



**OHIO SCHOLASTIC CHESS ASSOCIATION**  
**2018 ELEMENTARY CHAMPIONSHIPS**  
**February 24, 2018  Blue Ash (Cincinnati), Ohio**

**Time control:** All sections, all rounds – G/30;d5

**Sections:** Six sections. Championship sections are limited to players residing or attending school/home school in Ohio. Players from other states are welcome to play in the Premier and Reserve sections. All players must also meet other requirements as indicated below.

- **K-6 Elementary Championship:** Grades K-6, any rating or unrated, USCF membership required.
- **Elementary Premier – 4-6 U700:** Grades 4–6, rated under 700 or unrated, USCF membership required.
- **Elementary Reserve – 4-6 U400:** Grades 4–6, rated under 400 or unrated, USCF membership required.
- **K-3 Primary Championship:** Grades K-3, any rating or unrated (USCF membership not required).
- **Primary Premier – K-3 U500:** Grades K–3, rated under 500 or unrated (USCF membership not required).
- **Primary Reserve – K-3 U300:** Grades K–3, rated under 300 or unrated (USCF membership not required).

Swiss pairings will be used for all sections. Official ratings published in the February 2018 ratings supplement will govern section eligibility, except that for a player who is officially unrated but earned a rating after the February 2018 ratings supplement was published, the player’s most recent rating as indicated in the player’s tournament history on the USCF website will govern. An unrated player is one who has played fewer than four rated games, whether as a USCF member or under the Junior Tournament Player Program (JTPP). Accelerated pairings may be used, but will not be used in any section with fewer than 32 players.

**Schedule:** Players should arrive at the tournament no later than 10:30 am. See *Forfeits and Withdrawals*.

Changes/ corrections	Announce- ments	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3*	Round 4*	Round 5*	Awards*
9:30–10:15 am	10:30 am	11:00 am	12:30 pm	1:45 pm*	3:00 pm*	4:15 pm*	5:30 pm*

\*In the Premier and Reserve sections, rounds 3, 4 and 5 will be accelerated if possible. Awards ceremonies will follow as soon as possible after the conclusion of a section’s final-round games.

**Byes:** A player may take one half-point bye upon request in advance or onsite until round 2 pairings are posted (at about 12:20 pm), except that a player who received a full-point bye in round 1 may not request a half-point bye, and no player may request a half-point bye for round 5.

**Prizes:** Individual place trophies to the top five finishers in each section. Honorable mention trophies to anyone scoring 3.5 or more and not finishing among the top five places. Participation medals to all players. Team trophies to the top five teams in each section.

**Registration:** Advance entry only. **No onsite registration.** To enter online or to download an entry form, visit [www.chesscincinnati.com/elementary](http://www.chesscincinnati.com/elementary). The entry fee is \$35 if entry is made online or mailed on or before February 17, 2018, and \$45 thereafter. A limited number of entries will be available for low-income players at a reduced entry fee of \$10.00 (\$15.00 after February 17), subject to verification of player eligibility. Players requesting a reduced entry fee must enter by mail (reduced entry fee is not available with online entry).

**All entries must be received by 12:00 noon on Friday, February 23, 2018.**

***This is an Ohio Scholastic Chess Association/State Championship Event!***

More information is on the other side. For complete information, visit [www.chesscincinnati.com/elementary](http://www.chesscincinnati.com/elementary).

**US Chess Federation Membership:** Current USCF membership is required for all players in the K-6 Elementary Championship, Elementary Premier 4-6 U700, and Elementary Reserve 4-6 U400 sections. In the K-3 Primary Championship, Primary Premier K-3 U500, and Primary Reserve K-3 U300 sections, current USCF membership is optional. For the K-3 sections only, players who are not current USCF members may enter under the USCF Junior Tournament Player Program. Players may purchase or renew a USCF membership through the tournament registration process or separately at [www.uschess.org/Join](http://www.uschess.org/Join).

**Clocks and Notation:** All players in all sections will be required to use chess clocks. Players in the K-6 Elementary Championship, Elementary Premier 4-6 U700, and Elementary Reserve 4-6 U400 sections will be required to take notation. Players in the K-3 Primary Championship, Primary Premier K-3 U500, and Primary Reserve K-3 U300 sections are encouraged but not required to take notation, and will be ineligible to make certain claims regarding their game if they do not.

**Teams:** A team is defined as two or more players who (a) attend the same school or qualifying home school organization and (b) are playing in the same section. To represent a school on a team, a player must be enrolled more than half-time in the school. For teams with more than four players, the top four scores will count toward a team trophy. For additional details, please visit [www.chesscincinnati.com/elementary](http://www.chesscincinnati.com/elementary).

**Forfeits and Withdrawals:** Players who are not present at their assigned board at the start of round 1 will be forfeited and withdrawn from the tournament, and their opponents will be re-paired. Participants may not avoid forfeiting by calling a tournament director while *en route* to notify him of an expected late arrival. Any player arriving late is urged to check in with a tournament director immediately upon arriving. After round 1, players who do not appear at their assigned board before their time expires will be forfeited and withdrawn. A player withdrawn in either situation may be readmitted at the discretion of the chief tournament director.

A player who answers a cell phone call, sends a text message, or reads an incoming text message during a game shall immediately forfeit that game. A player whose cell phone or pager audibly rings during a game shall receive a warning for the first such incident, and forfeit the game upon a second such incident.

Players may withdraw from the tournament at any time prior to round 5; however, **it is extremely important that players choosing to withdraw so notify a tournament director before the next round pairings are posted** — otherwise they will be paired, resulting in a forfeit.

**Confirming and Changing Entries:** Entries will be confirmed by email if a valid email address is provided on the entry form and will be posted on [www.chesscincinnati.com](http://www.chesscincinnati.com). Changes or corrections can be requested by email ([info@chesscincinnati.com](mailto:info@chesscincinnati.com)) until noon on February 23, 2018, or in person onsite from 9:30 to 10:15 am.

**Venue:** The Embassy Suites, 4554 Lake Forest Drive, Blue Ash, OH 45242, located approximately three miles from the intersection of I-71 and I-275. The Embassy Suites restaurant offers a breakfast buffet, lunch and dinner; and especially for this tournament, the hotel will also provide a food concession at several food stations in the tournament area. For those wishing to spend a night in the hotel, the rate for a king suite is \$109. All suites include a sofa bed in addition to the king bed. Interested persons should reserve early as this hotel routinely sells out. For reservations call 513-733-8900.



**Equipment:** The organizers will provide pieces, boards, clocks and scoresheets for all players to use.

**Governance:** Cincinnati Scholastic Chess will conduct this tournament in compliance with the Ohio Scholastic Chess Association Event Guidelines as of April 8, 2017, which are available at [www.ohioscholasticchess.org](http://www.ohioscholasticchess.org) on the Event Guidelines page. Parents, coaches and players are referred to these guidelines for applicable rules and conditions not specified on this flyer or at [www.chesscincinnati.com/elementary](http://www.chesscincinnati.com/elementary).

**Questions:** Send email to [info@chesscincinnati.com](mailto:info@chesscincinnati.com), or contact Alan Hodge by phone/text at 513-600-9915.

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