

USA Delegation Wins Three Medals and Much More at 2024 FIDE World Cadet Championships

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Three USA players made podium finishes at the [2024 FIDE World Cadet Chess Championships](#), held from November 15 through 26 in Montesilvano, Italy. Zooming out a bit, roughly a quarter of the players representing the American delegation finished in the top 10 of their respective section, with eight more players finishing in the top 10 (including tiebreaks) and two more finishing tied for ninth, but outside the top 10 on tiebreaks.

Overall, [46 American players](#) — the largest of any delegation — took the trip to Montesilvano, Italy to compete across the three Open (U-12, U-10, U-8) and three Girls (U-12, U-10, U-8) sections of the 11-round Swiss System event.



In the Girls U-12, the highest-placing American was Sophie Li, who tied for 11th with a 7/11 score. But the stories don't stop at the top of the standings! Three more players were among the top of the "ratings gain" list, led by Alice Chovanec (1694), who gained 79 points for her 6/11 score. Tianmu Wang (1640) gained 63 points for the same score, and Candice Liang (1551) earned 68 points for her 5½/11 score. It's fair to say some of the USA players in this section were a bit underrated!