

# Connecticut State Chess Association

a 501(c)(7) nonprofit corporation  
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Hi, everyone:

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

Here are some things you need to know or that have already been asked by some:

## Equipment

Chess sets will be provided for this event. You do not need a chess set to participate. Please bring your own clocks, if you have them. We will have some extra clocks, but if you have one, please bring it.

## Venue

The event is being held at Sacred Heart University (SHU) in the all new Bowman Hall. The main hall of the building will be used for play. The lobby and lounge will be used as waiting space.

## Directions

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 will be on your right. Bowman Hall is with the residence halls in the courtyard on your left. Please see below map provided by SHU for our event:



SACRED HEART UNIVERSITY  
**campus map**  
Fairfield, Connecticut

C<sup>CT</sup>  
**Chess**



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Enter the SHU campus via the **Jefferson Steet** 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

## **Parking**

Parking is free on campus. You may park at any blue “P” marked on the above map. (You can also see a photo of the campus areas relevant to our event below.)

## **No “Drop Off”**

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**

Because this is a scholastic tournament, spectators are NOT permitted on the competition floor, and parents will not be permitted in the playing hall, except at the time of pre-Round 1 announcements for the upper sections. Younger children will be ushered to their boards by staff. In addition to alleviating typical concerns of interference, this will get the rounds started faster and get the event completed quicker.

## **Food**

There will be food service on campus at the Linda McMahon Commons, a/k/a Linda’s. Linda’s, a full service dining hall, will be open from 9a until 3p for all food purchase needs. Linda’s is located a short walk to the left and forward from Bowman. (See directions pictured below in yellow.) If additional food service is needed after 3p, the nearest food options are likely on Main Street, a short drive down Jefferson Street/Old Town Road past the Westfield Trumbull Mall.

### **Bowman Hall (Chess Event) to Linda McMahon Commons Dining Hall (Food & Drink Concessions)**



## **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. Phone use or activation during play may result in disqualification. Please abide by these rules to prevent needless distractions and stoppages.

## **Trophies**

Please note that there are prizes for accomplishments other than top placements. In addition to placements, there are rating-based prizes and those for female players. Additionally, official event medals will be awarded to 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.

(For more on the award ceremony, please see section below.)

## **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 SHU guidelines for the event, and we will not be mandating masking. However, we **strongly recommend** that parents consider having their kids wear face masks during play. Rounds will last in excess of 20-30 minutes with players within 6' of one another.

## **Approximate Schedule**

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

### **For K-5, 6-8 and 9-12 (Elementary, Middle and High School) sections...**

Arrival is by 9:10a (there is NO check-in or on-site registration)

Announcements will be at 9:10a in the play hall with all players seated to start

Round 1 – 9:30a

LUNCH (there may be 15-30 min added at organizer's discretion to allow lunch)

Round 2 – 12:30p

Round 3 – 3:00p

Round 4 – 5:30p

Award Ceremony by 8:00p in the Bowman lobby

### **For K-1 and K-3 sections...**

Arrival is by 9:45a (there is NO check-in or on-site registration)

Announcements will be at 9:45a in the main lobby

Round 1 – 10:00a

Round 2 – 11:30a

LUNCH (there may be 15-30 min added at organizer's discretion to allow lunch)

Round 3 – 1:00p

Round 4 – 2:15p

Award Ceremony by 3:45p in the Bowman lobby

PLEASE NOTE that we will do our best to get everyone in and out, as efficiently as possible. As soon as a section ends, if it is possible to tabulate immediately, it will be tabulated and Award Ceremony commenced in the Bowman lobby. Tie breaks in any section will take place after tabulation so that the rest of the section players can receive their prizes and choose to depart. Parents will not be permitted into the play hall to expedite seating and round start. Please help us stay on track and on time by cooperating with these procedures.

Also, please note that the above schedule is an approximation. We expect to use an email blast to send notifications to everyone and post updates on the [event page](#) on our website. So keep an eye on your emails and check the web page. We may move ahead or behind schedule as the day progresses. We will do our best to stay on schedule. Nevertheless, since Rounds after Round 1 are scheduled “ASAP”, please be at all times prepared to return to the play hall and start the next round.

### **Award Ceremony**

Your award ceremony will begin as soon as results for your section are tabulated. The G/35 sections will not wait for the G/55 sections to finish. However, it may be necessary for same time control sections to wait for all play to conclude. Please be patient.

### **Broadcast**

We will be broadcasting games from six electronic boards, the two highest boards in the three upper (oldest) sections; those with longer time controls, every Round. The [broadcast](#) can be accessed on our website, and hopefully, technology permitting, on the lounge television at Bowman. Please visit to watch the games.

### **WiFi**

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

### **Lounging and Space Use**

Parents and players on break between games may lounge at Bowman or at Linda’s, where there is lots of table space for those who may want it.

### **Nonprofit fund raiser 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.

Please DO NOT enter the play hall to speak with the Tournament Director. If you need to speak to the TD, please see a staff member at the control desk in the lobby to the play hall and relay your question/concern. If there is no one at the control desk, please see/call/text Mr. Lumelsky. This protocol is in place to cause the least disruption to the flow of the event and a timely conclusion. Please help us in this effort.

If you have a question/concern related to the facility or to the campus, please approach the control desk to make the proper inquiry with SHU. Additional facility contact information may be made available tomorrow morning. SHU Public Safety phone number is located on the campus map above.

**People to Know**

Alexander Lumelsky, CSCA President and Chief Organizer  
NM Ian Harris, Senior TD and Chief TD  
Paul Rychlik, SHU Chess and Faculty member and Facility Coordinator for the event

Floor TDs and admins will also be participating.

If parents are willing and able 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

