

Connecticut State Chess Association

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CONNECTICUT STATE CHESS ASSOCIATION & WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY CHESS CLUB

Present

2023 CONNECTICUT FISCHER RANDOM/CHESS960 CHAMPIONSHIP

\$1,000 in Guaranteed Prizes!!! Other Honors and Awards!

- Date & Time:** Sunday, April 23, 2023
Round 1 at 11:30 pm, then ASAP; Awards by 7:00 pm
[Online registration](#) ONLY thru 10:00 AM on April 23 (see details below)
- Location:** Wesleyan University
Fayerweather, 55 Wyllys Avenue, Middletown, CT 06457
- Rounds/Time:** 4 Rounds SS, G/45 d5.
One ½ pt bye permitted in Rounds 1-3; must commit by end of registration.
“Chess960: What The Fischer?!” website randomly generated start.
- Sections:** 3 Sections: Open, U1600 and U1200
- Prizes:** \$400-\$200 to Top 2 players in Open, \$100 to Top U1800.
\$200-\$100 to Top 2 players in U1600.
Trophies to Top 5, Top U800, U500, Unrated not placing players in U1200.
State Champion trophy to Open winner.
Prizes based on final standings on USCF tie breaks, NOT USCF distribution rules,
except perfect (4-0) scores, who share money prizes equally.
- Tie break:** If there are 2 or more players tied with a perfect (4-0) score, a playoff will
determine the section winner and will immediately follow Round 4. See Note [2]
below. Other ties determined by US Chess standard tie breaks.

Entry Fee: \$50 by April 18; \$70 by April 22; “Same day” \$90 closes at 10:00 am on April 23. [Online registration](#), only. NO on-site registration.

Discounts: General DISCOUNTS: Students with financial hardship, attending Title I schools or requesting a sibling discount should email events.CSCA@gmail.com to request additional registration instructions.

CSCA Member Organization DISCOUNT: CSCA Member Organization schools will receive instructions to apply \$25 membership discount to their students. Schools may apply for [Member Organization status](#) at any time by email to chess.CSCA@gmail.com.

GMs and IMs: Entry fee is waived for GMs and IMs, if registering by April 16. Deducted from prize thereafter. Please email events.CSCA@gmail.com to register.

Out-of-state: Out-of-state players (see Note [1] below) are welcome and prize eligible, except State title.

Notes:

THIS NONPROFIT EVENT IS ORGANIZED AND SPONSORED BY THE CONNECTICUT STATE CHESS ASSOCIATION AND WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY CHESS CLUB AND HOSTED BY WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY. ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE CONNECTICUT CHESS COMMUNITY. This is an official US Chess recognized state championship tournament event to determine the 2023 Connecticut Fischer Random Champion.

[1] **Connecticut player.** For the purpose of these Championships, a “Connecticut player” is
(a) any player whose state is designated Connecticut (“CT”) with U.S. Chess, or
(b) any player whose state is not designated “CT” with U.S. Chess, but who (i) resides, (ii) attends school or (iii) is employed or self-employed in the state of Connecticut.
Event entrants pursuant to section (b) will provide proof of eligibility.

[2] **Tie break playoff format.** If there are 2 or more players tied with a perfect (4-0) score, a playoff will determine the section winner and will immediately follow Round 4. The playoff format will be G/5/4 d2 Armageddon game, blitz rules apply, with USCF tie breaks determining seeding and choice of color. Playoff pairings will be highest seed against lowest seed and so on. Each playoff round will result in elimination of the losing player(s). Final placement of eliminated players will be arranged in order of seeding based on round of playoff elimination. If the number of players in the initial playoff round is uneven, the highest seeded player(s) will advance without play to the second playoff round. All other ties broken by US Chess standard tie break rules.

[3] **COVID-19 Protocols Apply.** All applicable Wesleyan University COVID-19 Protocols apply. Current policy requires any unvaccinated (all boosters included) visitors to be masked at all times.

[4] **Food Service.** Usdan Student Center’s café and dining hall will both be open and available during the event.

[5] **Rating and Rating Supplement.** This event is not USCF rated, as there is no rating scale offered by US Chess for Fischer Random Chess. Nevertheless, players’ regular rating and the Apr 2023 USCF Rating Suppl. will be used for section entry, pairings and prizes.

[6] **Tax requirements.** Players receiving total payments of \$600 or more from the CSCA in 2023 must submit a [W-9](#) to the CSCA at events.CSCA@gmail.com in advance of receiving prize.

[7] **Contact.** All questions/inquiries to events.CSCA@gmail.com.

[8] **Refunds/Cancellation Policy:** To withdraw registration or request a refund, email your request to events.CSCA@gmail.com no later than April 20 at 11:59 PM. Refund requests not received by email or received after the above deadline, will not be honored. Refunds are subject to \$15 administrative fee.

[9] **Unauthorized solicitation is prohibited.** This is a nonprofit event for the Connecticut chess community, and the CSCA event [Promotion Policy at CSCA Tournaments](#) is in effect. Please contact CSCA at events.CSCA@gmail.com for advertising and promotional opportunities.