



CONNECTICUT STATE CHESS ASSOCIATION

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Presents

2026-27

CONNECTICUT GRAND PRIX

\$3,500+ in Guaranteed Prizes to Participating Players!

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For the 2026-27 cycle year, October 1, 2026 to August 31, 2027, the CSCA is renewing the Connecticut Grand Prix (“CTGP”) with a prize fund of \$3,500, distributed as follows:

\$2,000 to Open section: \$1,000-500-300-200;
\$1,000 to U2000 section: \$500-250-150-100;
\$500 to U1400 section: \$250-125-75-50.

Plaque prizes to commemorate the state title and placements shall be awarded to the placing players.

The 2026-27 Connecticut Grand Prix is open to all players, regardless of residence!

A. POINTS ALLOCATION, DISTRIBUTION & ENHANCEMENT

Open Section

The Open section points allocation and distribution will mimic that of the [USCF GP](#).

U2000 and U1400 Sections

These sections will have the same point allocations as offered in the same event’s Open section. If no Open section is offered, the total points will be reasonably assigned by the CSCA.

If the event section rating limits are different from the CTGP rating limits, the section that can house one or more GP limits is the section for GP section purposes—example, event sections: U2200, U1900, U1600, U1200, the GP sections are U2200 and U1600.

Points Enhancement

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

One Level Enhancement: \$2.00 per event entry.
Two Level Enhancement: \$3.25 per event entry.

Enhanced CTGP points must be marked “Enhanced Level 1” or “Enhanced Level 2” on event publicity.

B. PLAYERS

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

- (1) Be a Premium or Lifetime CSCA Member in good standing ahead of the start of the CTGP-participating tournament and CTGP prize distribution. To purchase Premium CSCA Membership, please [follow this link](#).
- (2) [Register to participate in the CTGP](#). Registration is FREE.
- (3) Participate in any CTGP-participating event(s).

Connecticut residence is NOT required.

If a player rated out of a CTGP section, they must register again for a higher section. To reenter a lower section, a player's rating must decline at least 200 rating points below the section limit.

C. EVENTS

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

- (1) Be located within the borders of the state of Connecticut or receive CSCA permission for an out-of-state CTGP inclusion.¹
- (2) Not conflict with another CSCA or other CTGP event.
- (3) For the Open section: Include a minimum section prize of no less than \$300, including a \$150 first place prize and any class prizes for U2200 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 be included. Only guaranteed funds are applied to the CTGP point allocation.

D. ORGANIZERS

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

- (1) Be the organizer or officer of the organizer-entity with at least regular CSCA membership.
- (2) Unless otherwise authorized, 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 or other description, which includes all event terms. The email must state that the organizer requests inclusion and agrees to abide by the terms of the CTGP.
- (3) Submit a CTGP event registration fee of \$35 via PayPal to "events.CSCA@gmail.com".
- (4) Within seven (7) days of the conclusion of the event, send to the CSCA at events.CSCA@gmail.com the following: (a) final standings from the event in .pdf format, (b) list of players in Excel for CSCA event member registration, including corresponding columns for names, grades (if any), emails and addresses, and (c) 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.

¹ 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 points to be gained out-of-state.