



2019 Ohio Grade Level Championships

Saturday, November 9, 2019 • Blue Ash (Cincinnati), Ohio



5-round Swiss • All sections are rated, championship sections. • Unrated players will earn a rating.

All players must reside or attend school in Ohio. • All players in grades 4–12 must be USCF members.

Each grade is its own section. • Players must play in the section for their grade regardless of rating.

Players may make a correction to their entry, or request or cancel a bye, onsite between 8:30 and 9:15 am.

Announcements will begin at 9:30 am.

	Time Control	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Awards
Grades K–2	G/30 d5	10:00 am	11:30 am	ASAP*	ASAP*	ASAP*	ASAP*
Grades 3–6	G/30 d5	10:00 am	11:30 am	1:00 pm	2:20 pm	3:40 pm	~ 5:00 pm
Grades 7–12	G/45 d5	10:00 am	noon	2:00 pm	3:50 pm	5:40 pm	~ 7:30 pm

*Will begin approximately 20 minutes after the last game in the previous round ends.

Pairings: Swiss pairings will be used for all sections. Official ratings published in the November 2019 ratings supplement will be used, except that for a player who is officially unrated but earned a rating after the November ratings supplement was published, the player’s most recent rating as indicated in the player’s tournament history on the USCF website will be used. An unrated player is one who has played fewer than four rated games. Accelerated pairings may be used in any section with more than 32 players.

Byes: Players may take one ½-point bye for round 1, 2, 3 or 4 only. Request a bye on entry form or onsite by 8:30 am.

Entry: Advance entry only either by mail or online at www.chesscincinnati.com. Entries must be received by noon, Friday, November 8. *Entry fee:* \$35 through November 1, \$40.00 thereafter. A limited number of reduced entry fees (\$15.00/\$20.00) are available for qualifying players; interested players must enter by mail.

Teams: Two or more players in the same section from the same school constitute a team. The top three scores among a team’s players will count toward a team trophy. Players from the same team will not be paired against each other unless necessary to avoid pairing a player inappropriately out of his or her score group or otherwise unduly skewing the natural pairings that would have occurred without considering team affiliation.

Trophies: In each section we will award individual trophies to the top five players and to all other players scoring 3.5 points or more, and team trophies to the top three teams. Order of finish among tied players or teams will be determined by standard USCF tiebreaks.

Equipment: Cincinnati Scholastic Chess will provide sets, boards, clocks and scoresheets for all sections. Players may use their own scoresheets/scorebooks if they prefer.

USCF Membership: Players in grades 4–12 must be current US Chess Federation (USCF) members. Players in grades K–3 are not required to be USCF members; those who are not may enter under the Junior Tournament Player Program. USCF dues are additional to the entry fee. Details of membership options are provided on the entry form and on the Grade Level page at www.chesscincinnati.com. Players may purchase or renew USCF memberships by way of the tournament entry form when entering the tournament.

Venue Information: The Embassy Suites Hotel, 4554 Lake Forest Drive, Blue Ash, OH 45242. \$107/king, \$117 double. Reserve by November 1 to ensure room and rate: call 513-733-8900 or 800-362-2779 and reference booking code “CGL”, or book online using the link on www.chesscincinnati.com. Food will be available onsite at the hotel restaurant and food concession, and offsite at several nearby restaurants.

For complete tournament information, entry form, and online entry, visit www.chesscincinnati.com.

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