

# Join the 2024-2025 Hamden Chess Team

[signup begins May 1, 2024]



**Hamden Chess Team** is open to ages 8-17 of all rating levels, and is organized and led by National Master Jordan Groff (Coach Jordan). The team is for Scholastic chess players who wish to play in larger, regional USCF tournaments in CT, MA, and NJ during the course of the year. Team members have opportunities to win trophies and cash prizes throughout the year. While chess competition is largely an individual effort, it is fun to have the camaraderie of team members at the larger tournaments. Team members won various trophies during the year, increased their individual USCF ratings by an average of 289 points and won several thousand dollars in cumulative prizes!



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**

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## 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 2024-2025 opens on May 1, 2024. Our schedule will be as follows:

2024 - 2025 Dates*	Tournament	Location
Jun 2	Pizza/Prep Rally #1	Hamden, CT
Jun 7-9; (or 8-9)	32nd Annual Eastern Class	Windsor Locks, CT
Jul 21	Pizza/Prep Rally #2	Hamden, CT
Jul 26-28; (or 27-28)	29th Bradley Open	Windsor Locks, CT
Aug 11	Pizza/Prep Rally #3	Hamden, CT
Aug 15-18; (or 16-18; or 17-18)	54th Continental Open	Marlborough, MA
Sep 22*	Pizza/Prep Rally #4	Hamden, CT
Sep 28-29 TBD, in development*	Connecticut Open	TBD, check CSCA page, CT
Oct 13	Pizza/Prep Rally #5	Hamden, CT
Oct. 18-20 (or 19-20)	<a href="#">Hartford Open</a>	Hartford, CT
Nov 3	Pizza/Prep Rally #6	Hamden, CT
Nov 9-10 <a href="#">TBD, in development</a> *	<a href="#">CT State Championship</a>	<a href="#">TBD, check CSCA page</a> , CT
Dec 29, 2024	Pizza/Prep Rally #7	Hamden, CT
Jan. 3-5; (or 4-5), 2025	<a href="#">13th Annual Boston Chess Congress</a>	Boston, MA
Feb 9	Pizza/Prep Rally #8	Hamden, CT
Feb 15-17 <a href="#">TBD, in development</a> *	<a href="#">US Amateur Team East</a>	Parsippany, NJ
Mar 2	Pizza/Prep Rally #8	Hamden, CT
Mar 8 <a href="#">TBD, in development</a> *	<a href="#">CT Scholastic Team Championship</a>	<a href="#">TBD, check CSCA page</a> , CT
Apr 13	Pizza/Prep Rally #9	Hamden, CT
Apr 16-20; (or 17-20; or 18-20)* <a href="#">TBD</a>	<a href="#">17th Open at Foxwoods</a>	Ledyard, CT

\*Likely tournament dates as of 5/1/24. 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](https://playmorechess.com)**