

Connecticut State Chess Association

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Hi, everyone:

Thank you for registering and participating in the Hartmayer Memorial Tournament, Tolland County & UCONN Championships, a G/45+10 and G/30+10 tournament.

A **WhatsApp Community** has been created for this event for posting announcements and hopefully pairings/standings/etc.: “CSCA Hartmayer TCUCC”. Please [join the community](#):



PLEASE READ BEFORE TRAVELING TO THE EVENT

Here are some things you need to know for this weekend:

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 & Beverages

All equipment (chess sets, clocks, scoresheets and pencils) will be provided. You do NOT need and will NOT be permitted to use your own.

SCOREBOOKS AND ELECTRONIC SCOREKEEPERS ARE NOT PERMITTED.

2. Venue & Parking

The event venue is the University of Connecticut School of Engineering, located at the Castleman Building. (See [campus map](#). Castleman (CAST) is in the middle of the map and is located in the main campus square adjacent to the Student Union (SU).) PARKING is FREE in

the North Garage (NPRK) on the weekends, which is the garage nearest to the Castleman Building. There is really no other public parking on campus. So please use the garage. Finally, Castleman entrance is on the square side of the building, NOT on the street side.

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. **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. Reentry

REENTRY is NOT permitted at this event.

6. Spectators and Parents

Spectators are NOT PERMITTED at this event. Anyone not playing will not be permitted in the play area. 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.

NOTE TO PARENTS (NO PARENTS IN PLAY ROOMS): Please allow us to politely remind you that this is your child’s tournament and not yours. In accordance with USCF rules, children are considered players, capable of functioning as players and not requiring the assistance of parents to engage in play and all aspects related thereto. Meanwhile, parents are not players and may not assist their children during play or in the administration of the event. We do NOT allow parents back in the play hall after the start of Round 1. Parent presence in the play hall only delays the start of rounds, creates distractions and serves as interference. Reminders to leave the play hall will result in parent dismissal from the event venue and when unavoidable the possible disqualification of your child. Please allow your children to experience the tournament independently for themselves.

7. 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 off your phone and place it facedown next to your board.)

8. Prizes

All money prizes are paid via PayPal within seven (7) days of the event. Trophy and medal prizes are provided per event announcement.

9. Withdrawals

If you decide to withdraw from the event for any reason, **you MUST (1) inform the Chief TD in person and (2) complete the withdrawal list** at the completion of your last played game and ahead of the posting of the subsequent round pairings.

10. Schedule

The event schedule is as follows:

All sections will start at 11 AM. Lunch will be after Round 1 for all and will be 30 minutes long. All subsequent rounds will be paired ASAP.

Estimated times:

Upper Sections (45+10)

11:00 AM – Round 1
1:00 PM – Lunch
1:30 PM – Round 2
3:30 PM – Round 3
5:30 PM – Round 4
7:30 PM – Awards

Lower Sections (30+10)

11:00 AM – Round 1
12:30 PM – Lunch
1:00 PM – Round 2
2:30 PM – Round 3
4:00 PM – Round 4
5:30 PM – Awards

We expect to finish Lower Section by 6 PM and Upper Sections by 8 PM.

We will make our best effort to get everyone in and out as efficiently as possible.

11. Parent/Family Section

If space allows, parents, siblings and other visitors, not participating in the main event, are invited to play in a New England-rated section for a 4-round G/30+10 competition, which will be rated for free under the New England Rating System. (No IDs or USCF membership required.)

The winning player 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. Participation medals will be available to all participants. Section will start Round 1 at 11 AM. **If you are interested in playing, come see us by 10:30 AM.**

12. Side Games for Players with One Point Byes

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 should 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. Marking Results

Please remember to mark your result on the pairing sheets that are posted. If your result is missing, we may have no choice but to issue forfeits to both players.

14. Lunch & Beverage service

UCONN has very strict restrictions on food service and what beverages may be consumed on campus. The food court at the Student Union will serve lunch items as well as water and drinks. The Student Union food court is a 2-3 minute walk from Castleman.

15. WiFi

Please use the WiFi network provided at this venue.

16. Lounging and Space Use

Lounging for parents and waiting players will be in the main lecture hall.

17. 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.

18. Emergencies, questions, concerns, etc.

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

19. People to Know

Alexander Lumelsky, CSCA President, Chief Organizer and TD
Omkar Maralapanavar, UCONN Chess Club co-President and co-Organizer
Isaac Pierce, Assistant/Floor TD
Ismael Pagen, CSCA Board Member and Event Assistant

Thank you for your time.

CSCA Events Admin



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