



Cincinnati Scholastic Chess presents the 2026 Summer Hybrid Chess Series

8 events, 1 per week, 4 online and 4 in-person
For all scholastic players ('26 grads & '26-27 grades K-12)
Personalized trophies delivered to winners



VENUE: Online events will be played on www.chess.com; USCF ratings will NOT be affected by these online events. In-person events will be played at the Blue Ash Shelter in the Blue Ash Nature Park, and an adjacent shelter will also be available for parents.

FORMAT: All events are **4-round Swiss tournaments**. There will be FOUR in-person events and FOUR online events. Your FIVE BEST scores out of a possible 8 scores count toward a trophy.

Online events: Depending on the number of entries, multiple tournaments (sections) may be defined based on chess.com Rapid ratings. Online events will last about 1.5–2 hours.

In-person events: There will be rated and non-rated sections. Players may request one optional half-point bye by email to info@chesscincinnati.com. In-person events will last about 3.5–4 hours.

- **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. If a player has a Regular rating but no Quick rating, the Regular rating will be used for the player's first in-person tournament.
- **Non-rated sections:** USCF membership is not required. An alternative rating determined by the organizers will be assigned to each player for pairing purposes only. Players in a non-rated section will not obtain a USCF rating. Players who already have a USCF Quick or Regular rating are not eligible to play in a non-rated section.

Chess notation is NOT required at any event. Event details, including sections and player assignments, will be distributed by email on the day before each event. Players must play in their assigned section/tournament.

ENTRY: Enter online at <https://www.kingregistration.com/event/summerhybrid26> (click the green "Register" button). There is no onsite or mail-in entry. The entry fee is \$88 through April 30 and \$104 thereafter. **The entry fee covers the entire 8-event series, and there are no refunds or discounts for any event missed.** You must enter the Series by noon on the day before the first event in which you wish to participate. Registration is **limited to 120 players!** Registration will stay open until there are 120 entries.

SCHEDULE AND TIME CONTROLS:

Saturday, May 30 – IN-PERSON event #1 at 1:00 pm*	G/20;d2 (20 minutes with a 2-second delay)
Thursday, June 4 – ONLINE event #1 at 2:00 pm	G/10;+3 (10 minutes with a 3-second increment)
Friday, June 12 – IN-PERSON event #2 at 5:00 pm*	G/20;d2 (20 minutes with a 2-second delay)
Wednesday, June 17 – ONLINE event #2 at 6:00 pm	G/10;+3 (10 minutes with a 3-second increment)
Tuesday, June 23 – ONLINE event #3 at 6:00 pm	G/10;+3 (10 minutes with a 3-second increment)
Monday, July 6 – IN-PERSON event #3 at 5:00 pm*	G/20;d2 (20 minutes with a 2-second delay)
Monday, July 13 – ONLINE event #4 at 2:00 pm	G/10;+3 (10 minutes with a 3-second increment)
Sunday, July 19 – IN-PERSON event #4 at 1:00 pm*	G/20;d2 (20 minutes with a 2-second delay)

*If you will not play in an in-person event, you must notify us by email to info@chesscincinnati.com at least one hour prior to the event starting time. If a player does not show up for an in-person event and did not notify us as indicated here, we will reduce his or her trophy score by one point.

TROPHY DETAILS: Trophies are personalized with the winner's name and delivered (in Southwest Ohio) by Dr. Brackenridge. Your **best five** scores count toward a trophy; the highest possible score is $5 \times 4 = 20$. Trophy levels are as follows:

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

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