

# Connecticut State Chess Association

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**Wesleyan Chess**

## CONNECTICUT STATE CHESS ASSOCIATION & WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY CHESS CLUB

*Present*

# 2023 CONNECTICUT SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

***\$450 in Guaranteed Prizes!!! Other Honors and Awards!***

- Date & Time:** Saturday, February 25, 2023  
Rounds at 10a, 11:45a, 1:30p and 3:15p; Awards by 5:30p  
[Online registration](#) ONLY thru 10:30a on February 25 (see details below)
- Location:** Wesleyan University  
Exley Science Center, 265 Church Street, Middletown, CT 06457
- Rounds/Time:** 4 Rounds SS, G/45 d5. USCF rated.  
One ½ pt bye permitted in Rounds 1-3; must commit by end of registration.
- Sections:** Open. (US Chess and CSCA definition of “Senior” is age 50+.)
- Prizes:** \$200-\$150-\$100 to Top 3 players. Prizes based on final standings on USCF tie breaks, NOT USCF distribution rules, except perfect (4-0) scores, who share money prizes equally.
- Trophies: CT Champion (Top CT player), Top U1800, U1400, U1000 and Unrated, not otherwise placing.
- 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 receive Nominee and Alternate status to the 2023 Irwin National Tournament of Champions. [CSCA National Nominations Rules](#) apply. 2023 National event takes place July 29 to August 1 in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

**Entry Fee:** \$65 by February 15; \$85 by February 20; \$105 by February 24; “Same day” \$125 closes at 10:30a on February 25 (“same day” registrants subject to ½ point bye for Round 1 at organizer’s discretion). [Online registration](#), only.

NO on-site registration.

**Discounts:** General DISCOUNTS: Cases of financial hardship should email [events.CSCA@gmail.com](mailto:events.CSCA@gmail.com) to request additional registration instructions.

CSCA Member Organization DISCOUNT: CSCA Member Organization senior centers will receive instructions to apply \$15 membership discount to their members. Senior centers may apply for [Member Organization status](#) at any time by email to [chess.CSCA@gmail.com](mailto:chess.CSCA@gmail.com).

GMs and IMs: Entry fee is waived for GMs and IMs, if registering by February 17. Deducted from prize thereafter. Please email [events.CSCA@gmail.com](mailto:events.CSCA@gmail.com) to register.

**Out-of-state:** Out-of-state players (see Note [1] below) are welcome and prize eligible, except State title and National selection.

**Notes:**

THIS NONPROFIT EVENT IS ORGANIZED AND SPONSORED BY THE CONNECTICUT STATE CHESS ASSOCIATION AND WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY CHESS CLUB AND HOSTED BY WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY. ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE CONNECTICUT CHESS COMMUNITY. This is an official US Chess recognized state championship tournament event to determine the 2023 Connecticut Senior Champion.

[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, (ii) attends school or (iii) is employed or self-employed 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] **COVID-19 Protocols Apply.** All applicable Wesleyan University COVID-19 Protocols apply. Current policy requires any unvaccinated (all boosters included) visitors to be masked at all times.

[4] **Food Service.** Wesleyan café on site will open at 12p and be available during the event.

[5] **Rating Supplement.** Feb 2023 USCF Rating Suppl. used for section entry, pairings and prizes.

[6] **Tax requirements.** Players receiving total payments of \$600 or more from the CSCA in 2023 must submit a [W-9](#) to the CSCA at [events.CSCA@gmail.com](mailto:events.CSCA@gmail.com) in advance of receiving prize.

[7] **Contact.** All questions/inquiries to [events.CSCA@gmail.com](mailto:events.CSCA@gmail.com).

[8] **Refunds/Cancellation Policy:** To withdraw registration or request a refund, email your request to [events.CSCA@gmail.com](mailto:events.CSCA@gmail.com) no later than February 23 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.

[9] **Unauthorized solicitation is prohibited.** This is a nonprofit event for the Connecticut chess community, and the CSCA event [Promotion Policy at CSCA Tournaments](#) is in effect. Please contact CSCA at [events.CSCA@gmail.com](mailto:events.CSCA@gmail.com) for advertising and promotional opportunities.