

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.

Please note: Enrolled PMCA Intermediate and Advanced students (paying a monthly class fee) do not need to pay an additional fee to be part of the team! Class sign up is at: <https://playmorechess.com/classes.htm>. The separate team fee is for those who live at a distance (and/or can not commit to attending a weekly class) but still wish to be part of the team and attend events on the schedule.

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. 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!





Recommended Tournaments in CT

2026-2027

Team members are encouraged to attend as many tournaments and classes as suits their schedule. Team members are encouraged to participate in at least one tournament each month, either from the list below or one of the HCC tournaments on the PMCA [Events](#) page.

2026 Dates*	Tournament/Event	Location
Jul 24-26 (or 25-26), 2026	31st Bradley Open (CCA)	Hartford, CT
FALL (Sunday) tbd	Scrimmage tournament with DIG team	Hamden (or Weston, Co, tbd)
Aug 23, 2026 (Sun)	61st NBCC Summer Open (entry fee includes picnic lunch) (NBCC)	Wickham Park, Manchester, CT (outside/pavilion)
Sept 19, 2026 (Sat)	Hamden Chess Fall Classic (HCC) 3 Rds, 3 sections; G/75, d5; prizes: \$1000 b/24, 70% GTD	Hamden, CT
Oct. 16-18 (or 17-18), 2026	Eastern Class (CCA)	Windsor Locks, CT
Nov 8, 2026 (Sun) TBD, in development *	CT State Championship (CSCA)	TBD, check CSCA page , CT
Dec 19, 2026	New Haven County/City Championship (CSCA)	TBD, check CSCA page , New Haven, CT

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

*Dates subject to change. Most likely dates as of 7/28/26. . Recent date changes/additions on this page will be in red.

Sign up for Hamden Chess Team online at playmorechess.com

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