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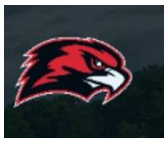
Connecticut Grade Championships

$1,300 in Free Entry Prizes; Thirteen (K-12) State Champion Titles!

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CT Chess — US CHESS STATE AFFILIATE



Manchester High School Chess Club

Date/Time: Saturday, December 5, 2026; Round 1 at 11 AM, then ASAP.
Online registration ends at 9 AM, onsite reg 10 AM-1:30 PM.

Location: Manchester High School, 134 East Middle Turnpike, Manchester, CT 06040

Sec/Rds/ TC/ Byes: 13 sections by Grade: *K (and younger), 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12*
(Play within grade, only.) 5 Rounds Swiss; G/25 d5; Two ½ point bye Rds 1-4; New England-rated, USCF dual-rated if both players are USCF members. *Reentry permitted* before Round 3. USCF ratings used for pairings.

Prizes: Trophies to Top 3 in each section; Medals to non-placing participants.
CT Champions: Top CT player per section receives State Champion plaque.
Top player & CT Champion win $50 in CSCA credit valid thru June 30, 2027.

Tiebreak: 1st place ties subject to CSCA standard tiebreak format. USCF tiebreaks determine seeding. (More below.)

Entry Fee: Register online: $45 by 11/27; $50 by 12/1; $60 by 12/3; $80 thereafter.
All Titled free through Nov 30. *Reentry/Changes $20*. Standard discounts apply.

Notes: [1] **"Connecticut player".** For purpose of this event, a Connecticut player resides or attends school in Connecticut. [2] **Tiebreak.** Format: a) G/10+3 game; if drawn, b) G/3+2 game; if drawn, c) G/5/4+2 game. Seeding/color by USCF tiebreaks. Tiebreak may be modified at the discretion of the organizer. [3] **Standard Discounts.** CSCA offers discounts for CSCA Premium Members, Siblings, Title I Students and Hardship Cases. Please write to events.CSCA@gmail.com to apply. Not combinable. [4] **Onsite Transactions.** Onsite transactions are in cash. [5] **USCF ID Discount:** Take $10 off your USCF ID purchase or renewal onsite. CSCA Premium Members: $15 off. For new/expired/expiring IDs only. [6] **Equipment.** All equipment, including clocks/scoresheets, provided. [7] **Est. End Time.** Total: 5.5 hours. End ~4:30 PM. (Likely earlier.) [8] **Withdrawal Refund Policy:** To withdraw and request a refund, players MUST email their request to events.CSCA@gmail.com no later than Dec 2. Requests received after deadline, will not be honored. Refunds are subject to $20 admin fee. [9] **Solicitation Prohibited.** CSCA Promotion Policy at CSCA Tournaments & Events is in effect. Contact the CSCA for promotional opportunities. [10] **Videography/Photography:** By registering for our tournaments, player/ guardian consents to all recordings and waves all claims thereto and relinquishes all rights therein.