

North Penn Chess Club

Club Information

Location: St. Johns UCC Church, 500 W. Main Street, Lansdale, PA

Time: Doors open at 7:00 and tournament games start at 7:30

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Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What does the chess club offer?

A: The club holds USCF rated tournaments throughout the year.

Q: Where and when does the chess club meet?

A: The club meets at St. John’s UCC Church, 500 West Main St., Lansdale, PA. Entrance is through the back ramp door. Doors open at 7:00 and tournament games start at 7:30. If you are playing in the tournament, please plan to arrive by 7:15 prior to the game round. For entry after 7:30, please find the posted sign for cell phone information as doors will be locked.

Q: What do I need to play in a tournament?

A: You need to have a current USCF membership and pre-register (with your USCF ID) for a particular tournament using the contact information above (and as posted in the tournament ad). Pre-registration ends on Friday at 4:30.

Q: How do I pay my fees?

A: Cash payment is due before the first round of play. Please limit bills to denominations of \$20 or less.

Q: I'm not ready for tournaments. Is there casual play? Lessons?

A: There is an extra room available for casual play, but there is no guarantee there will be others available for casual play. Spectators are also welcome. Advance notice is requested using the contact information above (and as posted in the tournament ad). We do not offer lessons at the club.

Q: What is the level of the play at the club?

A: Our players range from beginners to expert/master.

Q: How do I get a USCF membership?

A: Visit uschess.org and select "JOIN" for available options.

Q: Can kids play?

A: Kids are welcome to play (under 12 yr. need a parent or sibling onsite at all times). There are no events dedicated specifically toward children.

Q: I can't make it every Friday night of a tournament.

A: A player can take a bye for any round; however, you must play the last round to be eligible for prizes.

The player is responsible for notifying the club if they have registered and cannot participate on any given Friday. It is important to give notice, so they are not paired with another player and result in a forfeit loss in their absence.

Q: What is the club membership?

A: Membership at the North Penn Chess Club kicks off with the Membership Drive tournament every September and runs through the following August. Membership provides reduced entry fees to our tournaments. New members can join after September at a pro-rated amount until August. Please refer to the “NPCC Dues Schedule” by clicking on the link on the website Home Welcome Page.

Q: How do I collect my prize winnings?

A: Players who earn prize money can collect at the end of the tournament or over the duration of the following tournament at the club. After this period, the winnings will be forfeited and donated back to the club.

Q: Do I need to bring my own equipment?

A: Players are welcome to bring their own chess sets and clocks. The club also has sets and clocks for use onsite.