



CONNECTICUT STATE CHESS ASSOCIATION

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2026



CONNECTICUT CHESS FESTIVAL

*Three Days of Rated & Unrated Activities for Broad Game Interest!
\$6,000+ in Combined Event Prizes, Excellent Venue, Onsite Dining!*

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Date/Time: Friday April 3, 2026 to Sunday, April 5, 2026
[Online registration](#) thru day before intended participation, onsite available
All states welcome!

Location: Trinity College, Athletic Center, 300 Summit Street, Hartford, CT 06106

Activities ([complete schedule](#)):

Day 1: Friday, April 3

OTB Rapid and Rapid960 Arena
Connecticut Champions Clash
Lecture, Simul & Arena w/ GM Irina Krush
Blitz and Blitz960 Swiss
TD Class/Lecture
Rapid and Rapid960 Swiss
2-Player Alternating Team Swiss
Connecticut Game Zero Swiss

Day 2: Saturday, April 4

[Connecticut Speed \(Rapid, Blitz & Bullet\) Championships*](#)
Parallel Unrated Speed Tournaments

Day 3: Sunday, April 5

CT Classical ([Women's](#), [Senior](#), [Collegiate](#),
[Medior](#) & [Junior](#)) Championships*
Parallel Unrated Classical Tournaments

Prizes: Unless stated otherwise, all competition events will award: Trophy to Top 3 players, \$50 in CSCA Event Credit to First Place, and performance Medals to Festival participants. Trophy and \$50 shall be awarded to the Top Festival Participant (most events), Top Overall Upset (rated opponents only), and Top Total Score (most points earned). Cash prizes paid via PayPal.

Entry: [Register online](#): \$20 one day, \$35 two days or \$45 all three days, by day before; Onsite \$10 more. After completing entry, [proceed here to select your activities](#). All activities included with entry, except USCF-rated events on Day 2 and 3.

* Event entry is not included in Festival entry. Follow event links to register for these Championships separately.

Notes: [1] **Prizes & tax requirements.** All prizes are paid via PayPal. Players winning \$600 or more in a calendar year must submit a W-9 to events.CSCA@gmail.com. [2] **Refunds/Cancellation Policy:** To withdraw and request a refund, players MUST email their request to events.CSCA@gmail.com no later than Apr 1 at 11:59 PM. Refund requests not emailed or received after deadline, will not be honored. Refunds are subject to \$20 administrative fee. [3] **Unauthorized solicitation is prohibited.** CSCA [Promotion Policy at CSCA Tournaments & Events](#) is in effect. Please contact the CSCA for advertising and promotional opportunities.



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FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

DAY 1 – Friday, April 3

Variety Activities & Featured Lecture-Simul-Arena w/ GM Irina Krush

- 11:50 AM – Introduction and Welcome to the Festival
- 12:00 PM – Warm Up Events: Side-by-Side OTB Rapid & Rapid960 Arenas, 8+2, 90 minutes
Alt Activity: Connecticut Champions Clash (10+3, 3 Rounds, Titled & Champions Only)
- 1:30 PM – BREAK
- 2:00 PM – Featured Event, Part 1: Lecture by GM Irina Krush
Alt Activity: Blitz (rated and unrated) & Blitz960 3+2 Swiss, 4 Rounds
- 2:45 PM – BREAK
- 3:00 PM – Featured Event, Part 2: Simultaneous Exhibition by GM Irina Krush
Alt Activity: TD Class by Guest NTD/ANTD/Senior TD
Alt Activity: Rapid (rated and unrated) & Rapid960 15+3, Swiss, 3 Rounds
- 5:00 PM – BREAK
- 5:15 PM – Featured Event, Part 3: OTB Bullet Arena 2+2 with GM Irina Krush
Alt Activity: 2-Player Alternating Team Tournament (3 or more Rounds, G/0 d30)
- 7:30 PM – Connecticut Game Zero Tournament (3 or more Rounds, G/0 d30)
Alt Activity: Unrated Game Zero Tournament (3 or more Rounds, G/0 d30)
- 9:00 PM – Awards Ceremony & Announcements from Day 1

DAY 2 – Saturday, April 4

2026 Connecticut Speed (Rapid, Blitz & Bullet) Championships

- 11:00 AM – 2026 Connecticut Rapid Championships (5 Rounds, 10+3) Adult & Scholastic
Alt Activity: Open Unrated Rapid
- 1:30 PM – LUNCH BREAK
- 2:30 PM – 2026 Connecticut Blitz Championships (5 2-Rounds, 3+2) Adult & Scholastic
Alt Activity: Open Unrated Blitz
- 5:00 PM – EVENT BREAK
- 5:30 PM – 2026 Connecticut Bullet Championships (5 2-Rounds, 1+2) Adult & Scholastic
Alt Activity: Open non-USCF member Bullet
- 7:30 PM – Awards Ceremony & Announcement from Day 2

Day 3 – Sunday, April 5

2026 Classical Championships: Women's, Senior, Collegiate, Medior & Junior

ALL are 45+10 Swiss, 4 Rounds • Connecticut Women's Championship • Connecticut Senior Championships, 50+ & 65+
New England Collegiate Championships (Undergraduate, Graduate and other degrees)

Connecticut Medior Championships, U50, U40 & U30 • Connecticut Junior Championships, U19, U16, U13, U10, U7

Alt Activity: Unrated 30+10 Tournament available in all categories (format may be modified)

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| 11:00 AM | – | Round 1 | 4:00 PM | – | Round 3 |
| 1:00 PM | – | LUNCH BREAK | 6:00 PM | – | Round 4 |
| 2:00 PM | – | Round 2 | 8:00 PM | – | Awards Ceremony |

** Schedule remains subject to change and activities may be amended, substituted or removed. **