

Connecticut State Chess Association

a 501(c)(7) nonprofit corporation
P.O. Box 370123 -- West Hartford, CT 06137

Hi, everyone:

Thank you for registering and participating in the 2023 Connecticut Speed Championships!

Here are some things you need to know for tomorrow:

Equipment

Chess sets and clocks will be provided for this event. You do not need to bring your own.

Venue

The event is being held at the beautiful Eastern Connecticut State University (ECSU) campus in the Student Center, which is near the northern High Street entrance to the campus. Competition will be held in the Betty Tipton Room, which is the ECSU event hall located in the Student Center.

Directions

Best route to ECSU depends on where you are coming from. Please use your GPS to arrive at the northern High Street entrance and follow Charter Oak Road to the Shakespeare Garage (item 36 on the linked [map](#)), which will be the second parking garage on your left. The Student Center is a little further down Charter Oak Road (33) on your right. The Tipton Room is on the main/second floor of the Student Center building. Signage will be posted as best possible to lead players to the Room. Please look for Blue Sheets with the CSCA logo.

Parking

Parking is free on campus as long as it is authorized. You may park in either of the two garages (Shakespeare or Cervantes). Again, Shakespeare is slightly closer to the Student Center.

No "Drop Off" (Scholastic)

For scholastic players, like most tournaments, this is NOT a drop off activity. Parents are responsible for their children at all times. It is understood that older players will need less supervision, and some high schoolers may drive themselves to and from the event, but always with the permission of their parents.

Spectators

Our Tournament Director will discuss this further. However, spectators are not permitted at this event. Players who completed their match should reset their board and make their way toward the Tipton exit until the subsequent round or event.

Food

The Student Center has several cafes and other culinary options. Please enjoy. A thirty (30) minute break is planned into the event between each tournament (after the Quick and after the Blitz).

Telephones

All players must turn off or silence their phones during play and store them in a book bag or otherwise surrender them to their parents or accompanying guests. Phone use or activation during play may result in disqualification. Please abide by these rules to prevent needless distractions and stoppages.

Rating Used

Players' regular ratings will be used for pairings and prizes purposes.

Prizes and Trophies

Please note that there are prizes for accomplishments other than top placements, such as rating- and category- based prizes. Additionally, if scholastic players would like, we will have official CSCA 2022-23 tournament cycle medals for players not otherwise placing. Please do not leave ahead of the Award Ceremony, if you expect to receive your prize. Prizes will not be distributed in advance of the Awards Ceremony. Please understand that we will not know most results until the tabulation is made for the Awards Ceremony. Additionally, we do NOT ship trophies or medals to players, if they decide to leave. If you leave the event ahead of the Award Ceremony, your trophy or medal will be considered abandoned.

COVID-19

COVID-19 is still around. Please be vigilant to wash hands and mask at your discretion. Latest CDC news was a masking recommendation due to the cold season. There are no formal ECSU guidelines for the event, and we will not be mandating masking. However, we **strongly recommend** that players consider wearing face masks during play. Some rounds will last in excess of 20 minutes with players within 6' of one another.

Approximate Schedule

The **approximate** event schedule is as follows:

The Student Center will not be open until 9:30 AM. We suggest players arrive from 9:30 to about 9:50 AM.

9:50 AM – Announcements

10:00 AM – Quick Championship (G/10 d3)

12:45 PM – Quick Awards

1:00 PM – Mid-event Break No. 1

1:30 PM – Blitz Championship (G/3 d2)

3:45 PM – Blitz Awards

4:00 PM – Mid-event Break No. 2
4:30 PM – Bullet Championship (G/1 d2)
6:30 PM – Final (Bullet and overall Speed) Awards Ceremony

This schedule is approximate and takes into account pairing time, tabulations and the advent of reasonable brief delays. If we finish an event ahead of schedule, we may announce an earlier start to the subsequent event and move the entire schedule up to complete earlier.

Announcements, including any schedule changes/updates, will be made in-person in the play hall, to everyone's email address by group updates and via posting on the [Event Page](#).

Also, during any of the events, please remain near the play hall. This is a speed tournament and subsequent rounds are scheduled, as soon as possible. Between round breaks will be short!

Award Ceremony(ies)

An award ceremony will follow each of the three events to award tournament-specific prizes and announce the winners. Final results from each Championship and the overall standings will also be posted on the [Event Page](#). Also, the final award ceremony will require some additional calculations for the overall Speed results. Please be patient. We will do our best to complete the event as quickly as possible.

Broadcast

This event will not be broadcast.

WiFi

There is WiFi available at the Student Center.

Lounging and Space Use

Players on break between games and all accompanying guests may lounge in the ECSU Student Center or walk about the campus. There is lots of table space in the Student Center for those who may want it.

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.

Emergencies, questions, concerns, etc.

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

People to Know

Alexander Lumelsky, CSCA President and Chief Organizer

NM Ian Harris, Senior TD and Chief TD

Frank DelBonis, Senior TD

Ismael Pagan, Floor TD/Assistant Organizer

If parents/guests are willing and able to help with administrative items during the event, please see Mr. Lumelsky when you arrive. We would be delighted to have your assistance.

Thank you for your time.

CSCA Events Admin



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