

Connecticut State Chess Association

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Hi, everyone:

Thank you for registering and participating in the CSCA's 2024 Fairfield County & Norwalk City Championships, Saturday, December 7 at the Norwalk (Main) Public Library.

Here are some things you need to know BEFORE LEAVING YOUR HOME in the MORNING:

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: To prevent cheating, all players must use scoresheets and may not use scorebooks. Scoresheets and pencils will be provided by the organizer. Electronic scoring devices are NOT permitted.

Venue

The event is being held at the Norwalk (Main) Public Library, not the SoNo Branch. The address is 1 Belden Avenue, Norwalk 06850. The main play hall is the auditorium (large conference room on the second floor). Elevators are available.

Directions

For directions please use your GPS. The nearest highway exit (by far) to the library is Exit 15 off I-95.

Parking

Parking is free in the library lot, which unfortunately may not be big enough for all attendees. However, there is also ample street parking all around the library. (From past events, players were also able to park in the adjacent post office lot.)

Check-in

There is NO check-in at this event. Please check that you are on the posted roster (Wall Chart) for your section, and if there are markings next to your name, please see the Tournament Director, as soon as you arrive. Otherwise, if you registered and there are no markings next to your name, you are in the event and will be paired for Round 1, unless a bye was requested.

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 and in the

care and supervision of their parents. Children must be aware of where their parents are waiting between Rounds to be able to return to their parent after Round play unassisted.

Spectators

There is **ABSOLUTELY NO SPECTATING** permitted during the event. Players may NOT crowd around an ongoing game at any time. Players who are finished with their game MUST depart the auditorium immediately and may not return until the start of the next round.

Unless asking a question or raising an issue to the organizer or one of the TDs, **parents are NOT PERMITTED in the auditorium after the start of Round 1** and until the start of the Award Ceremony. By allowing your children to seat themselves, the Rounds will start efficiently and the event will be completed timely. Parents are NOT permitted to spectate.

Failure to abide by this policy may be considered event interference or other infraction and may result in disqualification and removal from the event.

ALSO, we are asking that parents and players not crowd the hallway at the entrance to the auditorium and remain in the Children's Department or other areas. All games will have to finish for players to return to the play hall. We will announce Round starts in person and via email.

Food

There is NO food on site at the library. However, there are many lunch restaurants around the library. Lunch will be after Round 1 for about 15-30 minutes. Please plan accordingly.

Mobile Telephones & Smart Watches

There are absolutely NO active electronic devices permitted in the play area during play. All players **must turn off their phones and place them face down on the table next to their boards**. Other options would be to leave these items with a parent, or in your vehicles. Phone use or activation during play may result in disqualification from the event. Please abide by these rules to prevent needless distractions and stoppages.

Prizes/PayPal

Money prizes will be paid via PayPal. We will use the PayPal information we have on file from your entry to make the prize payment. If an alternate PayPal address is desired for prize receipt, please email events.CSCA@gmail.com with your alternate address after prizes are announced. For trophy prize sections, an award ceremony will be held as soon as practicable after the conclusion of play in your section.

Approximate Schedule

The optimistic **approximate** event schedule is as follows: (THIS IS AN ASAP EVENT. ROUNDS MAY BE PAIRED AND STARTED AS SOON AS PRIOR ROUND ENDS. IT IS THE PLAYERS' RESPONSIBILITY TO ARRIVE ON TIME FOR THE SUBSEQUENT ROUND. YOUR CLOCK WILL START AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE AFTER PAIRING.)

10 AM:	Close of Round 1 registration (new players get ½ point bye thru 11:30 AM, close of all registration)
10:45 AM:	Round 1 pairings posted
10:50 AM:	Pre-start announcements
11 AM:	Round 1
11:30 AM:	Close of registration
12:15 PM:	LUNCH BREAK
12:45 PM:	Round 2
2:00 PM:	Round 3
3:15 PM:	Round 4
4:30 PM:	Awards & Announcements

**NOTE TO PLAYERS:
PLEASE DO NOT FORGET
TO MARK YOUR RESULTS ON
THE PAIRING SHEET TO
TO AVOID ROUND DELAY
AND GAME FORFEIT**

Again, these are approximate times. The official schedule is still ASAP. It is the player's responsibility to arrive on time for Round start.

ADDITIONALLY, please, PLEASE, do not ask, or send your children to ask, when the next Round will start. You have this information. We do not know, exactly. Thus, the answer is always: "The event is on an ASAP schedule: when all games are finished plus 5-10 minutes to pair and post." The approximate schedule is above for guidance.

Any schedule changes/updates due to early or late Round completion will be posted and/or emailed, if necessary.

Late Arrival to Round

If you are **10 minutes late to any Round without communication or 15 minutes late regardless of communication**, we reserve the right to forfeit you for the game and re-pair your opponents, to provide a competitive game to the timely arriving player. Communication should be sent via text to (860) 593-0225 or email to chess.CSCA@gmail.com.

Withdrawals/Early Departures

If you decide to leave early for any reason: Please WITHDRAW before leaving by informing the Tournament Director or Organizer DIRECTLY and IN PERSON!!! The TD/organizer will mark you withdrawn on the pairing sheet. Only then you may leave. You may NOT mark the pairing sheet yourself.

Please DO NOT just leave the event without notifying the TD/organizer. Leaving without notice is bad sportsmanship and bad for the event. If you just disappear, you will be paired for the next round, and your opponent will be forced to spend 30 minutes at the board waiting for your time to expire for the official forfeit win.

No matter the circumstances of your day, please DO NOT JUST LEAVE. Make sure to let the Tournament Director know you are withdrawing.

FAILING TO ABIDE BY THIS WITHDRAWAL PROCEDURE MAY RESULT IN PENALTIES IN FUTURE EVENTS, i.e., an imposition of a penalty fee, suspension from CSCA events for months, etc.

WiFi

There is public WiFi available at the Library.

Lounging and Space Use

The Children's Department is available for lounging for parents, players and children. However, parents are responsible to supervise their children in the library. There is no running, pulling or pushing books in the stacks/shelves or disrupting other patrons. Please be mindful of the library rules and library staff.

Nonprofit fundraiser and volunteers

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

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.

People to Know

Alexander Lumelsky, CSCA President, Chief Organizer and TD
Jake Lumelsky, Assistant and Floor TD
Ismael Pagan, Floor TD/Player

If anyone is 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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