

Connecticut State Chess Association

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Hi, everyone:

Thank you for registering and participating in the 2025 Hartford County & City Championships, a fourth annual event of the CSCA. The event is a four round G/30+10 tournament in five sections: Open, U2000, U1300, U800 and NER.

PLEASE READ BEFORE TRAVELING TO THE EVENT

Here are some things you need to know for today:

NOTICE: IF YOU ARE COMPETING FOR [CSCA GRAND PRIX](#) POINTS, YOU MUST BE A CSCA REGULAR OR PREMIUM MEMBER BEFORE THE START OF ROUND 1. (OUT-OF-STATE RESIDENTS MAY ALSO PARTICIPATE AS PREMIUM MEMBERS.) REGULAR (\$20) OR PREMIUM (\$50) CSCA MEMBERSHIP MAY BE PURCHASED [HERE](#). THE CSCA GP PRIZE FUND IS \$2,500 AND THE FIRST PLACE PRIZE IS \$1,000 AND A CHAMPION'S PLAQUE. THERE ARE SIX CASH PRIZE PLACEMENTS.

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.

We appreciate all HELP with setting up chess boards when you arrive, as well as clean up when possible.

2. Venue & Parking

The event venue is East Hartford-Raymond Public Library, which is the main town library at 840 Main Street, East Hartford. Ample FREE parking in the library parking lot, located behind the library on Central Avenue.

The event hall is on the lower/basement floor of the library and is accessible directly through the parking lot entrance of the building. (Please do not go to the main entrance, as you will then have to find your way to the basement floor.)

Round 1 is at 10:15 AM. However, the library does not open until 10 AM.

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 and outside of the ballroom.

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 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. If lateness is substantial, you can request a Round 1 bye, if Round 1 has yet to start.

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 play hall 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. 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 (More than just placements!)

Please note that there are prizes other than top placements, such as class 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.

All money prizes are paid via PayPal within seven (7) days of the event.

CSCA Grand Prix standings will be announced in our newsletter, the Chess Community Post.

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. Approximate Schedule

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

Round 1 is at 10:15 AM. THIS IS AN “ASAP” EVENT and will be paired as soon as each round is completed. Subsequent Rounds are approximately expected as follows:

11:30 AM – Lunch Break
12:00 PM – Round 2
1:30 PM – Round 3
3:00 PM – Round 4
4:30 PM – Award Ceremony

We expect to finish the event by 4:45 PM.

PLEASE NOTE that we will do our best to get everyone in and out. The schedule is flexible and will depend and may change based on the circumstances of the day.

10. Side Games for Players with One Point Bys

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.

11. Scoring Results

Please DO NOT FORGET to score your results on the pairing sheet before leaving the room.

12. WiFi

Please use the free WiFi network provided at this venue.

13. Lounging and Space Use

There is lots of skittles space throughout the library. If there are no same day registrations, the room across the hall from the main playhall is reserved from player/family use. The library space upstairs will be open 10 AM to 2 PM. (PLEASE NOTE THAT DUE TO THE TIME CONTROL AND TIME LIMITS OF THE VENUE, WE WILL PROCEED QUICKLY, AND PLAYERS SHOULD NOT WONDER TOO FAR FROM THE PLAYHALL.)

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
Samuel Lumelsky, Assistant/Floor TD

Thank you for your time.

CSCA Events Admin



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