



OHIO SCHOLASTIC CHESS ASSOCIATION

2019 ALL GIRLS CHAMPIONSHIP

February 23&24, 2019  Cincinnati, Ohio

Sections and Schedule

The Championship section is limited to female scholastic players residing or attending school/home school in Ohio. Female scholastic players from other states may play in any other section for which their rating qualifies them.

- *Championship*: G/90; +30. Rounds Saturday 11 & 4, Sunday 9 & 2.
- *U1000*: G/30; d5. Rounds Saturday 11:00, 12:30, 2:00, 3:30 (rounds 3 and 4 will start earlier if possible).
- *U600*: G/30; d5. Rounds Saturday 11:00, 12:30, 2:00, 3:30 (rounds 3 and 4 will start earlier if possible).
- *K-3 U300*: G/30; d5. Rounds Saturday 11:00, 12:30, 2:00, 3:30 (rounds 3 and 4 will start earlier if possible).

Swiss pairings will be used for all sections. Official ratings published in the February 2019 ratings supplement will be used for section eligibility and pairings, except that for a player who is officially unrated, the player's most recent rating published on www.uschess.org, if there is one, will govern. Accelerated pairings may be used, but will not be used in any section with fewer than 32 players.

Players who wish to make any change or correction to their entry should do so onsite between 9:30 and 10:15 am on Saturday. All players should be present for announcements at 10:30 am. Players arriving late will be subject to withdrawal from the tournament. See *Forfeits and Withdrawals* on the other side.

US Chess Federation Membership Requirements

Current USCF membership is required for the Championship, U1000 and U600 sections. For the K-3 U300 section only, USCF membership is permitted but not required. Players may enter under the Junior Tournament Player Program, which allows them to play in this tournament without being current USCF members. Players may purchase or renew a USCF membership as part of the entry process or separately at www.uschess.org.

Prizes: Individual place trophies to the top five finishers in each section. Honorable mention trophies to anyone scoring 3.0 or more and not finishing among the top five places. Participation medals to all players. Team trophies to the top three teams in each section. Standard USCF tiebreaks will be used to determine the order of finish among tied players and teams.

The top finisher in the Championship section will be offered the opportunity to be the Ohio representative to the National Girls Tournament of Champions held at the US Open or the National Polgar girls tournament. If that player declines to participate in either event, the offer will be passed in turn to the next top finisher until a player accepts. The next player in line will be offered the remaining event.

Entry: Advance entry only. Go to www.chesscincinnati.com/girls to enter online or to download an entry form. The entry fee is \$35 if entry is made online or mailed on or before February 17, 2019, and \$40 thereafter. Some entries are available for qualifying low-income players at \$15.00, subject to verification of player eligibility. Players requesting the \$15 entry fee must enter by mail (this entry fee is not available with online entry). *No onsite entry. All entries must be received by noon on Friday, February 22, 2019.*

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/girls. Request changes or corrections by email (info@chesscincinnati.com) until noon on February 22, or in person onsite from 9:30 to 10:15 am Saturday.

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

More information is on the other side. For complete information, visit www.chesscincinnati.com/girls.

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 three players, the top three scores will count toward a team trophy. For additional details, please visit www.chesscincinnati.com/girls.

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 4.

Clocks and Notation: All players in all sections will be required to use chess clocks. In the Championship, U1000 and U600 sections, all players will be required to take notation. In the K-3 U300 section, players are encouraged but not required to take notation, and will be ineligible to make certain claims regarding their game if they do not.

Equipment: The organizers will provide pieces, boards, clocks and scoresheets for all players to use. Players are free to use their own scoresheets, including approved electronic scoresheets, or scorebooks if they so choose, and should bring their own pens or pencils.

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 the default time expires will be forfeited and withdrawn. In the Championship section, the default time is 45 minutes; in the other sections, the default time is 15 minutes. 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 4. *It is extremely important that players who are withdrawing so notify a tournament director before the next round pairings are posted.*

Venue: *Saturday* — all rounds for all sections will be played at Princeton High School, 100 Viking Way (Chester Road), Cincinnati, OH 45246. Park in the east parking lot (between the school and Chester Road, accessed from Lippelman Road). Enter the school through door #30.

Sunday — Championship rounds 3 and 4 will be played at the Hyatt Place, 11345 Chester Road (0.2 miles north of the school). For those wishing to stay overnight, the hotel rate is \$105. **Reserve by February 2, 2019** to ensure room and rate. Reservations: call 513-771-1718 and request rate for Cincinnati Scholastic Chess Block, or book directly online using the link on www.chesscincinnati.com/girls.

Governance: Cincinnati Scholastic Chess will conduct this tournament in compliance with the Ohio Scholastic Chess Association Event Guidelines as of April 8, 2017, available at 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/girls.

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

