

Connecticut State Chess Organization and allClubs Chess
Present

The 2018-19 CSCA CONNECTICUT SCHOLASTIC CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES
2019 NATIONAL NOMINATIONS CANDIDATES' TOURNAMENT

(See [NNGP Rules & Information.](#))

- Date & Time:** Saturday, March 30, 2019
Check-in 9:00 AM
Round 1 at 9:10 AM, subsequent rounds ASAP
- Location:** Raymond Library
840 Main Street
East Hartford, Connecticut
- TD:** IM Jan van de Mortel, US Chess Senior TD
- Rounds/
Time Control:** 3 Rounds SS, G/60 d/5 in "Quad-style" single round robin format
Byes not permitted.
- Sections:** 3 sections: Denker, Barber and NGTC
- Candidates:** Denker – 4 Candidates
2019 High School Champion, State Scholastic Championships
Top 3 NNGP Point scorers in the Denker category of the Grand Prix
- Barber – 4 Candidates
2019 Middle School Champion, State Scholastic Championships
2019 Elementary School Champion, State Scholastic Championships
Top 2 NNGP Point scorers in the Barber category of the Grand Prix
- NGTC – 4 Candidates
2019 Overall Champion, State Scholastic Girls' Championships
Top 3 NNGP Point scorers in the NGTC category of the Grand Prix
- Prizes:** CSCA provided prize fund \$200-100-75-50 (upon completion of the event). Trophy to winner and alternate in each section. Certificate of Recognition to all Candidates. The winner of each section will be Connecticut State's official representative to the National Denker, Barber and Girls' Championship Events held in conjunction with the annual US Open Chess Championships August 3-6, 2019 at the Rosen Centre Hotel in Orlando, FL.
- Entry price:** This is an invitational event for selected players through the NNGP format. There is no entry fee. No registration is required.

**Participation
Rules:**

On or before March 23, 2019, each candidate must provide a confirmation of acceptance of their invitation. An email from the candidate or the candidate's parent/guardian stating their name and a single sentence accepting the invitation and their intent to participate in the Candidates' Tournament will suffice. The email is sent to alexander.lumelsky@gmail.com.

If a candidate declines their invitation, either by emailing a statement of declination or failing to confirm their participation on or before the above deadline, the invitation will pass to a subsequent player in the following order:

If State Champion declines, the runner-up in the same section of the Championships will receive the invitation. If the runner-up declines, the next highest scoring player in that category of the Grand Prix Standings not already selected will receive the invitation.

If an NNGP selectee declines, the next highest scoring player in that category of the Grand Prix not already selected will receive the invitation.

Substitute invitees notified on or after March 21, 2019 and before March 26, 2019 will have 48 hours to confirm their participation. Substitutes notified on or after March 26, 2019 will have 24 hours to confirm participation. Substitutes selected within two days of the event will have reasonable time at the Organizer's discretion to confirm their participation, but will be given at least 4 hours to make confirmation.

If a candidate confirms their participation but fails to participate on the day of the tournament without notifying the Organizer reasonably in advance at the above email, they will be ineligible to participate in future National Nominations selection.

Candidates are expected to complete all three rounds of the event. If a Candidate withdraws ahead of the conclusion of the event they may be ineligible for future National Nominations selection.

If on the day of the event, a candidate is not available, the Organizer will substitute the highest scoring and immediately available NNGP participant willing to substitute. If not available, then, for the sake of preserving a four player format, the Organizer may substitute any available player willing to participate as a straw player at the Organizer's discretion. The straw will not be prize or National Nomination eligible.

Seeding Rules:

Seeding for pairing purposes will be determined by a draw of lots prior to pairings on the day of the event.

Tie Break Rules: If two or more Candidates finish tied for first place in their group, the following tie breaks will be applied per order below:

- (1) Most Grand Prix points won;
- (2) Most total NNGP game wins scored;
- (3) Most total NNGP game points scored;
- (4) Highest average rating of NNGP opponents over 16 NNGP matches, exempting involuntary byes;
- (5) Highest rating at the conclusion of Leg 4 of NNGP.