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67 Compete in Leg 2 of Inaugural NNGP

On December 3, 2016, 67 players competed in Leg 2 of the 2016-17 Connecticut National Nominations Grand Prix. The tournament was held at the Farmington Main Library, Farmington, Connecticut.

The event was co-sponsored by the Connecticut Chess Organization, the Farmington Libraries, allClubs Chess, and the University of Connecticut Chess Club.

The placement winners were:

Individual Prizes/Awards:

K-12 Open

- 1st Place – Zachary Tanenbaum, Greenwich High
- 2nd Place – Jithu Sajeevan, Bristol Central High
- 3rd Place – Beatrice Low, Greenwich Academy
- 4th Place – Daniel Zhou, Mansfield Middle
- 5th Place – Danny Hoffman, Addams Middle (Guilford)

NNGP Points Distribution

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- 8 – Zachary Tanenbaum
- 4 – Jithu Sajeevan
- 2 – Evan Wood, Journalism and Media Academy (Hartford)
- 1 – Kailesh Kalyanasundaram, Farmington High

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- 8 – Beatrice Low
- 4 – Daniel Zhou
- 2 – Danny Hoffman
- 1 – Samuel Lumelsky, King Philip Middle (West Hartford)

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- 8 – Beatrice Low
- 4 – Ann Song, East Farms Elementary (Farmington)
- 2 – Suma Dendi, Betances STEM Magnet (Hartford)
- 1 – Shesh Budhabati, West Hill Elementary (Rocky Hill)

K-12 Under 1000

- 1st Place – Lucas Kollen, Bugbee Elementary (West Hartford)
- 2nd Place – Ethan Striff-Cave, King Philip Middle (West Hartford)
- 3rd Place – Sankalp Ayyagari, Breakthrough Magnet School (Hartford)

4th Place – Punyavrat Upadhyay, West District Elementary (Farmington)
5th Place – Evan Stein, Baldwin Middle (Guilford)

Team Prizes/Awards:

K-12 Under 1000

1st Place – Bugbee Elementary School (West Hartford)
2nd Place – Amistad High School (New Haven)
3rd Place – King Philip Middle School (West Hartford)

Congratulations to all!

The Leg 2 event was attended by players from 21 towns and 37 schools. Competition was directed by IM Jan van de Mortel, assisted by University of Connecticut Chess Club's Wissam Afyouni.

The tournament was organized as a non-profit fundraiser for scholastic chess programs by the Connecticut Chess Organization. It raised approximately \$900 for Connecticut chess programs.

CCO is organizing the 2017 Connecticut Girls' Scholastic Chess Championship on January 21, 2017 also at the Farmington Main Library.