

Join the Hamden Chess Team!



Full Year July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027
\$400 (Club members and enrolled PMCA Students);
\$500 (Non-club member and non-PMCA Student)

Half-Year Options:
Jul 1 - Dec 31 \$250/\$325
Jan 1 - Jun 30 \$250/\$325

Discounts: Save \$100 if you are an HCC Scholastic Club Member or enrolled as a PMCA Student.
Save \$100 if you register for a full year.

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 and surrounding states during the course of the year (See tentative schedule - most tournaments are in CT).. 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 250 points and won several thousand dollars in cumulative prizes each year since our inaugural team in 2023.

In April 2026 team members and PMCA Students Daniel Svolik and Martin Svolik had the opportunity of playing vs [Levy Rozman aka "Gotham Chess"](#) at Beineke Plaza!





2026-27 Hamden Chess Team Schedule

Upcoming Tournaments and Training-Pizza/Prep Rallies

Team members are encouraged to attend as many tournaments/Training-Prep Rallies as they can. Team members are encouraged to come to the Training-Pizza/Prep Rallies even if it doesn't suit them to go to the following week's tournament.

Our tournament and training schedule will be as follows:

2026 Dates*	Tournament/Event	Location
Jul 19, 2026 (Sun 4:00-7:00PM)	Training-Pizza/Prep Rally	Hamden, CT
Jul 24-26 (or 25-26), 2026	31st Bradley Open (CCA)	Hartford, CT
Aug (Sunday) tbd	Scrimmage tournament with DIG team	Hamden (or Weston, Co, tbd)
Aug 16, 2026 (Sun)	Training-Pizza/Prep Rally	Hamden, CT
Aug 23, 2026 (Sun)	61st NBCC Summer Open (entry fee includes picnic lunch) (NBCC)	Wickham Park, Manchester, CT (outside/pavilion)
Sept 20, 2026 (Sun)	Training-Pizza/Prep Rally	Hamden, CT
Sept 25-27, 2026 Fri-Sun)	Hamden Chess Fall Classic (HCC) 5 Rds, 3 sections; G/60 or G/90 tbd	Hamden, CT
Oct 11, 2026 (Sun)	Training-Pizza/Prep Rally	Hamden, CT
Oct. 16-18 (or 17-18), 2026	Eastern Class (CCA)	Windsor Locks, CT
Nov 1, 2026	Training-Pizza/Prep Rally	Hamden, CT
Nov 8, 2026 (Sun) TBD, in development*	CT State Championship (CSCA)	TBD, check CSCA page , CT
Dec 13, 2026	Training-Pizza/Prep Rally	Hamden, CT
Dec 19, 2026	New Haven County/City Championship (CSCA)	TBD, check CSCA page , New Haven, CT

2027 Dates*		
Jan 11, 2027 (Sun 4:00-7:00PM)	Training-Pizza/Prep Rally	Hamden, CT
Jan 2027 (Sunday) tbd	Scrimmage tournament with DIG club	Weston, CT (or Hamden, tbd)
Feb 21, 2027 (Sun)	Training-Pizza/Prep Rally	Hamden, CT
Feb 27, 2027 (Sat)	HCC Game-in-45 Challenge	Hamden, CT
Mar 14, 2027 (Sun)	Training-Pizza/Prep Rally	Hamden, CT
Mar 20, 2027 (Sat) 10:30AM (4 Rds-G45, d5; 3 sections)	Hamden Chess Club Championship	Hamden, CT
Apr 18, 2027 (Sun)	Training-Pizza/Prep Rally	Hamden, CT
Apr 24-25 (or 25), 2027	Connecticut Open (CT State Chess Association)	Connecticut College, New London, CT
May 9, 2027 (Sun)	Training-Pizza/Prep Rally	Hamden, CT
May 16 (Sun), 2027	CT Hall of Fame Action Championship	Sacred Heart Univ.
May 30, 2027 (Sun)	Training-Pizza/Prep Rally	Hamden, CT
Jun 4-6 (or 5-6), 2027	Hartford Open	Windsor Locks, CT

*Dates subject to change. Most likely tournament dates as of 4/30/26. There will be a Training- Pizza/Prep Rally the Sunday before most tournament dates; usually 4:00-7:00PM. **Recent changes/additions on this page will be in red.**

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