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CONNECTICUT CHESS FESTIVAL

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Friday, April 3 to Sunday, April 5

Trinity College, Athletic Center, 300 Summit St, Hartford, CT 06106

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. **