

CONNECTICUT STATE CHESS ASSOCIATION

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Hi, everyone:

Thank you for registering and participating in the 2026 Connecticut Girls Championship, the annual title event of the Connecticut State Chess Association. The event is a four round G/45+10 tournament.

PLEASE READ BEFORE TRAVELING TO THE EVENT

Here are some things you need to know for tomorrow:

1. Equipment

All equipment (chess sets, clocks, scoresheets and pencils) will be provided. You do NOT need and will NOT be permitted to use your own.

SCOREBOOKS AND ELECTRONIC SCOREKEEPERS ARE NOT PERMITTED.

2. Venue & Parking

The event is being held at the beautiful Greenwich Academy (GA) campus. ([Campus map](#).) The Dining Commons (#15 on campus map) and Young Auditorium (#10 on campus map) will be the location of the event. The auditorium will be used for play. The commons will be used as lounging space. WE WILL MEET AT THE AUDITORIUM FIRST, so ideal parking is in the large lot behind the facilities office at the Lower School Entrance (#32 on the campus map). Parking is FREE.

3. Check-in & Lateness

There is no check-in at this event. If you registered, you will be paired. However, players should check their names on the master wall charts, which will be posted in and outside of the playhall. **If your name is highlighted, please see TD to verify information. Also, if you do not see your name, come see us.**

IF YOU ARE LATE to Round 1, we reserve the right to re-pair available players together and absent players together. Absent players will play on the remaining clock upon their arrival at the board. As soon as lateness is expected, players late or running late should TEXT their (1) section, (2) name, (3) expected time of arrival and (4) if they plan to participate in or forfeit Round 1 to (860) 593-0225. If lateness is substantial, you can request a Round 1 bye, if Round 1 has yet to start.

4. No “Drop Off”

Like all scholastic tournaments, this is NOT a drop off activity. Parents are responsible for their children at all times.

5. Spectators & Parents

Spectators are NOT PERMITTED at this event. Anyone not playing will not be permitted in the play area. Meanwhile, players who completed their match should reset their board and make their way toward the play hall exit until the subsequent round. Repeat reminders of this requirement may result in dismissal from the event and disqualification.

Any players who require help to be seated for the event rounds will be assisted by our staff, NOT their parents.

NOTE TO PARENTS (NO PARENTS IN PLAY HALL): Please allow us to politely remind you that this is your child's tournament and not yours. In accordance with USCF rules, children are considered players, capable of functioning as players and not requiring the assistance of parents to engage in play and all aspects related thereto. Meanwhile, parents are not players and may not assist their children during play or in the administration of the event. We do NOT allow parents back in the play hall after the start of Round 1. Parent presence in the play hall only delays the start of rounds, creates distractions and serves as interference. Reminders to leave the play hall will result in parent dismissal from the event venue and when unavoidable the possible disqualification of your child. Please allow your children to experience the tournament independently for themselves.

Our staff will assist all children with any questions or issues when in the play hall.

6. Telephones & Smart Devices

Phones and other smart devices are NOT PERMITTED in the play hall. Please leave these in your cars or with parents, accompanying guests, etc. Phone use or activation during play may result in disqualification. Please abide by these rules to prevent needless distractions and stoppages. (If you have absolutely no option but to bring your phone into the event hall, please turn it off and place it face down next to your board.)

7. Prizes (More than just placements!)

Please note that there are prizes other than top placements, such as class prizes. Also official CSCA tournament medals will be distributed to players not placing. Please do not leave ahead of the Award Ceremony, if you expect to receive your prize. We do NOT ship prizes.

8. Withdrawals

If you decide to withdraw from the event for any reason, **you MUST (1) inform the Chief TD in person and (2) complete your entry on the withdrawal list** at the completion of your last played game and ahead of the posting of the subsequent round pairings.

9. Approximate Schedule

The **approximate** event schedule is as follows (event is ASAP and all times are flexible):

G/45 Sections

10:50 AM – Announcements
11:00 AM – Round 1
1:00 PM – Lunch*
1:30 PM – Round 2
2:45 PM – Round 3
5:00 PM – Round 4
7:15 PM – Awards

Although officially, based on time control, we expect to finish by 7:30 PM, from experience I can confidently relay that the event will likely end several hours before that. However, please do not forget that first place tie breaks are played via Rapid/Blitz/Armageddon, which may delay conclusion of some sections. We will hold Awards as soon as sections conclude whenever possible.

PLEASE NOTE that we will do our best to get everyone in and out efficiently. However, the schedule is flexible and will depend and may change based on the circumstances of the day.

10. Parent/Family Section

Parents, siblings and other visitors, not participating in the main event, are invited to play in a New England-rated section for a 4-round G/30+10 competition, which will be rated for free under the New England Rating System. (No IDs or USCF membership required.) The winning player will receive a trophy and CSCA event entry credit for \$50 for themselves or their child in a future CSCA tournament. Entry for this competition will be just \$20 onsite in cash. Participation medals will be available to all participants. **If you are interested in playing, come see us.**

11. Side Games for Players with One Point Byes

If you have a “forced bye” (one point bye due to odd number of players in your section) for any of the Rounds in the event, we will do our best to provide you with a rated side game. **You are obligated to play the extra game, unless the Chief TD is unable to provide an opponent or otherwise permits you to decline.** Our goal is to provide all players with a rated game every round whenever possible. Thus, if your pairing says “see TD for possible pairing”, please wait by the TD table at the start of the round.

12. Scoring Results

Please DO NOT FORGET to score your results on the pairing sheet before leaving the room. Upper section players are expected to score on the wall pairings. Lower section players may be scored via staff on the floor.

13. WiFi

There is WiFi on site.

14. Nonprofit fund raiser and volunteers

This is a nonprofit tournament event of the Connecticut State Chess Association, a 501(c)(7) nonprofit corporation. All proceeds from the event are raised for nonprofit efforts in our state's chess community.

No solicitation is permitted during the event without the expressed consent and authorization of the CSCA.

Anyone interested in volunteering to help the CSCA, either at this event or in future programs and projects, please see CSCA President Alexander Lumelsky, who will be present throughout the event.

15. Emergencies, questions, concerns, etc.

If you have any of the above, please call or text Alexander Lumelsky (Alex) at (860) 593-0225.

16. People to Know

Alexander Lumelsky, CSCA President and Chief Organizer and TD
NM Mikhail Koganov, Assistant TD

If parents are willing and able to help with administrative items during the event, please see Mr. Lumelsky when you arrive. We would be delighted to have your assistance.

Thank you for your time.

CSCA Events Admin



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