

NEW YORK STATE SCHOLASTICS COVID-19 POLICY

By entering the tournament, players agree that Continental Chess cannot guarantee that they will not as a result become infected with COVID-19. Entrants further certify that during the 10-day period before the tournament, they have not experienced any symptoms associated with COVID-19, which include fever, cough, or shortness of breath, or had close or direct contact with anyone who is either confirmed or suspected of having COVID-19.

Players also certify that they are or will be fully vaccinated against Covid-19 by the first day of this tournament. The same also applies to parents and coaches (who should be prepared to show proof of vaccination at the tournament if requested by the tournament staff). The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention considers an individual fully vaccinated if they are 2 weeks after their second dose in a 2-dose series, such as the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or 2 weeks after a single-dose vaccine, such as Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine. Misrepresenting oneself as fully vaccinated may result in my being banned from future CCA events and other penalties.

Masks are also required in all public spaces. This includes, but is not limited to, players in games, tournament staff, and other attendees. The mask and vaccination requirements for Continental Chess are announced at chessevents.us and in the free emailed CCA Bulletin. If you do not receive the free CCA Bulletin, you can subscribe at chessevents.us. Failure to observe mask and vaccination requirements may result in being excluded or removed from the event .

Players are encouraged to receive pairings by text or email. You should be able to check standings online prior to entering the playing hall. Pairings will probably be posted at the site, but you should endeavor to find your information BEFORE you arrive.

Crowds should not congregate around pairings or standings or outside doors of the playing halls. Please respect social distancing principles in effect at the event and any markers. Failure to observe social distancing if required may result in removal from the tournament and/or site, without refund.

Non-playing spectators may be restricted, depending on circumstances.

BEST PRACTICE RECOMMENDATIONS: Please try to limit the number of non-players in tournament areas. If you have a group of young players competing, please consider assigning no more than one or two parents to wait for those players at any given time. This will reduce the crowds around exits and in hallways, which promotes a safer atmosphere for everyone.

Within 10 days of the tournament, if you experience any symptoms consistent with COVID-19, please do NOT attend. These symptoms include, but are not limited to, fever, respiratory distress, and shortness of breath. If within 10 days of the tournament, you have any close or direct contact with anyone who is either confirmed or suspected of having COVID-19, please do NOT attend. This includes close or direct contact with anyone who is experiencing or displaying any symptoms consistent with COVID-19.