



Cincinnati Scholastic Chess (CSC) presents
The Ohio Grade Level Championships



Saturday, November 6, 2021 • Blue Ash (Cincinnati), Ohio

5-round Swiss • Each grade is its own section. • All sections are rated, championship sections.

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

Players must play in the section for their grade regardless of rating. • Unrated players will earn a 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.

| | Time Control | Round 1 | Round 2 | Round 3 | Round 4 | Round 5 | Awards |
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| Grades K–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 | 12:00 noon | 2:00 pm | 4:00 pm | 6:00 pm | ~ 8:00 pm |

Pairings: Swiss pairings will be used for all sections. Official ratings as of November 2021 will be used, except that for officially unrated players, the most recent 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 ½-point bye for round 1, 2, 3 or 4 only. No ½-point byes are permitted for round 5. Request a bye on your entry form, by email to info@chesscincinnati.com after entering, or onsite between 8:30 and 9:15 am.

Entry: Advance entry only. Mail-in and online entry forms are available at www.chesscincinnati.com/grade-level/. Entries must be received by noon, Friday, November 5. The entry fee is \$35 through October 29, \$40 thereafter. A limited number of reduced entry fees (\$15) are available for qualifying players (entry by mail required for this).

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 the top five players and to all other players scoring 3.5 points or more, and team trophies 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/Notation: Players in grades 4 through 12 must be current US Chess Federation (USCF) 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. All players in grades 4 through 12 are required to take notation.

Players in grades K through 3 are not required to be USCF members; those who are not may enter under the Junior Tournament Player Program. Notation is optional for players in grades K through 3.

Venue Information: The Embassy Suites Hotel, 4554 Lake Forest Drive, Blue Ash, OH 45242. Room blocks have been set up for Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights at rates of \$107 for a king room and \$117 for a double queen room. **Reserve by October 22 to ensure room and rate.** Call 513-733-8900 or 800-362-2779, or book online using the link provided at www.chesscincinnati.com/grade-level/.

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

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