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## Columbia County Chess Association Chess League - 2026 (Jan – Oct '26)

Saturday Tournaments held monthly | G/30;+5 | Four Rounds of Swiss Paired Chess

A full year USCF rated Chess League. Compete in as many or as few Chess League events, earning points throughout the year and fighting your way up the Chess League Table. The top 12 players are invited to the Chess League Cup, a post season playoff that pits the finest chess players in the Columbia County Chess Association against each other.

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### League Table

10 Chess League Monthly Events – 40 Game Season  
3 Year-end Tournament Sections – Open, U1300, U800

- U400 Section will hold a round-robin tournament

Results are tracked on The League Tables for the entire 2026 Season. Players are represented on the tables for the entire 2026 season regardless of points or number of events attended.

### Points

- 1 Play in an Chess League Monthly event
- 1 Win a game at an Chess League Monthly event
- .5 Draw a game at an Chess League Monthly event
- 2 Place First in an Chess League Monthly event
- 1 Place second in an Chess League Monthly event



### Playoffs (Nov- Dec '26)

Each section holds an invitational tournament pitting the 12 highest scorers from the 2025 League Table against each other for a chance to win the Chess League Cup! These 12 players will be invited to play in round-robin sections to determine the League Cup winner.

Playoff games are G/30;+5 and Finals rounds are a 2 game series playing black and white.

**Day 1** - Invitational Tourn. – 5 Rd Round Robin

**Day 2** AM - Semi Finals | PM – CHESS LEAGUE Cup Finals



### League Champion

Awarded to the player with the largest number of points at the end of the 10 month tournament series. Ties based on points are then settled by tiebreakers



### Chess League Cup Champion

The winner of the playoff tournament series. Round Robin Invitational + Knock out Semi Final and Finals.



## Chess Tournament / League Dates

|                                |                           |                                   |                          |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>January 3<sup>rd</sup></b>  | January '26 Chess League  | <b>July 11<sup>th</sup>*</b>      | July '26 Chess League    |
| <b>February 7<sup>th</sup></b> | February '26 Chess League | <b>August 1<sup>st</sup>*</b>     | August '26 Chess League  |
| <b>March 7<sup>th</sup></b>    | March '26 Chess League    | <b>September 12<sup>th</sup>*</b> | Sept. '26 Chess League   |
| <b>April 4<sup>th</sup></b>    | April '26 Chess League    | <b>October 3<sup>rd</sup>*</b>    | October 26' Chess League |
| <b>May 16<sup>th</sup></b>     | May '26 Chess League      | <b>November 14<sup>th</sup>*</b>  | Round-Robin Quals        |
| <b>June 6<sup>th</sup>*</b>    | June '26 Chess League     | <b>December 5<sup>th</sup>*</b>   | Bracketed Final Four     |

\* Subject to room availability

## Additional Info

Chess League tournaments are held at the Columbia County Library, Room A and the meeting room downstairs. The first round of play begins at 10:15 am – please arrive prior to that for registration and pairings.

Prizes will be allocated per section winners!

## Registration

Information and Registration Available through [www.columbiacountychessclub.com/2026-registration/](http://www.columbiacountychessclub.com/2026-registration/)  
Or contact us by email at [columbiacounty.chess@gmail.com](mailto:columbiacounty.chess@gmail.com) .

