

Connecticut State Chess Association

a 501(c)(7) nonprofit corporation
P.O. Box 370123 -- West Hartford, CT 06137

Hi, everyone:

Thank you for registering and participating in the 2024 Connecticut Scholastic Championships!

Here are some things you need to know or that have already been asked by some:

Equipment

Chess sets and clocks will be provided for this event. You do not need a chess set or clock to participate.

SCOREBOOKS NOT PERMITTED: All scoresheets will be provided. Scorebooks are not permitted in the play hall during play and like mobile phones must be put away in your bags or left with parents/cars/etc.

Venue

The event is being held at Sacred Heart University (SHU) in the all new Bowman Hall. The main hall of the building will be used for play. The lobby and lounge will be used as waiting space.

Directions

SHU is located in Fairfield right off Merritt Parkway (Rte 15). Please use the **Jefferson Street entrance** to get to Bowman Hall, rather than the main entrance of the campus. Signage will be posted for your convenience. Parking will be on your right. Bowman Hall is with the residence halls in the courtyard on your left. Please see below map provided by SHU for our event:



SACRED HEART UNIVERSITY
Fairfield, Connecticut
campus map

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Enter the SHU campus via the **Jefferson Street** entrance, which is located across the street from Notre Dame High School. Park in one of the designated parking **P** areas. Event location is Bowman Hall ★



SHU Public Safety (203) 371-7995

Parking

Parking is free on campus. You may park at any blue “P” marked on the above map. (You can also see a photo of the campus areas relevant to our event below.)

No “Drop Off”

Like most tournaments, this is NOT a drop off activity. Parents are responsible for their children at all times. It is understood that older players will need less supervision, and some high schoolers may drive themselves to and from the event, but always with the permission of their parents.

Spectators

Spectating is NOT permitted, and parents will NOT be permitted in the play hall, except at the time of pre-Round 1 announcements for the upper sections. Younger children will be ushered to their boards by staff. In addition to alleviating typical concerns of interference, this will get the rounds started faster and get the event completed quicker.

Food

There will be food service on campus at the Linda McMahon Commons, a/k/a Linda’s. Linda’s, a full service dining hall, will be open from 9a until 2p for all food purchase needs. Linda’s is located a short walk to the left and forward from Bowman. (See directions pictured below in yellow.) If additional food service is needed after 2p, the nearest food options are likely on Main Street, a short drive down Jefferson Street/Old Town Road past the Westfield Trumbull Mall.

Bowman Hall (Chess Event) to Linda McMahon Commons Dining Hall (Food & Drink Concessions)



Telephones

All players must turn off or silence their phones during play and store them in a book bag or otherwise surrender them to their parents. Phone use or activation during play may result in disqualification. Please abide by these rules to prevent needless distractions and stoppages.

Trophies

Please note that there in addition to placements there are rating-based prizes. Additionally, official event medals will be awarded to players not otherwise placing. Please do not leave ahead of the Award Ceremony if you expect to receive your prize. Prizes will not be distributed in advance of the Awards Ceremony. Please understand that we will not know most results until the tabulation is made for the Awards Ceremony. Additionally, we do NOT ship trophies or medals to players, if they decide to leave. If you leave the event ahead of the Award Ceremony, your trophy or medal will be considered abandoned.

Check-in

There is NO check-in at this event. If you registered, you are in and will be paired for Round 1, unless a bye was requested. However, you may verify your entry and information by examining the posted Wall Chart when you arrive.

Approximate Schedule

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

For K-5, 6-8 and 9-12 (Elementary, Middle and High School) sections...

Arrival is by 9:10a (there is NO check-in or on-site registration)
Announcements will be at 9:25a in the play hall with all players seated to start
Round 1 – 9:30a
LUNCH (there may be 15-30 min added at organizer's discretion to allow lunch)
Round 2 – 12:00p
Round 3 – 2:30p
Round 4 – 5:00p
Award Ceremony by 7:30p in the Bowman lobby

For K-1 and K-3 sections...

Arrival is by 9:45a (there is NO check-in or on-site registration)
Announcements will be at 9:55a in the main lobby
Round 1 – 10:00a
Round 2 – 11:30a
LUNCH (there may be 15-30 min added at organizer's discretion to allow lunch)
Round 3 – 1:00p
Round 4 – 2:15p
Award Ceremony by 3:45p in the Bowman lobby

PLEASE NOTE that we will do our best to get everyone in and out, as efficiently as possible. As soon as a section ends, if it is possible to tabulate immediately, it will be tabulated and Award

Ceremony commenced in the Bowman lobby. Tie breaks in any section will take place after tabulation so that the rest of the section players can receive their prizes and choose to depart. Parents will not be permitted into the play hall to expedite seating and round start. Please help us stay on track and on time by cooperating with these procedures.

Broadcast

We will be broadcasting games from six electronic boards, the two highest boards in the three upper (oldest) sections; those with longer time controls, every Round. The [broadcast](#) can be accessed on our website. Please visit to watch the games.

WiFi

Wi-Fi is available at both Bowman Hall and Linda's via **BigRedNet**, password: **Pioneers5151**.

Lounging and Space Use

Parents and players on break between games may lounge at Bowman or at Linda's, where there is lots of table space for those who may want it.

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.

Emergencies, questions, concerns, etc.

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

Please **DO NOT** enter the play hall to speak with the Tournament Director. If you need to speak to the TD, please see a staff member at the control desk in the lobby to the play hall and relay your question/concern. If there is no one at the control desk, please see/call/text Mr. Lumelsky. This protocol is in place to cause the least disruption to the flow of the event and a timely conclusion. Please help us in this effort.

If you have a question/concern related to the facility or to the campus, please approach the control desk to make the proper inquiry with SHU. Additional facility contact information may be made available tomorrow morning. SHU Public Safety phone number is located on the campus map above.

People to Know

Alexander Lumelsky, CSCA President and Chief Organizer

NM Ian Harris, Senior TD and Chief TD

Paul Rychlik, SHU Chess and Faculty member and Facility Coordinator for the event

Floor TDs and admins will also be participating.

If parents are willing and able 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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