

CONNECTICUT STATE CHESS ASSOCIATION

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Hi, everyone:

Thank you for registering and participating in the 2026 Connecticut Chess Festival, Day 3, a collection of chess activities, featuring some of 2026 Connecticut annual Classical Championships. A special thank you once more to Trinity College and Chess Club and President Teddy Fleming for hosting and supporting this event and the Connecticut chess community.

Please join the [WhatsApp Group](#) for this event to receive announcements, pairings and standings electronically. (The Festival link changes from Festival Day to Festival Day, so please do not refer to an older link if participating today.)

PLEASE READ BEFORE TRAVELING TO THE EVENT

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

1. Equipment

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 is being held at Trinity College, specifically the Oosting Gymnasium at the Ferris Athletic Center (see interactive [CAMPUS MAP](#)). Although the main address to campus is “300 Summit Street”, **the ideal campus entrance will be Ferris Roadway, right off Broad Street, which runs along the Eastern (opposite) side of the campus.** (If you have previously been to one of our events at Trinity, this is a different building from the one that hosted our events before. Please review the map.) The entrance to the Athletic Center is located near the southeast corner of the tennis courts. Once in the Athletic Center, just go right and the Oosting entrance will be on your right. (Signs will be posted as best possible. Please review the map to help.)

There is ample **free parking** available along Ferris Roadway. Please ignore the “faculty” or “student” or “building” purpose restrictions. We have notified campus security and will be allowed to park in all spots, unless emergency vehicle, handicapped (for that purpose only), etc. Also please note that after parking you should walk around to the tennis court side of the buildings to enter the Athletic Center. All other entrances require a pass key, restricted to Trinity students and staff.

3. Check-in & Lateness

Please check in with the registration or TD desks, which will be located outside and inside Oosting. We will verify your activities for the day and get you squared away.

IF YOU ARE LATE to the event or whatever activity you intended to start with, as soon as lateness is expected, please text your (1) first activity, (2) name and (3) expected time of arrival to (860) 593-0225.

4. No “Drop Off”

Like all chess 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 and authorization of their parents.

5. Spectators & Parents

Spectators are PERMITTED at this event if purchasing an inexpensive Spectator Pass. Spectator passes are \$10 for one day, \$18 for two, or \$25 for 3 days. These may be purchased [online](#) ONLY, unless you have exact change with you in cash. Passes are not refundable and if Spectators violate the below rules, they may be barred from the play hall/gymnasium at the sole discretion of the organizer.

Spectator Rules: Spectators will be permitted in designated areas around the play floor and in the athletic center bleachers, but not on the play floor or at the play tables. Noise must also be maintained to absolutely minimum in the play hall. Talking is not permitted on the play floor. Parents are asked to approach their children's games discretely from behind their child whenever possible. As long as spectators can abide by these rules and not cause any play interference, *including incidental or unintentional interference*, they may continue in the play hall. If these rules are violated, spectators may be requested to leave the play hall at the organizer's discretion. Again, spectator passes are not refundable, and if a spectator is barred from the play hall, their pass is revoked without refund. Meanwhile, anyone not playing will not be permitted in the play area (meaning near the play tables).

Any players who require help to be seated for the event rounds will be assisted by our staff, NOT their parents.

NOTE TO PARENTS: 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. Parent presence on the play floor only delays the start of rounds, creates distractions and serves as interference. Reminders to leave the play floor will result in parent dismissal from the play hall, and in extreme cases from the event venue, and when unavoidable the possible disqualification of your child. Please allow your children to experience the Festival activities independently for themselves.

Our staff will assist all children with any questions or issues when on the play floor. Parents should check with their children that they scored their results before leaving the play floor.

6. Telephones & Smart Devices

Active phones and other smart devices are NOT PERMITTED on the play floor, and all phones of non-players must be set on silent in the play hall. If possible, 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 onto the play floor, please turn it off and place it face down next to your board or in your bag.)

7. Prizes (Review Event Flyer)

We will try to award prizes as soon as an activity is completed or as soon as possible thereafter, typically at the conclusion of the subsequent activity. Awards will take place in between activities and at the end of the final activity.

8. Withdrawals/Leaving the Event

If you decide to withdraw (LEAVE) from the event for any reason, **you MUST (1) inform the Chief TD/ORGANIZER in person and (2) complete your entry on the withdrawal list.** PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE WITHOUT LETTING US KNOW YOU ARE LEAVING, as subsequent opponents relying on your presence will be waiting for you to come and play your game.

9. Food/M meal Breaks

The campus dining hall at Mather Hall (see campus map) and the coffee shop at the Raether Library are open for general food purchases throughout the day, based on their usual schedules. Both are just 2-3 minutes walk out the main entrance of the Athletic Center. If you plan to be late or skip an activity to take a meal break or longer break, please let us know to adjust your schedule accordingly.

10. Estimated Schedule

The Day 3 Schedule is as described on page 2 of the Festival flyer:

11:00 AM – Round 1
1:00 PM – LUNCH BREAK
2:00 PM – Round 2
4:00 PM – Round 3
6:00 PM – Round 4
8:00 PM – Awards Ceremony

We will make our best effort to abide by this schedule. Unavoidable delays are, however, possible, and we will make our best effort to return the event to schedule wherever possible.

11. Scoring Results

Please DO NOT FORGET to score your results on the posted pairing sheets before leaving the room. Since all events must run on time, missing results will result in disqualification.

Parents/coaches, please confirm with your players that they marked their result after finishing their game on each round.

12. WiFi

There is public WiFi available at Trinity.

13. Lounging and Space Use

Parents and accompanying visitors not using a Spectator Pass will be provided with ample space right outside the Oosting Gymnasium to lounge.

14. 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.

15. Emergencies, questions, concerns, etc.

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

16. People to Know

Alexander Lumelsky, Chief TD and Organizer, CSCA President
Teddy Fleming, President Trinity Chess Club and co-Organizer
Ramon Rosario, Trinity College Associate Director of Campus Operations and co-Organizer
Shaina Mezheritskiy, Assistant/Floor TD

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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