

# CONNECTICUT STATE CHESS ASSOCIATION

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Hi, everyone:

Thank you for registering and participating in the [2026 Connecticut Open](#), a G/90+10 and G/45+10 tournament.

A **WhatsApp Group** has been created for this event for posting announcements and pairings/standings/etc.: “’26 CT Open”. Please [join the community](#):



## PLEASE READ BEFORE TRAVELING TO THE EVENT

Here are some things you need to know for this Friday & Saturday event:

**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 & Beverages

All equipment (chess sets, clocks, scoresheets and pencils) will be provided. You do NOT need and will NOT be permitted to use your own.

SCOREBOOKS AND ELECTRONIC SCOREKEEPERS ARE NOT PERMITTED.

### 2. Venue & Parking

The event is being held at Connecticut College in the **Crozier-Williams** hall. See campus map here: <https://www.conncoll.edu/media/Campus-Map.pdf>. Crozier-Williams is the right most orange structure on the map, just two buildings over from the North Lot. The main campus

address is 270 Mohegan Avenue, New London, CT 06320. The play hall is the event hall on the first floor of Crozier-Williams. Signage will be posted inside the building.

For directions please use your GPS, either using the general address of campus or the North Lot. Both I-95 and I-395 are close to campus.

FREE parking is available at the North Lot, which is the nearest parking lot to the event. However, the South Lot is also available.

### **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. **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 10 or more minutes 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.

### **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. Reentry & Section Changes**

REENTRY is permitted before Round 2 is paired but is not allowed from the Open into the Open. Reentering players will be withdrawn and then reentered into their desired section with a ½ point bye. Reentry fee is \$60.

SECTION CHANGES onsite are \$20 plus any additional entry fee that would have been required at the time of the player's initial registration (upper sections may have entry fee difference from lower sections).

### **6. Spectators and Parents**

Spectators are NOT PERMITTED at this event. Anyone not playing will not be permitted in the play area. 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.

NOTE TO PARENTS (NO PARENTS IN PLAYHALL): Please allow us to politely remind you that this is your child's tournament and not yours. In accordance with USCF rules, children are considered players, capable of functioning as players and not requiring the assistance of parents to engage in play and all aspects related thereto. Meanwhile, parents are not players and may not assist their children during play or in the administration of the event. We do NOT allow parents back in the play hall after the start of Round 1. Parent presence in the play hall only delays the start of rounds, creates distractions and serves as interference. Reminders to leave the play hall will result in parent dismissal from the event venue and when unavoidable the possible disqualification of your child. Please allow your children to experience the tournament independently for themselves.

## 7. Telephones & Smart Devices

Phones and other smart devices are not permitted in the playhall. 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 off your phone and place it facedown next to your board.)

## 8. Prizes

All money prizes are paid via PayPal within seven (7) to ten (10) business days of the event. Trophy and medal prizes are provided per event announcement at the event.

## 9. Withdrawals

If you decide to withdraw from the event for any reason, **you MUST (1) inform the Chief TD in person and (2) complete the withdrawal list** at the completion of your last played game and ahead of the posting of the subsequent round pairings.

## 10. Schedule

The event schedule is detailed on the [event flyer](#).

Friday start (2-day schedule) is at 7 PM. On Saturday, all sections start at 9 AM. 1-day schedule Round 2 is at 11 AM. Lunch is after Round 2 for everyone.

We expect to finish the U700 section by 6 PM or earlier, and Upper Sections by 10 PM.

We will make our best effort to get everyone in and out as efficiently as possible.

## 11. Parent/Family Section

If space allows, we may offer a USCF and/or NER rated side section for parents and other visitors who may be interested in playing. Winner of this section will receive a trophy prize.

Medal and possibly other trophies may also be available. **If you are interested in playing, come see us by 10:00 AM.**

## **12. Side Games for Players with One Point Byes**

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 should 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.

## **13. Marking Results**

Please remember to mark your result on the pairing sheets that are posted. If your result is missing, we may have no choice but to issue forfeits to both players.

## **14. Lunch & Beverage service**

Food Service is available at the main dining hall, just north of the Student Center, as well as the coffee shop across from the main entrance to the Student Center and possible at the snack shop in the Student Center. Lunch break will be after Round 2.

## **15. WiFi**

Please use the WiFi network provided at this venue.

## **16. Lounging and Space Use**

Parents and players on break between games may lounge at the Student Center on the first and second floors. An additional room may also be available on the second floor.

## **17. 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.

**18. Emergencies, questions, concerns, etc.**

If you have any of the above, please call or text Alexander Lumelsky (Alex) at (860) 593-0225.

**19. People to Know**

Alexander Lumelsky, CSCA President and Chief Organizer

Isaac Pierce, Chief TD

Eli Koppi, Connecticut College Chess Club President and co-Organizer

Thank you for your time.

CSCA Events Admin



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