

Connecticut State Chess Association

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Hi, everyone:

Thank you for registering and participating in the 2025 Connecticut State Championship, a G/45+10 tournament (U800 and NER section play G/30+10)! Upper Sections (Champion, U2200, U1800 and U1300) start at 11 AM. Lower Sections (U800 and NER) start at 12 PM. Please arrive at least 15-30 minutes before the start of your section.

PLEASE READ BEFORE TRAVELING TO THE EVENT

Here are some things you need to know for today:

NOTICE: IF YOU ARE COMPETING FOR [CSCA GRAND PRIX](#) POINTS, YOU MUST BE A CSCA REGULAR OR PREMIUM MEMBER BEFORE THE START OF ROUND 1. (OUT-OF-STATE RESIDENTS MAY ALSO PARTICIPATE AS PREMIUM MEMBERS.) REGULAR (\$20) OR PREMIUM (\$50) CSCA MEMBERSHIP MAY BE PURCHASED [HERE](#). **THE CSCA GP PRIZE FUND IS \$2,500 AND THE FIRST PLACE PRIZE IS \$1,000 AND A CHAMPION'S PLAQUE.** THERE ARE SIX CASH PRIZE PLACEMENTS.

1. Equipment

All equipment will be provided. You do not need and will not be permitted to use your own.

SCOREBOOKS ARE NOT PERMITTED. Scoresheets will be available for everyone.

We appreciate all HELP with setting up chess boards when you arrive, as well as clean up when possible.

2. Venue & Parking

The event venue is Trinity College, Mather Hall. (See [Campus Map](#). Mather Hall is located on Summit Street, the street running down the west side of the campus, and is the third building on your left following the turn onto College Terrace, if travelling north to south. There is a circular driveway right next to the building for drop off.) Signs will be posted. PARKING IS FREE ANYWHERE ON CAMPUS, STREET AND LOTS.

Competition will take place on the second floor in the event hall a/k/a "Washington Room". Please enter Mather through the main entrance, which is on the interior side of the campus or the green and go up the stairs or elevator to the second floor. The event hall will be right in front of you.

The easiest and straightest way to Mather Hall at Trinity is off Interstate 84. Whether you are coming from north, south, east or west, I-84 West bound Exit 47 (Sigourney Street) or I-84

Eastbound Exit 48B (Capitol Avenue) are the most direct ways to campus. Use GPS with 300 Summit Street as your target address and use the [campus map](#) once on Summit Street.

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 ballroom. **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 10 or more minutes 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.

4. No “Drop Off”

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

5. Additional Competition: Parents / Sibling / Other Visitors

Parents, siblings and other visitors, not participating in the main event, are invited to play in the NER section, which will be rated for free under the New England Rating System. The winning parent 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. Please stop by the TD desk to register. (We will also announce and take registrations after the upper sections begin play.) Participation medals will be available to all participants.

6. Reentry

REENTRY is permitted into the U2200, U1800 and U1300 sections. Players who lose or even draw in Round 1 in any section of the event may reenter in one of these three sections with a Round 1 bye. The section of initial entry does not matter. The reentry fee is \$60 and must be paid in cash (exact change) or via PayPal to “events.CSCA@gmail.com”. Reentry must be completed fifteen minutes before Round 2.

7. Spectators

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.

8. 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.)

9. Prizes (More than just placements!)

Please note that there are prizes other than top five 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.

All money prizes are paid via PayPal within seven (7) days of the event.

CSCA Grand Prix standings will be announced in our newsletter, the Chess Community Post.

10. Withdrawals

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

11. Approximate Schedule

The **approximate** event schedule is as follows:

Arrival at least 15-30 minutes ahead of Round 1 for your section.

Announcements will be made 10 minutes ahead of Round 1 start for your section.

11:00 AM – Round 1 for Upper Sections (Champion, U2200, U1800 and U1300)

12:00 PM – Round 1 for Lower Sections (U800 and NER)

**** – LUNCH BREAK : After Round 1 for all Sections – ****

1:30 PM – Round 2 for ALL Sections – Round 2 for ALL Sections

2:45 PM – Round 3 for Lower Sections

4:00 PM – Round 4 for Lower Sections

3:45 PM – Round 3 for Upper Sections

5:20 PM – Awards for Lower Sections

6:00 PM – Round 4 for Upper Sections

8:15 PM – Awards for Upper Sections

**** FOOD/LUNCH** is available on the first floor of Mather in the Dining Hall. The Dining Hall has salad bar, grill, deli and other excellent stations for food options. Please try to manage your way to the Dining Hall as soon as you finish Round 1 to avoid the rush.

This is an approximation only. All subsequent Rounds are ASAP, as advertised. We will email progress as it occurs, as well as announce in and outside the ballroom.

PLEASE NOTE that we will do our best to get everyone in and out, as efficiently as possible. This event is on an ASAP SCHEDULE, which means that we will pair subsequent rounds as soon as all play in the current round is completed. The schedule is thus flexible and will depend and may change based on the circumstances of the day.

12. Side Games for Players with One Point Bys

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.

13. Scoring Results: Upper & Lower Sections

Upper Sections (Champion, U2200, U1800 and U1300) are responsible for scoring their results after each of their games on the wall-posted pairing sheet, as customary. However, unless instructed otherwise, Lower Sections (U800 and NER) will report their score to the Tournament Director (TD) in charge of their Section. Lower section players will raise their hand once their game is complete and wait for the TD to approach and record their score.

14. WiFi

Please use the free WiFi network provided at this venue.

15. Lounging and Space Use

There will be several skittles rooms available adjacent to the Washington Room as well as hallway spaces and the 1st floor lounging and dining spaces.

16. Nonprofit fundraiser 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.

17. Emergencies, questions, concerns, etc.

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

18. People to Know

Alexander Lumelsky, CSCA President and Chief Organizer
Teddy Flemming, Trinity College Chess Club co-President and co-Organizer
Hayes Goodman, Trinity College Chess Club co-President and co-Organizer
Ismael Pagan, CSCA Board member and Assistant/Floor TD

Thank you for your time.

CSCA Events Admin



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