



CINCINNATI SCHOLASTIC CHESS

Announces the Fourth Annual

Winter Break Online Chess Event

We will use www.chess.com to host this event.

You can play in this online winter break event from anywhere with an internet connection!

Dates and times: Wednesday through Sunday, December 27–31, 2023. Play begins at **10:00 am every day**. Play should end by noon or earlier each day.

Ratings: Chess.com ratings will be used – Rapid for Wednesday and Thursday; Blitz for Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Anyone without a chess.com rating may create an account at www.chess.com by choosing a username and indicating a skill level (to determine initial rating). It is simple and free to create a basic account. **USCF ratings will NOT be affected.**

Tournament Details: The top 10% of players in each tournament (rounded up) will qualify for a trophy; for example, an Arena tournament with 52 players will qualify six trophy winners, and a Swiss tournament with 11–20 players will qualify two trophy winners. Ties will be broken using chess.com tiebreaks except that, on Sunday only, all those who tie for the last trophy position will qualify for a trophy.

- Wed, Dec 27: Arena, 90-minute duration, Rapid ratings, time control G/10 + 2
- Thu, Dec 28: From 2 to 6 Swiss tournaments*, Rapid ratings, 5 rounds, time control G/10 + 2
- Fri, Dec 29: Arena, 90-minute duration, Blitz ratings, time control G/9 + 1
- Sat, Dec 30: From 2 to 6 Swiss tournaments*, Blitz ratings, 5 rounds, time control G/9 + 1
- Sun, Dec 31: TWO Swiss tournaments, Blitz ratings, 5 rounds, time control G/ 8 + 2, as follows:

LAST CHANCE: for players who did not qualify for any trophy on Wednesday through Saturday

BIGGER TROPHY: for players who already qualify for a trophy and want to try for a bigger one

Each player will be eligible to play in ONLY ONE of these tournaments.

**Tournaments will be defined by rating shortly after noon on the preceding day and emailed to all participants. Players may play in their assigned tournament or in any tournament with higher ratings.*

Trophy Details: Trophies are personalized with the winner's name and days on which he or she won, and will be delivered (in Southwest Ohio) by Dr. Brackenridge. We hope that A LOT of participants are able to win a trophy! Players who qualify for trophies on multiple days will get one BIGGER trophy. The size of the trophy depends on HOW MANY days you qualify for a trophy: ONE day = 14" trophy; TWO days = 17" trophy; THREE days = 20" trophy; FOUR days = 23" trophy (all trophy sizes are approximate).

Entry: Online entry only at www.chesscincinnati.com/csc-online/. The entry fee is \$49 for the entire event – no entry fee refunds or discounts for any day missed. To enter for all 5 days, please **submit your entry by noon on Tuesday, Dec. 26**. After Tuesday you may enter the event by noon on any day in order to begin play the next day. It is possible to qualify for a trophy even if you play on only one day.

Questions? Visit www.chesscincinnati.com/csc-online/ or send an email to info@chesscincinnati.com.

We hope to see you in this event (virtually – even if you're on a vacation out of town) as we offer what is typically our ONLY online event of the year – during Winter Break again in 2023!