

CSCA Newsletter - January 2021

- All in person CSCA tournaments for 2020-2021 **suspended** until further notice
- CSCA Annual Meeting** will be held on **Sunday January 24 from 1 to 4 P.M. on Zoom**
- Hans Niemann** is Connecticut's next **Grandmaster**
- CSCA online tournaments
- Upcoming chess events in Connecticut

CSCA tournaments for 2020-2021

The CSCA held a Board Meeting on December 5th in which it decided to suspend the 2020-21 tournament cycle and all CSCA tournaments, events and activities due to COVID-19 circumstances until the Board deems it reasonable to resume such activities. A decision regarding Connecticut's national nominees to the 2021 National Tournaments of Champions is still pending. At the same meeting it was also decided to extend all CSCA members' memberships per 12/5/20 by one year.

[Minutes CSCA Board Meeting 12/5/20.](#)

CSCA Annual Meeting

The 2020 Annual Meeting will take place online on Sunday January 24 from 1 to 4 P.M. through Zoom. The meeting will start with the election for two Director seats (expiring in 2025). The new Board will then hold a Directors Meeting including the election of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Ombudsman. If you would like to attend the meeting and/or run for the Board or for Office, please send email CTStateChessAssociation@gmail.com indicating your intention to participate in the meeting and/or willingness to serve on the Board or for Office.

Only adult CSCA members can participate in the election of Directors. A current CSCA membership list can be viewed [here](#) and membership can be acquired [here](#).

Please note that per CSCA Bylaws voting rights of each member do not take effect until ten days after acquiring membership. This rule does not apply to (1) parents of scholastic members who have acquired membership through tournament play outside of this period and (2) renewals of current memberships.

Please read the [Online Meeting Format 2020 CSCA Annual Meeting](#) and [agenda](#) if you intend to attend the meeting.

Hans Niemann Connecticut's next Grandmaster

At the [Sunway Sitges Chess Festival](#) in Spain, one of the few open in-person tournaments held in 2020, 17-year-old Hans Niemann crossed the 2500 (FIDE) rating barrier and cleared his last hurdle to the Grandmaster title after previously having achieved all his title norms. He will be awarded the title at the next FIDE Congress and will be the third Connecticut chess player holding the Grandmaster title.

CSCA Online Tournaments

The CSCA will start hosting informal online tournaments for CSCA members on its team page at lichess.org. Joining lichess is free of charge; the CSCA be joined [here](#). If you are a current member and would like to participate or receive tournament notifications, please request to join the CSCA on lichess here: <https://lichess.org/team/connecticut-state-chess-association>

Please note that players are not allowed to receive outside assistance during their games and have to adhere to lichess's Fair Play Rules and Anti-Cheating Rules.

[Connecticut Chess Tournament Calendar](#)

Due to Covid-19 there are currently very few in-person chess events planned in the state of Connecticut. The Chess Club of Fairfield Country holds their weekly [Saturday G/45 Quads](#) and the [Play More Chess Academy](#) holds weekly informal events and monthly (unrated) tournaments. The New Britain Chess Club has [suspended their indoor activities for the time being](#). The NBCC's annual Summer Open in Wicker Park (Manchester) has been scheduled for August 22.