



Cincinnati Scholastic Chess presents the
2024 Ohio Grade Level Championships
 Saturday, November 23, 2024 • 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.

Schedule: 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, with round 1 beginning promptly at 10:00 am in all sections.

| Sections | Time Control | Round 1 | Round 2 | Round 3 | Round 4 | Round 5 | Awards |
|----------|--------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|
| K-2 | G/30 d5 | 10:00 | 11:30 | ASAP | ASAP | ASAP | ASAP |
| 3-5 | G/30 d5 | 10:00 | 11:30 | 1:00 | 2:20 | 3:40 | ~ 5:00 |
| 6-12 | G/45 d5 | 10:00 | 12:00 | 2:00 | 4:00 | 6:00 | ~ 8:00 |

Pairings: Swiss pairings will be used for all sections. Official Regular ratings as of November 1, 2024, will be used except that — for officially unrated players only — the most recent Regular rating indicated in the player’s tournament history will be used if there is one. Accelerated pairings may be used in any section with more than 32 players.

Byes: Players may take one half-point bye for any round provided that it is requested before round 2 pairings are posted; however, no player who receives a full-point bye in round 1 may take a half-point bye in a later round. Request a bye on your entry form, by email to info@chesscincinnati.com after entering, or onsite using the Bye Request form.

Entry: Advance entry only. Mail-in and online entry forms are available at www.chesscincinnati.com/grade-level/. **All entries must be received by 8:00 pm on Friday, November 22.** The entry fee is \$36 through Friday, October 25th; \$45 after that through Friday, November 15th; and \$54 thereafter. A limited number of reduced entry fees (\$20) are available for qualifying players. Anyone requesting this reduced entry fee 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 another 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 all players scoring 3.5 or higher. Individuals earning a trophy for scoring 3.5 or more points but finishing lower than 5th place will receive an Honorable Mention trophy. Team trophies in each section will be awarded to the top three teams. The order of finish among tied players or teams will be determined by standard USCF tiebreaks.

Equipment: CSC will provide sets, boards, clocks and scoresheets for all sections. Players may use their own scorebooks or scoresheets (including approved electronic scoresheets) if they prefer.

USCF Membership: Players in grades 4–12 must be current US Chess Federation members. Details of membership options are provided at www.chesscincinnati.com/grade-level/. Players may purchase or renew USCF memberships in conjunction with entering the tournament. USCF dues are additional to the entry fee and are not refundable. Players in grades K–3 are not required to be USCF members; those who are not may enter under the Junior Tournament Player Program.

Notation: All players in grades 4 through 12 are required to take notation. Notation is optional for players in grades K–3.

Venue Information: The Embassy Suites Hotel, 4554 Lake Forest Drive, Blue Ash, OH 45242. Room rates (for Friday or Saturday) are \$115 for a king room and \$125 for a double queen room. **Reserve by November 15, 2024 to ensure room and rate.** To reserve a room, call 800-362-2779 or book online using the link provided on our website.

For complete information, visit www.chesscincinnati.com/grade-level/.

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