

2017 Scholastic K-12 Championships at CREC Two Rivers

On February 12, 2016, 155 players competed in the 2017 Connecticut State K-12 Scholastic Chess Championships held at the CREC Two Rivers Magnet Middle School in East Hartford, Connecticut. Robust attendance nearly matched 2016 numbers regardless of the winter storm that began within the on site registration hour.

The tournament was co-sponsored by the Connecticut Chess Organization, Capital Region Education Council, allClubs Chess, and the University of Connecticut Chess Club.

Among the placement winners were:

Teams:

High School Champions – Simsbury High School
Middle School Champions – King Philip Middle School (West Hartford)
Elementary School Champions – Brunswick School (Greenwich)

Individuals:

Grade 12 Champion – Jonathan Aiyathurai, Simsbury High School
Grade 11 Champion – Matthew Hochberg, Greens Farm Academy (Fairfield)
Grade 10 Champion, High School Champion and Candidate Selectee for National Nominations Candidate's Tournament – Zachary Tanenbaum, Greenwich High School
Grade 9 Champion – Manav Ramprasad, Academy of Aerospace & Engineering (Windsor)
Grade 8 Champion, Middle School Champion and Candidate Selectee for National Nominations Candidate's Tournament – Bryan Weisz, Coleytown Middle School (Westport)
Grade 7 Champion – Ruthvik Ayyagari, Breakthrough Magnet School (Hartford)
Middle School Grade 6 Champion – Samuel Lumelsky, King Philip Middle School (West Hartford)
Elementary School Grade 6 Champion – William Ewald, Brunswick School (Greenwich)
Grade 5 Champion, Elementary School Champion and Candidate Selectee for National Nominations Candidate's Tournament – Robert Ulmer, Brunswick School (Greenwich)
Grade 4 Champion – Jake Lumelsky, Bugbee Elementary School (West Hartford)
Grade 3 Champion and Primary School Champion – Max Ingargiola, Osborn Elementary School (Fairfield)
Grade 2 Champion – Raghav Arun, Pinegrove Elementary (Avon)
Grade 1 Champion – Krish Munukoti, Windermere Elementary School (Ellington)
Kindergarten Champion – Annie Ulmer, Greenwich Academy

In all, 32 individual and 12 team placements were awarded.

Congratulations to all!

The attendance for 2017 originated from 38 towns and 74 schools, including those in New York, Rhode Island and Massachusetts. The tournament was held for the second consecutive time in Hartford County and featured the first class accommodations at the CREC Two Rivers Magnet Middle School.

Competition was directed by IM Jan van de Mortel, assisted by a team of floor monitors from the University of Connecticut Chess Club, New Britain Chess Club and volunteers from CREC Two Rivers and area chess clubs, i.e., Simsbury Library Chess Club.

The tournament was organized as a non-profit fundraiser for scholastic chess programs by the Connecticut Chess Organization. The championships raised over \$1,200 for chess programs and CCO operation, while lowering advance entry to \$30 per player, lowest in over a decade. CCO also provided discounted entry to schools and players from financially limited areas around the state.

For the remainder of the 2016-2017 scholastic competition year, CCO is organizing the following events:

March 19 – Hartmayer Memorial Tournament, Leg 4 of NNGP @ UConn, Storrs

March 25 – CCO Statewide Scholastic Championships, DAY 1 @ Kingswood Oxford School, West Hartford

April 1 – CCO Statewide Scholastic Championships, DAY 2 @ Amistad High School, New Haven

April 30 – 2017 CT State Scholastic QUICK Chess Championships @ University of New Haven, West Haven

April 30 – 2017 Connecticut National Nominations Candidates' Tournament @ University of New Haven, West Haven (limited to Candidates selected through CT National Nominations Grand Prix, the CT State K-12 Championships and the CT State Girls' Championships)

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