

Join the 2023-24 Hamden Chess Team!



Hamden Chess Team, open to ages 8-18 and all rating levels, and organized by National Master Jordan Groff (Coach Jordan). The team is designed for chess players who wish to play in larger, regional USCF tournaments in CT, MA, and NJ during the course of the year. The team currently has 16 members and sign up is ongoing.



Some of our team who attended the 2023 Bradley Open!

Team members will receive the following benefits:

- **Pizza/”Prep Rally” the Sunday before each tournament from 4:00-7:00 PM at Play More Chess Academy (1227 Whitney Ave, Hamden, CT).** Lesson with Coach Jordan followed by training games between teammates and pizza! Team members are encouraged to attend these training events even if it doesn’t suit them to go to the following week’s tournament.
- **Team Camaraderie:** Team members can hang out between rounds at tournaments and review games. Big tournaments can be intimidating for newer players, but being with a group of friends will help a lot.
- **Team Shirts**

Transportation, entry fees, and accommodations related to tournaments are not included, but carpooling with team members is encouraged.

**2023-2024 Hamden Chess Team
Schedule of Tournaments and Pizza/Prep Rallies**

Team members are encouraged to attend as many tournaments/Prep Rallies as they can. Team sign up for new members is ongoing. Our schedule will be as follows:

Date*	Tournament	Location
July 23, 2023	Pizza/Prep Rally #1	Hamden, CT
July 28-30, 2023	28th Bradley Open	Hartford, CT
Aug 27, 2023	Pizza/Prep Rally #2	Hamden, CT
Sept. 2-4, 2023	82nd New England Open	Westford, MA
Oct 1, 2023	Pizza/Prep Rally #3	Hamden, CT
Oct. 6-8, 2023	Hartford Open	Hartford, CT
Nov 5, 2023**	Pizza/Prep Rally #4	Hamden, CT
Nov. 12, 2023**	CT State Championship	TBD, Previous yrs at Wesleyan, Middletown, CT
Dec 31, 2023	Pizza/Prep Rally #5	Hamden, CT
Jan. 5-7, 2024	Boston Chess Congress	Boston, MA
Feb 11, 2024	Pizza/Prep Rally #6	Hamden, CT
Feb. 17-19, 2024	US Amateur Team East	Parsippany, NJ
Mar 24, 2024	Pizza/Prep Rally #7	Hamden, CT
Mar 28-31, 2024	Open at Foxwoods	Ledyard, CT
Jun 2, 2024	Pizza/Prep Rally #8	Hamden, CT
Jun 8-9, 2024	Connecticut Open	TBD, Previous year in South Windsor, CT

**Likely date as of 8/29/23. CSCA waiting for space confirmation from Wesleyan. The CT State Championship date is one week later than originally listed.

*Likely tournament dates as of 6/1/23. Multi-day tournaments frequently have a shorter two-day option as well as a three-day option. There will be a Pizza/Prep Rally the Sunday before each tournament date. Team members are encouraged to come to the Prep Rallies even if it doesn't suit them to go to the following week's tournament.

Sign up for Hamden Chess Team at PMCA or online at playmorechess.com