

CONNECTICUT STATE CHESS ASSOCIATION

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Hi, everyone:

Thank you for registering and participating in the 2026 Connecticut Scholastic Team Championships, a G/25+10 event! A special thank you once more to Brunswick School and Club Coordinator Sarah Pribyl 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.

PLEASE READ BEFORE TRAVELING TO THE EVENT

Here are some things you need to know for today:

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. *Please know that scoring is required for players Grades 2 through 12.*

SCOREBOOKS AND ELECTRONIC SCOREKEEPERS ARE NOT PERMITTED.

2. Venue & Parking

The event is being held at the Brunswick School (Middle School), which is located at 1275 King Street, Greenwich, CT, which is in the northwestern part of the town, **NOT near I-95**. When nearing the turn into the school campus, please use the northern entrance (the one at the traffic light). Once parked, please use the parking lot side (north side) entrance to the building, which is NOT on the track side. Signs will be posted as best possible.

Please use your GPS, but **make sure to enter the school address: 1275 King Street, Greenwich, CT**, not just the school name. Nearest highways to the Brunswick Middle School (our CORRECT event location) are Route 15/Merritt Pkwy and I-684. (IMPORTANT! Brunswick has several locations and the main building in downtown Greenwich near I-95 is INCORRECT and very far away.)

There is ample free parking available on the north side of the school building: north and lower north lots. Security will direct overflow vehicles to other designated areas.

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. **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 most scholastic 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 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 play hall exit until the subsequent round. Repeat reminders of this requirement may result in dismissal from the event and disqualification. (Crowding around a teammate’s game is particularly forbidden, as interference there is an even larger concern.)

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

NOTE TO PARENTS (NO PARENTS IN PLAY HALL): 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. We do NOT allow parents back in the play hall after the start of Round 1. Parent presence in the play hall only delays the start of rounds, creates distractions and serves as interference. Reminders to leave the play hall will result in parent dismissal from the event venue and when unavoidable the possible disqualification of your child. Please allow your children to experience the tournament independently for themselves. (Also, the walls of the play hall, are glass, and we would much prefer not to have to drop blinds for the balance of the event to allow the most natural light in the room as kids play. Please do not stand at the exterior of the walls attempting to spectate from the exterior. Such spectating is likewise NOT PERMITTED.)

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

6. Telephones & Smart Devices

Phones and other smart devices are NOT PERMITTED in the play hall. 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 into the event hall, please turn it off and place it face down next to your board.)

7. Prizes (Review Event Flyer)

Please note that there are various prizes other than top team placements, such as top 4 team players, Team of 1, etc. 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.

8. Withdrawals

If you decide to withdraw from the event for any reason, **you MUST (1) inform the Chief TD in person and (2) complete your entry on the withdrawal list** at the completion of your last played game and ahead of the posting of the subsequent round pairings.

9. Food/Meal Break NOT Provided (Short Tournament)

This event is expected to run from 12 to 5:30 PM, awards included. There will be no food service or meal break provided. If you require a snack, please bring one with you. Otherwise, we should be able to quickly complete the event between lunch and dinner.

10. Approximate Schedule

The **approximate** event schedule is as follows (event is Round 1 at 12 PM, then ASAP and actual times may vary due to the actual conclusion of the final game still in play in each round; all players must finish their games before the next round is paired):

We suggest players arrive from 11:30 to 11:45 AM. There is **NO CHECK-IN**. If registered, you will be paired. You can confirm you are in your section by checking the posted “wall charts”.

11:55 AM – Announcements
12:00 PM – Round 1
1:20 PM – Round 2
2:40 PM – Round 3
4:00 PM – Round 4
5:20 PM – Awards Ceremony

This schedule is approximate and takes into account minimum pairing time, tabulations and the advent of reasonably brief delays.

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. Scoring Results

Please DO NOT FORGET to score your results on the pairing sheet before leaving the room. Upper section players are expected to score on the wall pairings. Lower section players will be scored via staff on the floor.

13. WiFi

There is WiFi available at Brunswick.

14. Lounging and Space Use

Players on break between games and all accompanying guests may lounge in the Brunswick cafeteria, courtyard (outdoors) and other open spaces. Expected weather is 50s and sunny.

15. 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.

16. Emergencies, questions, concerns, etc.

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

17. People to Know

Alexander Lumelsky, Chief TD, CSCA President and Chief Organizer

Mikhail Koganov, Assistant Chief TD and CSCA Vice President

Ismael Pagan, Assistant/Floor TD

Sarah Pribyl, Brunswick School Teacher, Event Representative and Chess Club Coordinator

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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