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CCO Statewide Championships Draw 109 Players Over Two Days

On March 25, 2017 and April 1, 2017, 109 players competed in the 2017 Connecticut Chess Organization's Statewide Scholastic Chess Championships. The tournament was held over two days at two venues: Kingswood Oxford School, West Hartford and Amistad High School, New Haven.

The event was co-sponsored by the Connecticut Chess Organization, allClubs Chess, the University of Connecticut Chess Club, Kingswood Oxford School, Camp KO, and Achievement First Amistad High School and Chess Club.

Players from 21 towns and 45 schools attended this event. Competition was directed by IM Jan van de Mortel, assisted by University of Connecticut Chess Club's Gabriel Borges.

The tournament was organized as a non-profit fundraiser for scholastic chess programs by the Connecticut Chess Organization. However, the event fell short of covering its costs. Lack of area organizer support and several other tournaments in Connecticut over the two weekends slowed attendance at what was the only scholastic tournament in Connecticut in 2017 to offer Game 60 time controls.

Regardless of financial shortfall, the event was a substantial success, introducing many new players to tournament play both in the Hartford and New Haven areas. It featured Game 60 and Game 30, single and two-day sections, rated and unrated sections and 100 placement prizes, as listed below.

Congratulations to all of the participants!

CCO is organizing the **2017 Connecticut Scholastic Quick Chess Championships** on April 30, 2017 at the University of New Haven, West Haven, Connecticut.

CCO STATEWIDE 100 PRIZES/AWARDS
(Certificates of participation were distributed to all players)

K-12 Open

1st Place – Ruthvik Ayyagari, Breakthrough Magnet School (Hartford)

2nd Place – Niteesh Kalangi, Griswold Middle School (Rocky Hill)

3rd Place – Daniel Zhou, Mansfield Middle School

4th Place – Samuel Lumelsky, King Philip Middle School (West Hartford)

5th Place – Danny Hoffman, Addams Middle School (Guilford)

6th Place – Dhanush Kalangi, Griswold Middle School (Rocky Hill)

7th Place – Evan Wood, Journalism and Media Academy (Hartford)

Top Upset – Niteesh Kalangi

Top Under 1500 – Daniel Zhou
Top Under 1300 – Danny Hoffman
Top Under 1100 – Niteesh Kalangi
Top Under 900 – Shesh Budhabhatti, West Hill Elementary (Rocky Hill)
Top Under 700 – Daniel Gant, Amistad High School (New Haven), played in U1200

1st Place Team – Griswold Middle School (Rocky Hill)
2nd Place Team – Breakthrough Magnet School (Hartford)
3rd Place Team – Mansfield Middle School

CCO Statewide Combined Champion – Ruthvik Ayyagari
CCO Statewide Combined Team Champion – Griswold Middle School

K-12 U1200

North

1st Place – Carter Clayton, Webster Hill Elementary School (West Hartford)
2nd Place – Sankalp Ayyagari, Breakthrough Magnet School (Hartford)
3rd Place – Jake Lumelsky, Bugbee Elementary School (West Hartford)
4th Place – Lucas Kollen, Bugbee Elementary School (West Hartford)
5th Place – Suma Dendi, Betances STEM Magnet School (Hartford)

Top Upset – Daniel Gant, Amistad High School (New Haven)

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

South

1st Place – Ethan Striff-Cave, King Philip Middle School (West Hartford)
2nd Place – Raghav Arun, Pinegrove Elementary School (Avon)
3rd Place – Burke Reynolds, Bugbee Elementary School (West Hartford)
4th Place – Lucas Kollen, Bugbee Elementary School (West Hartford)
5th Place – Jake Lumelsky, Bugbee Elementary School (West Hartford)

Top Upset – Daniel Gant, Amistad High School (New Haven)

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

CCO Statewide Combined Champion – Jake Lumelsky
CCO Statewide Combined Team Champion – Bugbee Elementary School

K-8 U800

North

- 1st Place – Steven Taranto, King Philip Middle School (West Hartford)
- 2nd Place – Gregory Albin, Highland Elementary School (Cheshire)
- 3rd Place – Geoffrey Yu, Westwoods Upper Elementary School (Farmington)
- 4th Place – Punyavrat Upadhyay, West District Elementary School (Farmington)
- 5th Place – Jonah Levithan, Norfeldt Elementary School (West Hartford)

Top Upset – Steven Taranto

- 1st Place Team – King Philip Middle School (West Hartford)
- 2nd Place Team – Westwoods Upper Elementary School (Farmington)
- 3rd Place Team – Norfeldt Elementary School (West Hartford)

South

- 1st Place – Raveend Chandramohan, Avon Middle School
- 2nd Place – Sahil Vora, Greens Farms Elementary School (Westport)
- 3rd Place – Joshua Orsey, Bugbee Elementary School (West Hartford)
- 4th Place – Avery Hogrefe, Hogrefe Homeschool Academy (Plainville)
- 5th Place – Sri Sarveshwar Bhagat Neelavalli, International School at Dundee (Riverside)

Top Upset – Joshua Orsey

- 1st Place Team – Saint Martin de Porres Academy (New Haven)
- 2nd Place Team – Avon Middle School
- 3rd Place Team – Greens Farms Elementary School (Westport)

CCO Statewide Combined Champion – Raveend Chandramohan
CCO Statewide Combined Team Champion – King Philip Middle School

K-5 U500

North

- 1st Place – Shreeya Gomathinayagam, St. Bridget School (Cheshire)
- 2nd Place – Daniel Cazacu, Whiting Lane Elementary School (West Hartford)
- 3rd Place – Adarsh Swaminathan, West Hill Elementary School (Rocky Hill)
- 4th Place – Aaron Hogrefe, Hogrefe Homeschool Academy (Plainville)
- 5th Place – Azuka Moemeka, Norfeldt Elementary School (West Hartford)

Top Upset – Nitya Nair, Norfeldt Elementary School (West Hartford)

- 1st Place Team – Duffy Elementary School (West Hartford)
- 2nd Place Team – Norfeldt Elementary School (West Hartford)
- 3rd Place Team – Aiken Elementary School (West Hartford)

South

- 1st Place – Daniel Cazacu, Whiting Lane Elementary School (West Hartford)
- 2nd Place – Adarsh Swaminathan, West Hill Elementary School (Rocky Hill)
- 3rd Place – Shreeya Gomathinayagam, St. Bridget School (Cheshire)
- 4th Place – Sanjith Srinivasan, Union Elementary School (Farmington)
- 5th Place – Amithi Nair, Norfeldt Elementary School (West Hartford)

Top Upset – Vijay Srinivasan, Union Elementary School (Farmington)

- 1st Place Team – West Hill Elementary School (Rocky Hill)
- 2nd Place Team – Union Elementary School (Farmington)
- 3rd Place Team – Norfeldt Elementary School (West Hartford)

CCO Statewide Combined Champion – Daniel Cazacu

CCO Statewide Combined Team Champion – West Hill Elementary School

K-12 Unrated

North

- 1st Place – Jackson Neidle, Braeburn Elementary School (West Hartford)
- 2nd Place – Evan Riddle, Bugbee Elementary School (West Hartford)
- 3rd Place – Daniel Goldman, Bugbee Elementary School (West Hartford)
- 4th Place – Nevo Bachar, Norfeldt Elementary School (West Hartford)
- 5th Place – Liam Walsh, Braeburn Elementary School (West Hartford)
- 6th Place – Cooper Mason, Mason Academy (Unionville)
- 7th Place – Kaycie Brown, Achievement First Elementary School (Hartford)

- 1st Place Team – Braeburn Elementary School (West Hartford)
- 2nd Place Team – Bugbee Elementary School (West Hartford)
- 3rd Place Team – Norfeldt Elementary School (West Hartford)

South

- 1st Place – David Oluke, Wilbur Cross High School (New Haven)
- 2nd Place – Mohamed Fagrovch, Stamford High School
- 3rd Place – Sebastian Lopez, Elm City Elementary School (New Haven)
- 4th Place – Michael Martinez, Amistad High School (New Haven)
- 5th Place – John Hodge, Amistad High School (New Haven)
- 6th Place – Alex Beltran, Wilbur Cross High School (New Haven)
- 7th Place – Tyria Martin, Wilbur Cross High School (New Haven)

- 1st Place Team – Wilbur Cross High School (New Haven)
- 2nd Place Team – Amistad High School (New Haven)
- 3rd Place Team – Saint Martin de Porres Academy (New Haven)

CCO Statewide Combined Champion – Cooper Mason

CCO Statewide Combined Team Champion – Wilbur Cross High School