60th Cincinnati Open

April 10-12, 2026 • Embassy Suites Hotel, Blue Ash, Ohio

US CHESS RATED EVENT

The Cincinnati Open is a 5-round Swiss with three FIDE-rated sections and six UNDER sections that will not be FIDE rated. These two groups of sections play different time controls and different schedules. Most players can choose among several sections depending on their rating. The prize pool of $18,000 is based on 280 paid entries.

Entry fees: *Advance entry* – $120 through Fri, April 3 and $135 thereafter until 8:00 am on Fri, April 10. *Onsite entry* – $150 on Fri, April 10, 5:00–6:00 pm and Sat, April 11, 8:00–10:00 am. Entry form on reverse side.

Information pertaining to FIDE sections only

Sections and prizes:	*Rating Range*	*1st*	*2nd*	*3rd*	*4th*	*5th*
FIDE Elite	2000+	$1,260	$900	$630	$450	$360
FIDE Expert	1801–2200	$1,100	$790	$550	$395	$315
FIDE Class	1401–1800	$945	$675	$475	$335	$270

Players must be current USCF members, have a FIDE Identification Number, and be rated 1401 or higher (official USCF Regular or specified alternative) to play in a FIDE section. Unrated players may not play in any FIDE section.

Time control: 40/90,SD/30;+30 — *except* 2-day schedule rounds 1 & 2 are G/75;d5 (and will not be FIDE rated).

Schedules: 3-Day: Fri 7:00 pm, Sat 11:00 am & 6:00 pm, Sun 9:30 am & 3:00 pm

2-Day: Sat 11:00 am, 2:30 pm & 6:00 pm, Sun 9:30 am & 3:00 pm

Players may take one or two optional half-point byes for any round(s). The organizers will provide all pieces, boards, clocks and scoresheets for the FIDE sections. FIDE rules will apply in these sections.

For complete details and entry links, see https://www.chesscincinnati.com/cincinnati-open/fide-sections/.

Information pertaining to UNDER sections only

Sections and prizes:	*Rating Range*					
Seniors U2201*	100–2200	U2201	U1901	U1601	U1301	U1001
		$725	$520	$360	$260	$205
		1st	*2nd*	*3rd*	*4th*	*5th*
U1901	1301–1900	$755	$540	$380	$270	$215
U1601	1001–1600	$630	$450	$315	$225	$180
U1301	100–1300	$505	$360	$250	$180	$145
U1001	100–1000	$380	$270	$190	$135	$105

*Only players born in or before 1976 may play in this section.

Players must be current USCF members. Official USCF Regular ratings as of April 1, 2026 will be used, except that unofficial ratings, if available, will be used for players who are officially unrated or for players who choose to use an unofficial rating higher than their official rating. Players may play up but not more than one section; a $15 play-up fee applies. Players with no Regular rating will be considered unrated and may play in any UNDER section, but they may not win more than the second-place prize amount in their section.

Time control: G/110;d5 all rounds.

Schedule: **1** Fri 7:00 pm, **2** Sat 9:30 am, **3** Sat 2:00 pm, **4** Sat 7:00 pm, **5** Sun 9:30 am, **6** Sun 2:00 pm.

Players must select one round of the six for a zero-point bye so that all players play a five-round schedule. Players may take one or two half-point byes in additional to the required zero-point bye.

Players are responsible for bringing pieces, boards and clocks. Scoresheets will be available at the tournament.

For complete details and entry links, see https://www.chesscincinnati.com/cincinnati-open/under-sections/.

2026 CINCINNATI OPEN ENTRY FORM			
Player name:			USCF ID:
Street:	City:	State:	Zip:
10-digit phone:	Email:		

Complete the following to enter a FIDE section

FIDE ID:	Federation:	Sex: ☐ F ☐ M	Birth year:
Section: ☐ FIDE Elite ☐ FIDE Expert ☐ FIDE Class		Schedule: ☐ 3-day ☐ 2-day	
Half-point bye(s): ☐ No bye *or* choose up to two rounds: ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5			

Complete the following to enter an UNDER section

Section: ☐ Seniors U2201 ☐ U1901 ☐ U1601 ☐ U1301 ☐ U1001

Only players born in or before1976 are eligible to play in the Seniors U2201 section.

Players rated under 1601 may play up one section with the payment of an additional $15 play-up fee.

Bye(s): ☐ Fri 7:00 ☐ Sat 9:30 ☐ Sat 2:00 ☐ Sat 7:00 ☐ Sun 9:30 ☐ Sun 2:00

Every player *must* select one of the six scheduled rounds for a zero-point bye, and may select up to two additional rounds for optional half-point byes. The zero-point bye will be the earliest bye round selected.

Complete the following to determine the total entry fee payable

Entry fee:
- ☐ Advance entry through April 3: $120.00
- ☐ Advance entry after April 3: $135.00
- ☐ Onsite entry: $150.00
- ☐ GM/IM/WGM/WIM: No entry fee
- ☐ Additional fee if playing up: $15.00 (applicable only in the UNDER sections)

Total payable: $_____

Advance entries must be received on or before Friday, April 10, 2026. If entering in advance by mail, mail your completed entry form, with a check payable to *Cincinnati Scholastic Chess*, to Cincinnati Open, 9180 Pinewood Drive, Loveland, OH 45140-8234. If entering onsite, you may pay by cash or credit card.

If you need any special accommodation to play in this event, please identify here your need and your preferred solution to meet it.

TD use only: ☐ *Cash* ☐ *Credit card* ☐ *Check #_____* ☐ *SwissSys* ☐ *KR*