



CONNECTICUT STATE CHESS ASSOCIATION

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2026

Connecticut Scholastic Championships

*Includes Selection of CT Denker/Barber/Rockefeller/Ashley Nominees
Collegiate Venue! Many Prizes! Onsite Dining! Other States Welcome!*

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- Date/Time:** Sunday, January 11, 2026; Starts time varies by section, then ASAP.
[Online registration](#) thru January 10, onsite registration January 11 until 12 PM.
- Location:** Sacred Heart University, Bowman Hall, 5151 Park Avenue, Fairfield, CT 06825
- Sec/Rds/TC/Byes:** High School (9-12), Middle School (6-8), Elementary School (K-5),
Primary School (pK-3), pK-1, Grades 6-12 U1200, Grades K-6 U800.
4 Rounds Swiss, USCF and NE-rated; One ½ point bye Rounds 1-3.
HS/MS/ES: G/45+10, 10 AM start; *Others:* G/30+10, 11 AM start; all ASAP.
- Prizes:** HS: Trophy to Top 5, U1600; MS: Trophy to Top 5, U1400; ES: Trophy to Top 5, U1200; PS: Trophy to Top 5, U1000; Others: Trophy to Top 3, U800 and U600 in U1200, U500 and U300 in U800; Medals to non-placing participants.
CT Champions: Top Connecticut player per open section receives State Champion trophy. (See Note [1] below.)
- Tie break:** Tiebreak on 1st place ties: a) G/10+3 game; if drawn, b) G/3+2 game; if drawn, c) G/5/4+2 game. Seeding and color choice by USCF tiebreaks.
- Nationals:** CT Champion and second in HS, MS, ES, PS receive Nominee and Alternate status to 2026 USCF National Invitationals. See [Connecticut Nomination Rules](#).
- Entry Fee:** [Register online](#): \$65 by 12/31; \$75 by 1/6; \$95 by 1/8; \$115 by 1/10; \$150 onsite by 12 PM, exact change cash only, Round 1 bye at organizer's discretion.
GM/IM free, titled 50% off by 1/6. Member/sibling/hardship discount available.
- Out-of-state:** Other states welcome, but ineligible for state titles and Invitational nominations.

Notes: This non-profit event is organized and sponsored by the **Connecticut State Chess Association** for the Connecticut chess community. [1] **Connecticut player:** (a) any player whose state is designated Connecticut ("CT") with U.S. Chess, or (b) any player who (i) resides or (ii) attends school in the state of Connecticut. [2]
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