



Cincinnati Scholastic Chess presents the first Summer Hybrid Chess Series

7 tournaments, 1 per week * 4 online & 3 in-person
Grades K-12 * Personalized trophies delivered to winners



Online events will be played on www.chess.com; USCF ratings will NOT be affected. **In-person events** will be played at the Blue Ash Shelter in the Blue Ash Nature Park, and we will offer USCF Quick-rated sections (*USCF membership required*) as well as non-rated sections (*no USCF membership needed*).

FORMAT: All tournaments are **4-round Swiss tournaments**. There will be FOUR online events *plus one practice online event open to all scholastic players*; there will be THREE in-person events. Your FIVE BEST (of 7, excluding the practice tournament) results count towards a trophy (see details below).

For each online event, depending on the number of entries, multiple tournaments (sections) may be defined based on chess.com Rapid ratings. Online tournaments will last about 1.5–2 hours.

For each in-person event, there will be rated and non-rated sections. **For rated sections:** players must be current USCF members. The most recent USCF Quick rating in a player's history will be used for section assignments. Unrated players will receive a Quick rating after the first tournament. **For the non-rated section(s):** An alternative rating determined by the organizers will be assigned to each player for pairing purposes only. Players in the non-rated section(s) will not obtain a USCF rating. Those with a USCF rating and an expired USCF membership cannot play in the non-rated section(s). In-person tournaments will last about 3.5–4 hours. Players may take one optional half-point bye (in-person tournaments only, request by email).

Chess notation is NOT required at any tournament. Event details (including sections and player assignments) will be distributed by email on the day before each event.

ENTRY: Registration is **limited to 122 players** with expanded capacity! **Online entry only** (no onsite or mail-in) at www.chesscincinnati.com/summer/. The entry fee is \$85. **The entry fee covers the entire 7-event series, and there are no refunds or discounts for any days missed.** You must have entered the Series by noon on the day before any tournament in which you wish to participate; registration will stay open until there are 98 entries. (You can play in the practice online tournament even if you do not enter the Series.)

Tournament Dates & Clock Start times:	Time Control (to be changed only if needed)
Wednesday, May 21 – FREE online practice event at 6:30 pm	G/10 (mins.) +3 [3-sec. increment]
Wednesday, May 28 – IN-PERSON event #1 at 5:00 pm*	G/20 (minutes) d2 [2-second delay]
Thursday, June 5 – online event #1 at 2:00 pm	G/10 (mins.) +3 [3-sec. increment]
Saturday, June 14 – IN-PERSON event #2 at 9:00 am*	G/20 (mins.) d2 [2-sec. delay]
Friday, June 20 – online event #2 at 10:00 am	G/10 (mins.) +3 [3-sec. increment]
Monday, June 30 – online event #3 at 6:00 pm	G/10 (mins.) +3 [3-sec. increment]
Tuesday, July 8 – online event #4 at 2:00 pm	G/10 (mins.) +3 [3-sec. increment]
Sunday, July 13 – IN-PERSON event #3 at 1:00 pm*	G/20 (mins.) d2 [2-sec. delay]

*In-person events will be played at the Blue Ash Shelter in Blue Ash Nature Park. If you will not participate in an in-person tournament, you must send an email to info@chesscincinnati.com at least 1 hour prior to the tournament start. **Penalty for no-show without proper notification = minus 1 point on trophy score.**

Trophy Details:

Trophies are personalized with the winner's name and delivered (in Southwest Ohio) by Dr. Brackenridge. Your **BEST FIVE** scores count, so the highest possible score is 5 times 4 = 20. Trophy scores are as follows:

PLATINUM LEVEL TROPHY	cumulative score of 18.0 or higher
GOLD LEVEL TROPHY	cumulative score of 16.0 –17.5
SILVER LEVEL TROPHY	cumulative score of 14.0 – 15.5
BRONZE LEVEL TROPHY	cumulative score of 12.0 – 13.5

Questions? Visit www.chesscincinnati.com/summer/ or send an email to info@chesscincinnati.com.

We hope to see you in person or online once per week, from Memorial Day through mid-July!