

# 55<sup>th</sup> CINCINNATI OPEN

March 29-31, 2019 • Hilton Garden Inn, Blue Ash, Ohio

5-Round Swiss • 4 Sections: Championship (FIDE Rated), U2100, U1700, U1300

♣ **Prizes:** \$6,700 based on 120 paid entries, otherwise proportional. Prizes will be split among tied players. Unrated players may not win more than the third-place prize amount.

<b>Championship Section:</b>	\$800 -- 550 -- 400 -- 300	Top Under 2200:	\$250 -- 200
<b>U2100 Section:</b>	\$550 -- 400 -- 300 -- 200	Top Under 1900:	\$200 -- 150
<b>U1700 Section:</b>	\$400 -- 300 -- 200 -- 150	Top Under 1500:	\$175 -- 125
<b>U1300 Section:</b>	\$300 -- 200 -- 150 -- 125	Top Under 1100:	\$150 -- 125

♣ **Championship Section** -- FIDE rated (except that 2-day schedule rounds 1 and 2 are *not* FIDE rated)

Players must be current USCF members. Players must be USCF rated 1700 or higher based on March 2019 official ratings, or, if not USCF rated, have a FIDE rating of 1600 or higher. See [www.chesscincinnati.com/cincinnati-open](http://www.chesscincinnati.com/cincinnati-open) for details.

*Time control:* 40/90, SD/30; +30 except 2-day schedule rounds 1 and 2 are G/75; d5

*Schedules:* 3-Day: Fri 7, Sat 11 & 6, Sun 9:30 & 3; 2-Day: Sat 11, 2 & 6, Sun 9:30 & 3

For details of rules governing the Championship section, visit [www.chesscincinnati.com/cincinnati-open](http://www.chesscincinnati.com/cincinnati-open).

The organizers will provide all pieces, boards, clocks and scoresheets for the Championship section only.

♣ **U2100, U1700, U1300 Sections**

Players must be current USCF members. Section assignments and pairings will be based on March 2019 official USCF ratings, except that unofficial ratings, if available, will be used for players who are officially unrated. Players may choose to play up but may not play up more than one section.

*Time control:* G/120; d5 all rounds

*Schedule:* 6 rounds are scheduled: **1** Fri 7 pm, **2** Sat 9:30 am, **3** Sat 2 pm, **4** Sat 7 pm, **5** Sun 9:30 am, **6** Sun 2 pm.

**Players must select one round of the six for a zero-point bye** so that all players play a five-round schedule. See [www.chesscincinnati.com/cincinnati-open](http://www.chesscincinnati.com/cincinnati-open) for details.

Players should bring pieces, boards and clocks. Scoresheets will be available at the tournament.

♣ **Optional Byes:** Players may elect to take one or two half-point byes, but must commit by 5:00 pm Saturday. For the U2100, U1700 and U1300 sections, these byes are additional to the required zero-point bye.

♣ **More Information:** Complete information and advance entries at [www.chesscincinnati.com/cincinnati-open](http://www.chesscincinnati.com/cincinnati-open). No smoking. No computers. Questions: [info@chesscincinnati.com](mailto:info@chesscincinnati.com) or text/call Alan Hodge 513-600-9915.

*See other side for additional information.*

55 <sup>th</sup> CINCINNATI OPEN ADVANCE ENTRY FORM			
Name:			
Street:	City:	State:	Zip:
Phone with a/c:		Email:	
USCF ID:	<i>For Championship Section only</i> , FIDE ID (if none, enter "None"):		
Section: <input type="checkbox"/> Championship 3-Day Schedule <input type="checkbox"/> Championship 2-Day Schedule <input type="checkbox"/> U2100 <input type="checkbox"/> U1700 <input type="checkbox"/> U1300			
<i>U2100, U1700, and U1300 Sections:</i> Select a 0-point bye round:		Optional half-point bye round(s):	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 6
Entry fee:	\$ 109.00	<input type="checkbox"/> GM/IM/WGM/WIM: no entry fee	
Less applicable discount(s):	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Loyalty A List \$10 <input type="checkbox"/> Loyalty B List \$5 <i>(Take A or B but not both.)</i>	
<b>Total paid:</b>	\$ _____	Make check payable to <i>Cincinnati Scholastic Chess</i> .	
<i>For New Player Rebate purposes</i> , identify <input type="checkbox"/> the player you recruited* <b>or</b> <input type="checkbox"/> the player you were recruited by:			
Name and USCF ID: _____			
*You may also identify any player you recruit in an email to <a href="mailto:info@chesscincinnati.com">info@chesscincinnati.com</a> .			

**\*Our apologies! The TLA and our original flyer erroneously identified this as the 56th Cincinnati Open.**

**Hotel:** Hilton Garden Inn, 5300 Cornell Road, Blue Ash, OH 45242. Room rate \$99 for king bed, \$110 for two queen beds. Room rate includes breakfast for up to two guests in a room. **Reserve by Thursday, February 28, 2019 to ensure rate and room.** *This is an unusually early reservation deadline! Reservation requests after this date might not get the chess rate.* To make a reservation by phone, call 800-HILTONS (800-445-8667) or 513-469-6900 and ask for the Cincinnati Scholastic Chess rate. A link for online booking, directions to the hotel, and a map link are available at [www.chesscincinnati.com/cincinnati\\_open](http://www.chesscincinnati.com/cincinnati_open).

**Entry Fee:** \$109 in advance, \$120 onsite, \$50 to re-enter (Re-entry counts as one-half paid entry for prizes.)  
*GMs, IMs, WGMs, WIMs:* No entry fee; \$109 less any applicable discount will be deducted from any prize won.

#### **Entry Fee Loyalty Discount:**

- *A List Discount:* If you played in the 2018 Cincinnati Open, you may take a \$10 discount.
- *B List Discount:* If you did not play in the Cincinnati Open in 2018 but played in any year from 2012 through 2017, you may take a \$5 discount.

To confirm your eligibility for either discount, check the A and B Lists at [www.chesscincinnati.com/cincinnati\\_open](http://www.chesscincinnati.com/cincinnati_open).

**Rebate for Recruiting New Players:** Any player who plays in the 2019 Cincinnati Open is eligible for a rebate for recruiting a *new player* to play in the Cincinnati Open. Cincinnati Scholastic Chess will pay the player a \$15 rebate for each identified *new player* whom he or she recruits. A *new player* is one who (a) did not play in any Cincinnati Open from 2012 through 2018, (b) enters the 2019 Cincinnati Open with the payment of a normal entry fee, and (c) plays at least one round of the tournament. To confirm whether a player is eligible to be recruited as a *new player*, check the A and B Lists at [www.chesscincinnati.com/cincinnati\\_open](http://www.chesscincinnati.com/cincinnati_open).

A player may recruit any number of new players, but the total amount rebated will not exceed the amount of the entry fee actually paid by the recruiting player. To be credited with recruiting a new player, a player must notify the tournament organizers of the name and USCF ID of each new player recruited (enter "new" as the USCF ID for anyone who has not yet purchased a USCF membership). This notification can be provided on the mail-in or online entry form when entering the tournament, or by email to [info@chesscincinnati.com](mailto:info@chesscincinnati.com). Each recruited new player must likewise indicate on his or her entry form the name and USCF ID of the player who recruited him or her.

Rebates will be paid to players at the tournament when all criteria have been confirmed. We will pay the rebate for each instance where we can match recruiter and recruit referrals. Only one player will be credited as the recruiter for each new player recruited. No rebates will be paid for recruits who do not enter the tournament or withdraw before playing any rounds.

**Mail your completed entry form along with your check made payable to Cincinnati Scholastic Chess to: Cincinnati Open, 9180 Pinewood Drive, Loveland, OH 45140-8234.**

## **REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

### **Advance Registration**

Entry must be received by 9:00 am, Friday, March 29, 2019.

- *Online:* Use online entry form at [www.chesscincinnati.com/cincinnati\\_open](http://www.chesscincinnati.com/cincinnati_open); pay entry fee through PayPal using PayPal account or credit card.
- *By mail:* Use entry form on the other side. Mail the completed entry form along with a check made payable to *Cincinnati Scholastic Chess* to Cincinnati Open, 9180 Pinewood Drive, Loveland, OH 45140-8234.

### **Onsite Registration**

Pay with cash, credit card, or check made payable to *Cincinnati Scholastic Chess*.

On Friday, March 29, 5:30-6:30 pm, players may enter any section and any schedule.

On Saturday, March 30, 8:00-10:00 am, players may enter only as specified below.

- Championship Section 2-day schedule
- Championship Section 3-day schedule with a half-point bye for round 1 (Friday, 7 pm)
- U2100, U1700, U1300 Sections with a zero point bye for round 1 (Friday, 7 pm) and a half-point bye for round 2 (Saturday, 9:30 am) *Players who enter on Saturday morning will not be paired to play in the round at 9:30 am Saturday even if they enter before 9:30 am.*