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Presents

2025-26

CONNECTICUT GRAND PRIX

\$2,500+ in Guaranteed Prizes to Connecticut Players!

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For the 2025-26 cycle year, September 1, 2025 to August 31, 2026, the CSCA is inaugurating the Connecticut Grand Prix (“CTGP”) with a prize fund of \$2,500: \$1,000-500-400-300-200-100. The winner(s) of the CTGP will also receive a commemorative plaque to mark their state title.

A. POINTS ALLOCATION, DISTRIBUTION & ENHANCEMENT

The 2025-26 CTGP points allocation and distribution will mimic that of the [USCF GP](#).

Organizers may enhance CTGP points allocation without increasing event prize fund by making a post-event contribution to the CSCA GP prize fund, as follows:

One Level Enhancement: \$3 per event entry (\$2.25 for Member Organizations); or

Two Level Enhancement: \$5 per event entry (\$3.75 for Member Organizations).

Enhanced CTGP points must be marked “enhanced” on event publicity.

B. PLAYERS

To be eligible to receive CTGP points, a player must:

- (1) Be an eligible “Connecticut player”.¹
- (2) Be a Regular, Premium or Lifetime CSCA Member in good standing at the start of the CTGP participating tournament and prize distribution. To purchase Regular or Premium CSCA Membership, please [follow this link](#). (Event members—receiving membership through mere event participation—or other unpaid members, are not eligible.)
- (3) Participate in the top Open section of any CSCA GP-participating event.

C. EVENTS

To be eligible for inclusion in the CTGP, an event must:

¹ A “Connecticut player” is any player with established contact to the Connecticut community and includes Connecticut residents, students, workers, CSCA Premium Members, CSCA Lifetime Members, etc.

- (1) Be located within the borders of the state of Connecticut or receive CSCA permission for an out-of-state CTGP inclusion.²
- (2) Be a New England-rated event, or for events with time control below 30 minutes total time, consist of at least five rounds Rapid or ten rounds (five double-rounds) Blitz or faster.
- (3) Not conflict with another CSCA or GP event.
- (4) Include a top open section with no rating restrictions, unusual terms or excessive fees, in which all Masters can participate.
- (5) Include a minimum guaranteed total section prize of no less than \$300, including a \$150 first place prize and any class prizes for U2150 or higher. Class prizes may not exceed one third of the total section prize. No more than one below \$100 prize and no prize below highest entry fee may count toward the GP prize total. Only guaranteed funds may be applied to the GP point allocation.

D. ORGANIZERS

To register an event for inclusion in the CTGP, an organizer must:

- (1) Be a Regular, Premium or Lifetime member of the CSCA or an authorized representative of a CSCA Member Organization.
- (2) Be the organizer or the officer with authority of the entity organizer.
- (3) At least five (5) weeks ahead of the event date, submit to the CSCA at events.CSCA@gmail.com a request to include event in the CTGP, providing the event flyer, TLA or other official description. The email must state that the organizer requests inclusion and agrees to abide by the terms of the CTGP. Submit a non-refundable GP application fee of \$30, \$22.50 for Member Organizations, via PayPal to “events.CSCA@gmail.com”.

(Upon approval of the event, the CSCA will post the event with the CSCA calendar, the New England Clearinghouse (if not posted by the organizer), the CSCA Facebook page, on the ChessCT.org homepage in order of queue, and the CSCA newsletter, if published ahead of the event.)

- (4) Within seven (7) days of the conclusion of the event, send to the CSCA at events.CSCA@gmail.com the following: (a) properly completed final round SwissSys section C-reports for filing with the New England rating system, including players’ NER IDs and grades, if any, (b) final standings from the event in .pdf format, (c) list of players in Excel for CSCA event member registration, including corresponding columns for names, grades, emails and addresses, and (d) payment for enhanced CTGP points, if applicable, via PayPal to “events.CSCA@gmail.com”.

For questions about the CTGP, please email the CSCA at events.CSCA@gmail.com.

² The CSCA at its sole discretion may extend the CTGP to an out-of-state event, if the proposed event (a) is reasonably near the Connecticut border, (b) has a reasonable probability of broad Connecticut participation, and (c) is unlikely to cause a significant percentage of CTGP events to be played out-of-state.