

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 2025 Connecticut Hall of Fame Action Championship!

Here are some things you need to know for tomorrow:

PLEASE READ BEFORE TRAVELING TO THE EVENT

1. Equipment

All equipment will be provided. You do not need and will not be permitted to use your own.

SCOREBOOKS ARE NOT PERMITTED. Scoresheets will be available for everyone.

2. Venue & Parking

The event is being held at Sacred Heart University (SHU) in Bowman Hall Theas Abbey. SHU is located in Fairfield right off Merritt Parkway (Rte 15). Please use the **Jefferson Street entrance** to get to Bowman Hall, rather than the main entrance of the campus. Signage will be posted for your convenience. Parking is free on campus. You may park at any blue “P” marked on the above map. Bowman Hall is with the residence halls on the green/courtyard on your left. Please see below map provided by SHU for our event:



SACRED HEART UNIVERSITY
Fairfield, Connecticut
campus map

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Enter the SHU campus via the **Jefferson Street** entrance, which is located across the street from Notre Dame High School. Park in one of the designated parking **P** areas. Event location is Bowman Hall ★



SHU Public Safety (203) 371-7995

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 in the hallway between the cafeteria and the gymnasium. **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. Spectators

Spectators are NOT permitted at this event. Anyone not playing will not be permitted in the play area. Meanwhile, players who completed their match should reset their board and make their way toward the playhall 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.

6. Food & Additional Lunch Orders for Non-Players

A pizza lunch is included in the entry for the players and award recipients. **If anyone else would like to order lunch**, we are asking for a \$10 cash donation to cover the costs of the additional orders. Snacks and water will be provided courtesy of SHU Chess and SHU.

7. Telephones & Smart Devices

Phones and other smart devices are not permitted in the playhall. 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.

8. Prizes (More than just placements!)

Please note that for U1200 and NER there will be trophy prizes for anyone scoring 3 wins or better in addition to 1st, 2nd and 3rd placements. The U1200 section also has Top U800, U600,

U400 and Unrated prizes. Also official CSCA tournament medals will be distributed to players not placing. Please do not leave ahead of the Award Ceremony, if you expect to receive your prize. We do NOT ship prizes.

9. Withdrawals

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

10. Approximate Schedule

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

Arrival is by 9:45 AM (there is NO check-in or on-site registration; registration online ends at 10 AM)

9:55 AM – Pairings are posted.

10:00 AM – Announcements & Round 1

11:20 AM – Round 2

12:30 PM – LUNCH, Awards & Induction Ceremonies

1:30 PM – Round 3

2:45 PM – Round 4

4:00 PM – Awards Ceremony

PLEASE NOTE that we will do our best to get everyone in and out, as efficiently as possible.

This event is on an ASAP SCHEDULE, which means that the above schedule is only an approximation, and we will pair subsequent rounds as soon as all play in the current round is completed. The schedule is thus flexible and will depend and may change based on the circumstances of the day.

Announcements, including any schedule changes/updates, will be made in-person in the playhall, the cafeteria and/or to everyone's email address by group updates.

11. 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 **are obligated** to 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.

12. WiFi

Please use the WiFi network: **SHU Guest**. It is reliable and available to everyone on campus.

13. Lounging and Space Use

Parents and players on break between games may lounge at Bowman where there is lots of space for those who may want it.

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, CSCA President and Chief Organizer and Tournament Director
Paul Rychlik, SHU Chess and Faculty members and Facility Coordinators for the event
Ismael Pagan, CSCA Board member and Floor TD
Jake Lumelsky, Assistant Floor TD and event Administrator

Thank you for your time.

CSCA Events Admin



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