



Cincinnati Scholastic Chess Series

2021-22 Season



The Cincinnati Scholastic Chess (CSC) Series is entering its 15th season of monthly Swiss tournaments, sanctioned by the US Chess Federation, for players in grades K–12 from October through March.

Sections

- **Championship (Rated):** Open to all players in grades K–12, rated or unrated. Players rated 1000 or more must play in this section. Players must be USCF members and are required to take notation. The strongest players play here.
- **U1000 (Rated):** Only players in grades K–12 who are rated less than 1000 or unrated may play in this section. Players must be USCF members and are required to take notation. We recommend that only players who have tournament experience and a rating between 600 and 999 play in this section.
- **U700 (Rated):** Only players in grades K–12 who are rated less than 700 or unrated may play in this section. Players must be USCF members and are required to take notation. We recommend this section for experienced tournament players with a rating between 300 and 699 and unrated players in grades 7–12.
- **U400 (Rated):** Only players in grades K–12 who are rated less than 400 or unrated may play in this section. Players must be USCF members but are not required to take notation. This is the section where most players rated under 400 play, and we generally recommend it for players who are new to rated chess.
- **K–6 Non-Rated:** Open only to unrated players in grades K–6. Players will not earn a rating by playing in this section. Players need not be USCF members and are not required to take notation.

Time Control

G/30 d5 (each player has 30 minutes for the entire game, with a 5-second delay)

Schedule and Venues

- October 9, 2021 **Fairfield High School**, 8800 Holden Boulevard, Fairfield, OH 45014
- [November 6, 2021] *2021 Grade Level Championships — separate entry, see separate flyer*
- December 4, 2021 **Lakota West High School**, 8940 Union Centre Boulevard, West Chester, OH 45069
- January 8, 2022 **Walnut Hills High School**, 3250 Victory Parkway, Cincinnati, OH 45207
- February 5, 2022 **Lakota East High School**, 6840 Lakota Ln, Liberty Township, OH 45044
- March 5, 2022 **Princeton High School**, 100 Viking Way, Cincinnati, OH 45246

Players must check in by 8:45 am to be paired in round 1 (see “Onsite Check-In” below). Round 1 begins at 9:00 am. Later rounds will begin in each section as soon as possible after the previous round ends. Play in the Championship section typically ends no later than 1:30 pm; lower sections usually finish earlier.

Byes

Players may take one half-point bye in each tournament. (See also “Onsite Check-In” for additional information.) A player who gets paired out (meaning that the player is left without an opponent because the section has an odd number of players to be paired) will be given a full-point bye for that round. Byes may be requested in advance or onsite if requested before pairings are posted for the round for which the bye is requested.

See other side for more information.

Onsite Check-In

Lists of players who are entered will be posted at each tournament. Players check off their names upon arrival to indicate that they are present. At 8:45 am those players who are checked in will be paired for the first round. Players who neglect to check in or arrive after 8:45 am may be paired at the chief tournament director's discretion; those who are not paired will be given a half-point bye for round 1.

Equipment

The organizers will provide boards, pieces, clocks, scoresheets, and writing implements for all players. Players are free to use their own scoresheets, scorebooks, and writing implements. Players must use clocks in all sections.

US Chess Federation Membership and Ratings

A rating is a numerical measure of a player's playing strength calculated by the US Chess Federation based on the player's game results. An unrated player is one who has not yet played four or more rated games. Players need not already have a rating to play in these tournaments and will earn one as a result of playing in any rated section.

USCF membership is required to play in any rated section. USCF dues are additional to entry fees. To purchase or renew a USCF membership online, visit <https://new.uschess.org/become-member>. Participants may also purchase or renew USCF memberships through CSC in conjunction with entering any Series tournament.

Prizes

At each tournament and in every section, *medals* are awarded to those who finish in the top five places and to anyone else scoring 3.0 or more. Standard tiebreaks will determine the order of finish among tied players.

For the series as a whole, *class trophies* will be awarded to every player in a rated section who scores 7 or more points, counting the best five tournament scores out of six tournaments for each player. Players will score 1 point for every win or full-point bye, and ½ point for every draw or half-point bye. Players who move from the K-6 Non-Rated section to a rated section might be able to apply some points scored in the K-6 Non-Rated toward a trophy; see the *CSC Series Handbook for 2021-22* or visit www.chesscincinnati.com/csc-series/ for details.

The *Ron Giffin Trophy* will be awarded to the Cincinnati Scholastic Chess Series Champion, the player scoring the most points for the series exclusively in the Championship section. Tiebreaks will be used to determine the order of finish among tied players; see the *CSC Series Handbook for 2021-22* or visit <http://www.chesscincinnati.com/csc-series/> for details.

Tournament results and cumulative point totals will be posted at www.chesscincinnati.com/csc-series/.

Entry and Entry Fees

Enter a player online at <http://www.chesscincinnati.com/csc-series/>, paying the entry fee and any applicable USCF charges through PayPal using a PayPal account or credit card. Online entries must be submitted no later than noon on the day prior to the earliest tournament being entered.

An entry form is available at <http://www.chesscincinnati.com/csc-series/> that can be mailed in with payment by check as instructed on the form. Entries by mail must be received by the day prior to the earliest tournament being entered.

The entry fee is \$15 for each regular Series tournament (October, December, January, February and March). The entry fee for the Grade Level is \$35 through Friday, October 29, 2021, and \$40.00 thereafter. There is a separate entry form for the Grade Level; visit <http://www.chesscincinnati.com/grade-level/> for details.

Players must specify tournaments on the entry form but may exchange dates later if necessary. A player who misses a tournament may transfer the entry for the missed date to any future date in this season.

Send questions by email to info@chesscincinnati.com, or call/text Alan at 513-600-9915.