

# Connecticut State Chess Association

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Hi, everyone:

Thank you for registering and participating in the 2023 Connecticut State Championships! Your interest has made this the biggest State Championship in Connecticut chess history and possibly shocked and rocked Connecticut chess! 226 and counting as this is being composed!

Here are some things you need to know BEFORE LEAVING YOUR HOME TOMORROW MORNING:

## Equipment

Chess sets and clocks will be provided for this event. You **do NOT need** a chess set or clock to participate.

## Venue

For the **G/55 sections** (Championship, U2200, U1700 and U1200), the event is being held at Wesleyan University in Fayerweather (Beckham) event hall, #39 on [campus map](#), precise address: 55 Wyllys Avenue, Middletown, CT 06457. The event is in the main hall on the second floor. **FUN FACT:** Fayerweather has no entrance on Wyllys Avenue. You can enter the building from the field side or in the alley between Fayerweather and Usdan.

For the **G/25 sections** (U800 and NR), the event will be held in the adjacent Usdan Student Center, #88 on [campus map](#), precise address: 45 Wyllys Avenue, Middletown, CT 06457. All will meet in and around **Room 110** and adjacent area and then divide between rooms by board number for competition play.

**Lounging space:** Please do NOT lounge on the second floor of Fayerweather in the lobby. There will be **too much noise** for those still mid-game. Please use the first floor lobby or the Usdan Student Center to lounge. All of Usdan, first and second floor with dining hall and café, are your oyster! Enjoy! – **BLUE PAPER SIGNS WILL BE POSTED AROUND AND IN THE BUILDINGS TO HELP GUIDE OUR PLAYERS AND PARENTS.**

## Directions

Please use your GPS to get there. However, note that Wesleyan is located in Middletown and can be reached via I-91, Route 9 and local roads.

## Parking

Parking is free on campus and on Sunday you can **park anywhere** (legally). Closest lots are the E Lots which are right next to and across from Fayerweather and Usdan. However, T Lot, G Lot and V Lot are also reasonably close. There is also a ton of street parking along Wyllys, High Street, Mr. Vernon and Washington Terrace. See [campus map](#).

## **Check-in**

There is NO check-in at this event. If you registered, you are in and will be paired as you instructed (byes applied to those requesting them). A roster of player will be posted in the play hall, you can check the roster to make sure that you are on it. Only if you are not on the roster, do you need to approach the event staff or tournament director.

## **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**

Due to various issues with interference, noise and crowding, there will be **absolutely no spectating** permitted during the event. If you are finished with your game, please depart the play area/hall. Get something to eat, lounge, use your phone, find your parent, but DO NOT linger in the play area or return without announcement. Players are not to return to the play hall to ask if the next round has started. The G/55 section is on a precise schedule. The G/25 rounds will be announced in the Usdan lobby and also notice emailed. Also, please note that you will be able to watch the games from the top boards on our website: ChessCT.org via the DGT broadcast.

## **Food**

The Wesleyan Dining Hall at Usdan Student Center and Café at Usdan will be available starting at least from 11 AM. The G/55 section will break for lunch after Round 1. The G/25 section starts at noon and will not have a lunch break.

## **Telephones**

There are absolutely no active telephones permitted in any play area. Concerns are not only cheating, but noise and distraction. All players **must turn off or silence their phones** during play and **store them** in a book bag, with a parent, or in their vehicles. Phone use or activation during play may result in disqualification from the event. Please abide by these rules to prevent needless distractions and stoppages.

## **Prizes**

For this event, CSCA has gone to PayPal prize payments. PayPal use both easy to use for us and for most players. Additionally, PayPal payments allow players to go home immediately following their final round (unless a trophy prize is also waiting for them). Please note that in the G/55 sections, the section winners receive a trophy as well as a cash prize.

In the G/25 sections, the award ceremony will follow the conclusion of your section's final game. If both sections are reasonably close to finishing together, we will wait for the final game of both sections. Prizes for the G/25 sections are trophies and medals for non-placing players. There are also team trophies in the U800 section.

## **Schedule**

The **G/55** event schedule is **pre-scheduled** with round times as follows:

Arrival is by 10:15a

Announcements at 10:20a

Round 1 – 10:30a

LUNCH – 12:30p

Round 2 – 1:15p

Round 3 – 3:30p

Round 4 – 5:45p

Award Ceremony by 8:15p, unless Armageddon tie breaks are required and still pending.

We will be abiding by this schedule as strictly as possible.

The **G/25** event schedule is scheduled to **start at 12 PM and then continue ASAP**, which means rounds as soon as all games are finished:

Arrival is by 11:45a

Announcements at 11:50a

Round 1 – 12:00p

Then ASAP

Awards ceremony by about 4:45p, unless Armageddon tie breaks are required and still pending.

Players in the G/25 sections should remain within Usdan lobby after end of round to hear the announcement of the next round.

PLEASE NOTE that we will do our best to get everyone in and out, as efficiently as possible. Parents **will NOT be permitted** into the play hall to expedite seating and round start after Round 1. Please help us stay on track and on time by cooperating with these procedures.

## **Broadcast**

We will be broadcasting games from five electronic boards. The [broadcast](#) can be accessed on our website. Please visit to watch the games.

## **WiFi**

Please use the Wesleyan guest WiFi network. It is reliable and available to everyone on campus.

## **Lounging and Space Use**

Again the best place for lounging will be on the first and second floor of Usdan Student Center, not in Fayerweather. No lounging or lingering is permitted in the second floor lobby in Fayerweather due to noise.

## **Nonprofit fund raiser and volunteers**

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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.**

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**People to Know**

Alexander Lumelsky, CSCA President, Chief Organizer and Club TD  
Senior TD Ian Harris, Chief TD  
ANTD Frank DelBonis, Assistant Chief TD  
Local TD Matthew Freeman, Floor TD and Chief Assistant TD for U800 and NR Sections  
Jake Lumelsky, Floor TD  
Shaina Mezheritskiy, Floor TD

If anyone is willing and able to 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



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