

2019 Minnesota Chess Hall of Fame Inductee:

Victor Adler

MSCA Hall of Fame Nomination for **IM Victor Adler**
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Victor Adler was born in Russia and immigrated to Minnesota in 1997. Victor was already a successful player at the time, having achieved the **International Master** title in 1996. At his peak, Victor had a **USCF rating of 2593**. Victor has several accomplishments as a player and as a contributor to advancing Minnesota chess and thus deserves to be inducted to the MSCA Hall of Fame.

Victor will mainly be remembered for winning many prestigious tournaments in Minnesota. One of his most important accomplishments in Minnesota is **winning 11 state championships** in his 17 year span living in Minnesota. Victor won the championship from 1998 to 2003, 2005 to 2008, and 2010. Victor also **won the Minnesota Open 6 times** - in 1998, 2002, 2005, 2007, 2009, and 2013. The Minnesota Open and Minnesota Championship are the two most prestigious tournaments on the MSCA calendar. Victor was a **multiple time winner of the Winter Open, the Minneapolis Open, and the Region VI**. Overall, he dominated the Minnesota chess scene - Victor was always a threat to win tournaments, even when he was much older than his competition.

Victor also performed well at national tournaments. One of Victor's best performances at a national tournament was **tying for 8th at the 2000 US Open** in Minnesota with 7/9. He beat GM Pavel Blatny and a young Hikaru Nakamura. In the penultimate round, Victor drew the eventual winner of the event, GM Alex Yermolinsky. Victor's best national tournament victory was **winning the 2004 US Senior Open** in Boca Raton, Florida.

Victor also had several accomplishments as a coach. Victor's coaching followed the style of his predecessors in Russia. The following students achieved incredible success. His student **Andrew Tang** became a USCF National Master under Victor's guidance. Andrew is now a FIDE Grandmaster, the reigning state champion, multiple time national champion, and two-time participant of the US Junior Championships. Another of Victor's longtime students was **Matt Dahl**. Matt became a National Master through Victor's coaching and was also the 12th grade national champion. Another of his longtime students was **Andrew Titus**. Andrew became a National Master under Victor's guidance, and was a K-3 national co-champion. His student **Samarth Chakrasali** became a National Master with Victor's coaching. Another of his students was **David Floeder** who won a national championship as well. Victor had several other students who performed well at both local and national tournaments.