, seamless execution, and widespread media coverage, these events provide an ideal platform for sponsors to engage with an enthusiastic and diverse chess community, showcasing their brand to a nationwide audience.

698

SUCCESSFUL EVENTS
HELD IN LAST 30 YEARS

10,412

PARTICIPANTS AT US CHESS
HOSTED EVENTS IN 2023

63%

INCREASED ATTENDANCE FROM 2003 TO 2023

"I've taken my three kids (two girls and a boy) to and helped run more than 200 US Chess rated tournaments. When kids know the tournaments are rated, they are even more motivated to try their hardest. **Recently I sponsored an**

At Risk Youth team, so they would also have the opportunity to travel to and compete in a scholastic national championship. I volunteer my time and donate to US Chess because chess is a wonderful way for kids to compete and for families to connect."

~JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER V US CHESS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE CHAIR

SUPER NATIONALS

Held every four years, SuperNationals brings the three spring scholastic nationals — elementary, middle, and high school championships — under one roof for an exciting event unmatched in scope, size, and energy as individuals and teams compete for national championship titles. SuperNationals is one of the most anticipated scholastic chess events in the country and is not to be missed.



SuperNationals VIII is expected to draw more than 20,000 people, and will be held at the Orange County Convention Center, a premier venue in Orlando that hosts some of the most dynamic regional, national, and international events in the country.



Largest chess event ever

SuperNationals VI, held in 2017, is the current world record holder with 5,577 participants. SuperNationals VIII is anticipated to break that record with more than 6,000 participants. Don't miss being part of this history-making event.



Side events and special guests

SuperNationals VIII will boast supersized side events and special guests. In addition to the always-popular bughouse and blitz tournaments, which also grant national titles, look for guest grandmasters, simuls, lectures, livestreaming, vendors, and more.



Ideal location

With its many theme parks, Orlando is the most visited tourist destination in the United States. The Convention Center District lies in the heart of the area's tourism district surrounded by worldclass dining, shopping, and entertainment.



SPONSORSHIP

Discover sponsorship opportunities that boost your brand visibility and engagement at this premier chess event. Each level offers unique benefits, positioning your company in front of an engaged audience while providing access to promotional platforms and networking. Select the level that aligns with your goals and partner with US Chess.



MASTER

LEVEL SPONSORSHIP

As the exclusive Presenting Sponsor, your company will enjoy prime brand exposure across event materials, and will be highlighted in US Chess' website, social media, and media coverage. Your logo will be featured on attendee lanyards, and you'll have the opportunity to engage attendees through a high-traffic booth and a tailored hospitality suite for networking and entertainment.

\$100K

- Exclusive Presenting Sponsorship with prominent logo placement
- Prime brand exposure on US Chess website, social media, and media outlets
- Full-page ad in Chess Life magazine
- Logo on attendee lanyards
- Booth in a high-traffic area featuring a chess pro for analysis and engagement
- Company representative participation in the awards ceremony



Wi-Fi Sponsorship

\$50,000

Keep attendees connected by sponsoring the event's Wi-Fi, ensuring seamless access to live streams and updates.

- Prominent logo placement on event materials, website, social media, and press releases
- Company booth placement in high traffic area with game analysis
- provided by chess professional Prominent display as the official Wi-Fi sponsor
- Company logo featured with Wi-Fi password

\rightarrow Live Streaming Sponsorship

\$15,000

Expand your brand's reach by sponsoring the US Chess live stream, connecting with a global audience in real time.

- Prominent logo placement on event materials, website, social media, and press releases
- Engage with chess enthusiasts through interactive content
- Company booth placement in high traffic area with game analysis provided by chess professional
- Customized mentions during streams

DGT Sponsorship

\$10,000

Keep attendees connected by sponsoring the live action on the top boards with state of the art Digital Game Technology.

- Prominent logo placement on event materials, website, social media, and press releases
- US Chess Live stream recognition as DGT sponsor

Sirls Club Sponsorship

\$7,500

Join us in creating a more equitable chess environment and ensure players of all genders have the opportunity to excel through this impactful sponsorship tier.

- Recognition during Girls Club instructional sessions and on Girls Club video
- Featured on Girls Club event signage and any promotional materials

Title 1 & At-Risk Youth Programs

\$2,500 (limit 3)

Help give a Title 1 chess team the opportunity to receive professional coaching and access to a dedicated team room for the National K-12 Grade Championships.

- Featured as a team sponsor on event signage near team rooms
- Personalized thank you on social media from sponsored team



CHESS IN THE U.S.

Recent studies estimate that more than 13 million Americans play chess regularly, while another 46.6 million play occasionally. That doesn't surprise us at US Chess — we're in the middle of a boom that shows no signs of abating. Three Americans are in the world's top 10 and six in the top 20. Our focus is on nurturing the next generation, and our national tournaments are consistently setting new attendance records.

Chess is universal. It's a unique bridge between cultures, because anyone can play chess regardless of age, gender, physical capacities, or even language. Our tournaments — scholastics, in particular — reflect our rich diversity, transcending perceived differences and building a strong community.

Sponsors of our events gain exposure to a broad, engaged, and diverse audience, both in our flagship magazine *Chess Life* (with a print circulation of over 18,000) and on our Chess Life Online website, which attracts 110,000 unique users each month seeking the latest chess news, tournament opportunities, local clubs, and more.

110k+

US Chess members nationwide

16k+

US Chess sanctioned tournaments annually

86%

increase in events from 2003 to 2023

1,200+

US Chess affiliate clubs

BENEFITS OF CHESS

Chess offers benefits that extend beyond just being a game. Here are some key advantages: **INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION:** Chess fosters communication skills, respect for others, and an appreciation for diverse perspectives through shared play.

COGNITIVE SKILLS: Chess enhances critical thinking and problem solving as players plan and anticipate their opponents' moves.

CONCENTRATION AND FOCUS: Chess requires sustained attention, which can enhance overall concentration in other areas of life.

MENTAL ACUITY: Studies suggest that playing chess can improve academic performance in children.

ACCOUNTABILITY: Chess helps children understand the consequences of their actions

EMOTIONAL SKILLS: Children learn to cope with losses and setbacks, developing a sense of resilience and sportsmanship.

LIFELONG LEARNING: Chess offers endless opportunities for learning and improvement, keeping the mind engaged at any age.



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