

Connecticut State Chess Association

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2024

Connecticut Scholastic Championships

*Selection Tournament for State Nominees to the National
Denker, Barber and Rockefeller Invitationals*

Top Collegiate Venue; Many Placements; DGT Broadcast; On-site Dining

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- Date & Time:** Saturday, January 6, 2023
Round 1 times vary by section (see below); all subsequent Rounds ASAP
[Online registration](#) ONLY thru 10:30a on January 6, see below for more info
- Location:** Sacred Heart University, Bowman Hall, 5151 Park Avenue, Fairfield, CT 06825
- Sections/Rounds/
Time Control:** 5 sections (all USCF rated): **High School** (grades 9 thru 12); **Middle School** (grades 6 thru 8); **Elementary School** (grades K thru 5); **Primary School** (grades K thru 3); and **K-1** (grades K and 1)
- 4 Rounds SS. High, Middle and Elementary Sections: G/55 d5, Rd 1 at 9:30 AM.
Primary and K-1 Sections: G/35 d5, Rd 1 at 10 AM.
- Byes:** One ½ point bye in all but final Round; 0 point byes any Round.
- Prizes:** High: Trophy to Top 5, U1600, U1200 and U800 not otherwise placing
Middle: Trophy to Top 5, U1300, U1000 and U700 not otherwise placing
Elemen: Trophy to Top 5, U1000, U800 and U500 not otherwise placing
Primary: Trophy to Top 3 and U500 not otherwise placing
K-1: Trophy to Top 3
Official 2023-24 CSCA Championship medals to non-placing participants.

Individual competition, only. “Team restriction” not applied to pairings. (Team Championships planned as separate competition on March 2 in Manchester.)

Connecticut Champions: Top Connecticut player in each section will receive a Connecticut State Champion trophy. See Note [1] below.

- Tie break:** If there are 2 or more players tied with a perfect (4-0) score, a playoff will determine the section winner and will immediately follow Round 4. See Note [2] below. Other ties determined by US Chess standard tie breaks.
- Nationals:** Connecticut Champion and runner up in the High, Middle and Elementary school sections receive Nominee and Alternate status to the 2023 Denker, Barber and Rockefeller National Tournaments of Champions, respectively. [CSCA National Nominations Rules](#) apply. 2023 National Tournaments take place July 29 to August 1 in Grand Rapids, Michigan.
- Entry Fee:** \$65 by Dec 30; \$85 by Jan 2; \$105 by Jan 4; \$125 by Jan 6 at 10:30a (entries after 9a on Jan 6 subject to ½ point bye for Round 1). [Online registration](#), only. On-site changes: \$20 (cash exact change only).
- Out-of-state:** Out-of-state players (see Note [1] below) are welcome and prize eligible, except State titles and National nominations.

Credits/Discounts: *Need-based:* Cases of financial hardship and Title I students, please [email](#) CSCA. *Sibling:* [Email](#) CSCA before entry for 10% discount. *Premium and Member Organization Members:* CSCA Premium and Member Organizations Members apply 25% discount. Discount code provided.

Notes: This non-profit event is organized and sponsored by the **Connecticut State Chess Association** for the benefit of the Connecticut chess community. [1] **Connecticut player.** For the purpose of these Championships, a “Connecticut player” is (a) any player whose state is designated Connecticut (“CT”) with U.S. Chess, or (b) any player whose state is not designated “CT” with U.S. Chess, but who (i) resides or (ii) attends school in the state of Connecticut. Event entrants pursuant to section (b) will provide proof of eligibility. [2] **Tie Break Playoff Format.** If there are 2 or more players tied with a perfect (4-0) score, a playoff will determine the section winner and will immediately follow Round 4. The playoff format will be G/5/4 d2 Armageddon game, blitz rules apply, with USCF tie breaks determining seeding and choice of color. Playoff pairings will be highest seed against lowest seed and so on. Each playoff round will result in elimination of the losing player(s). Final placement of eliminated players will be arranged in order of seeding based on round of playoff elimination. If the number of players in the initial playoff round is uneven, the highest seeded player(s) will advance without play to the second playoff round. All other ties broken by US Chess standard tie break rules. [3] **Contact.** All questions/inquiries to events.CSCA@gmail.com. [4] **Refunds/Cancellation Policy:** To withdraw registration or request a refund, email your request to events.CSCA@gmail.com no later than Nov 30 at 11:59 PM. Refund requests not received by email or received after the above deadline, will not be honored. Refunds are subject to \$15 administrative fee. [5] **Unauthorized solicitation is prohibited.** This is a nonprofit event for the Connecticut chess community, and the CSCA event [Promotion Policy at CSCA Tournaments & Events](#) is in effect. Please contact CSCA at events.CSCA@gmail.com for advertising and promotional opportunities.