



Cincinnati Scholastic Chess presents the
2012 OHIO ELEMENTARY CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS
Saturday, April 14, 2012
Sycamore High School, 7400 Cornell Road, Montgomery, OH 45242

Five-round Swiss tournament: players play only other players in their own section

Sections, Time Controls and Schedule

- **Primary Championship (K-3):** Open to rated and unrated (USCF April database) players in grades K through 3 only, USCF membership required, G/30 d5 except for round 5 G/45 d5
- **Elementary Championship (K-6):** Open to rated and unrated (USCF April database) players in grades K through 6, USCF membership required, G/30 d5 except for round 5 G/45 d5
- **Elementary Reserve (K-6 U750):** Open only to players in grades K through 6 who are rated under 750 or unrated in the USCF April database, USCF membership required, G/30 d5
- **Elementary Non-Rated (K-6):** Open only to students in grades K through 6 who do not have a rating published in the USCF April ratings database, USCF membership **not** required, G/30 d5

For additional information see other side. To purchase or renew a USCF membership, see the tournament registration form or the "Join/Renew" page of the USCF website, www.uschess.org.

Accelerated pairings might be used but will not be used in any rated section with fewer than 32 players. The Elementary Non-Rated section may be split into separate sections for grades K-3 and 4-6 depending on the number and distribution of players entered.

Doors open at 8:30 am. General announcements presented at 9:30 am. Round 1 starts at 10:00 am. Award ceremonies begin at approximately 4:45 pm.

Registration and Entry Fees

No onsite registration. **All registrations must be received by Cincinnati Scholastic Chess by April 11, 2012.** A registration form is attached to this flyer and is also available on www.chessinnati.com.

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| Regular entry fee | \$25 | if received by CSC, postmarked or emailed on or before March 31, 2012. |
| Late entry fee | \$35 | if received by CSC, postmarked or emailed after March 31, 2012. |

For players enrolled in a federal lunch program: The entry fee will be **\$10.00** for registrations received by CSC, postmarked or emailed on or before March 31, 2012 and **\$15.00** thereafter (subject to proof of eligibility).

Team rooms are available for a fee of \$50 on a first come-first served basis (see other side for details).

Prizes

Individual trophies to the top ten places in each section; "honorable mention" trophies to anyone who did not finish among the top ten places but scored at least 3.5 points or finished among the top five K-3 players in a K-6 non-rated section. Team trophies to the top five teams in each section. Any two or more players from the same school in the same section constitute a team (see other side for details).

Additional information: See other side for additional information. Complete tournament information is posted on www.chessinnati.com and will be provided by email to registrants along with confirmation of registration. For inquiries, contact Alan Hodge at 513-697-6930 or a.hodge195@gmail.com.

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

*This event will be conducted in compliance with the Ohio Scholastic Chess Association Tournament Guidelines as of November 20, 2010, which are available at <http://ohioscholasticchess.org> on the Event Guidelines page. Coaches and players are referred to these guidelines so that they may be informed of the rules and conditions applicable to this event.

US Chess Federation Membership

Current US Chess Federation (USCF) membership is required for all players in the rated sections (Primary Championship, Elementary Championship, and Elementary Reserve). USCF dues are additional to the entry fee. Details of membership options are provided on the registration form. For additional information see the "Join/Renew" page of the USCF website, www.uschess.org. Participants may purchase or renew USCF memberships either online at www.uschess.org or by way of the tournament registration form when registering for this tournament. USCF membership is not required for players in the Elementary Non-Rated (K-6) section.

Teams

Teams will be composed of two or more players who are from the same school or qualifying home school organization and are playing in the same section. For teams with more than four members, the top four team member scores will count toward a team trophy. Players from the same team will not be paired against each other unless necessary to avoid pairing a player inappropriately out of his or her score group or otherwise unduly skewing the natural pairings that would have occurred without considering team affiliation.

Team Rooms

A limited number of classrooms are available at the tournament site for use as team rooms. These are available upon request for a fee of \$50 on a first come-first served basis. Team coaches/sponsors may request a team room by mail sent to Cincinnati Scholastic Chess, PO Box 499006, Cincinnati, OH 45249-9006, or by email to a.hodge195@gmail.com. Please provide with the request (1) the complete name of the school (or home school organization), (2) the name of the team coach/sponsor, (3) a roster of team members (this can be revised later if necessary), and (4) payment by way of either a check payable to Cincinnati Scholastic Chess or credit card information (card number, expiration, security code, amount, and, for mailed requests, the cardholder's signature).

Posting and Changing Registrations

Registrations will be confirmed to the participants by email if a valid email address is supplied on the registration form and will be posted on www.chessinnati.com as they are received and processed. Participants are asked to verify that all posted information is correct and to notify the organizers of any changes or corrections (including bye requests) by email through April 11, 2012, or onsite during the change period from 8:30 to 9:15 am.

Adult Tournament

If there is sufficient interest, an adult tournament will be conducted concurrently with the scholastic tournament for parents and other adults accompanying registered scholastic players. Depending on the number and rating status of the participants, this tournament will have a rated section, a non-rated section, or both. USCF membership will be required for participation in a rated section. The tournament will have three rounds and a G/45 d5 time control. The specific structure of the adult tournament will be determined based on participation, and different formats might be used for different sections. Registration for the adult tournament will be onsite on the day of the tournament, and an entry fee of \$10 per player will be charged.

Venue

The event will be held at Sycamore High School, 7400 Cornell Road, Montgomery, OH 45242. The school is located near the intersection of I-71 and I-275 north of Cincinnati. If you are coming by way of I-275, exit I-275 onto Montgomery Road northbound (Exit 50, the exit immediately east of I-71), go 0.3 of a mile, turn left (west) on Cornell Road, and go 1.0 mile. The school will be on the right.

Local Hotel Accommodations

Several hotels and motels are located on or just off Mason-Montgomery Road, which intersects Montgomery Road 1.3 miles northeast of Cornell Road. These include (listed alphabetically): Best Western, Clarion Inn, Comfort Inn, Hilton Garden Inn, Holiday Inn Express, Hyatt Place, La Quinta, Marriott, Mason Inn, Motel 6 and Ramada Inn. All these hotels and motels are located within 4.1 miles of Sycamore High School. Information regarding discounted rates for chess tournament participants will be posted on www.chessinnati.com as it becomes available.

Food Availability and Local Restaurants

The Sycamore High School Boosters Association will run a food concession with a simple menu in the school cafeteria, which will minimize the need for participants to leave the premises to obtain food. However, there are numerous eating places in the vicinity (from one to four miles from the school) and participants are welcome to purchase food offsite and bring it into the school if they prefer. Detailed information is posted on www.chessinnati.com.

Registration Form for 2012 Ohio Elementary State Championships —April 14, 2012

Complete a registration form for each player. To register by mail, complete and detach this registration form and mail it to Cincinnati Scholastic Chess, PO Box 499006, Cincinnati, OH 45249-9006. For payment of the entry fee and USCF dues (if applicable) include credit card information or check payable to **Cincinnati Scholastic Chess**.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: All registrations must be received by Cincinnati Scholastic Chess no later than April 11, 2012.

| CONTACT INFORMATION | | | |
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| Parent/Guardian Name | | | |
| Street Address | | | Apt |
| City | State | Zip+4 | |
| Phone with area code () | | Email | |
| Check if parent/guardian is interested in playing in an adult tournament (<i>see other side</i>): <input type="checkbox"/> Rated <input type="checkbox"/> Non-rated | | | |

| PLAYER INFORMATION | | | | |
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| Last Name | | Suffix (e.g., Jr, III) | | |
| First Name and Middle Name or Initial | | | | |
| Sex <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female | Date of Birth | | Player's School Grade | |
| Complete Name of Player's School or Home-Schooling Org. (<i>see other side</i>) | | | | |
| Name of school coach/sponsor/representative (if applicable) | | | | |
| Section (<i>see other side</i>) | | <input type="checkbox"/> Primary Championship (K-3) | <input type="checkbox"/> Elementary Championship (K-6) | |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> Elementary Reserve (K-6 U750) | <input type="checkbox"/> Elementary Non-Rated (K-6) | |
| Bye Request (<i>see other side</i>) If a bye is desired, indicate for which round here: | | | | |
| USCF Status — USCF membership is required for Championship and Reserve sections (<i>see other side</i>) | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Current Active Member <input type="checkbox"/> Need to Renew Membership <input type="checkbox"/> Need New Membership <input type="checkbox"/> Not applicable | | | | |
| Active/Renewing Member Only: | USCF ID # | | Exp. Date | |
| Renewing/New Member Only: | Check Membership Type | | | Check Membership Term (Years) <input type="checkbox"/> 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Premium Young Adult <input type="checkbox"/> Premium Youth <input type="checkbox"/> Premium Scholastic <input type="checkbox"/> Regular Young Adult <input type="checkbox"/> Regular Youth <input type="checkbox"/> Regular Scholastic | | | |

| PAYMENT INFORMATION | | |
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| <i>(See other side for details. Entry fees and USCF dues may be combined into a single payment.)</i> | | |
| USCF Dues | Entry Fee | Total |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Check payable to Cincinnati Scholastic Chess | Credit card payment <input type="checkbox"/> VISA <input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard <input type="checkbox"/> Discover | |
| | Card # _____ Expiration _____ Security Code _____ | |
| | Amount _____ Signature _____ | |

I (Parent/Guardian) understand that this chess tournament is not organized or sponsored by the host school. I acknowledge that the organizers of this tournament will take all reasonable precautions customary and usual to conducting such tournaments, and beyond this I assume any risk associated with my child(ren)'s participation in this tournament. I understand that the tournament director(s), tournament organizer(s), school officials, and the Board of Education are not to be held responsible in case of accident, and I agree to hold same harmless in the event of accident. In the event of a medical emergency, I hereby authorize emergency medical treatment for my child (if deemed necessary by a physician) if I am not at the tournament site and cannot be reached at the following telephone phone number: _____. Furthermore, by signing this registration form I certify that the player identified above is enrolled more than half-time in the school identified above.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

ADULT TOURNAMENT

A tournament for adults will be played concurrently with the scholastic tournament if enough adults want to play. Depending on the number and rating status of players, this tournament will have a rated section, a non-rated section, or both. USCF membership will be required to play in a rated section and may be obtained at the event if necessary. The structure of the adult tournament will be determined based on participation, but it is expected to have three rounds and a G/45 d5 time control (each player has 45 minutes for the entire game). An entry fee of \$10 will be collected at the event. An indication of interest on this registration form is non-binding and intended only to help the organizers plan. An adult may decide at the event to participate or not regardless of any earlier indication of interest or lack thereof.

PLAYER'S GRADE AND SCHOOL OR HOME-SCHOOLING ORGANIZATION

To prevent confusion, please enter the **complete** name of the school. Entering the school name allows players from the same school who are playing in the same section to compete as a team for a team trophy.

With respect to **home-schooled players**, the school grade is determined by the level of material being studied in a majority of subjects, and the school can be either of the following, as applicable: (a) a home-school organization identified by one name, under the supervision of one administrator or administration committee, and providing group instruction in multiple academic subjects; or (b) a family which has notified the local public school district of its decision to home-school its children, and has been excused from public school attendance (in which case, for example, enter "Xyz Family" for school).

SCHOLASTIC SECTIONS AND BYES

Check which section the player will play in. The sections are described below. A player may take one half-point bye to be used in rounds 1, 2, 3 or 4. A player may not take a bye in round 5. If the player wants a bye, indicate for which round.

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USCF MEMBERSHIPS

Individual scholastic membership types and dues (as of January 1, 2012) are listed below. Adult and family memberships are also available. For more information, please see the "Join/Renew" page on the USCF website at www.uschess.org.

| Membership Type | 1 Year | 2 Years | 3 Years | Magazine Benefit |
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| Premium Young Adult Membership (Age 24 and Under*) | \$33 | \$61 | \$88 | 12 issues per year of <i>Chess Life</i> |
| Regular Young Adult Membership (Age 24 and Under*) | \$26 | \$47 | \$67 | Online access to <i>Chess Life</i> |
| Premium Youth Membership (Age 15 and Under*) | \$28 | \$51 | \$73 | 6 issues per year of <i>Chess Life</i> |
| Regular Youth Membership (Age 15 and Under*) | \$22 | \$40 | \$57 | Online access to <i>Chess Life</i> |
| Premium Scholastic Membership (Age 12 and Under*) | \$24 | \$43 | \$61 | 6 issues per year of <i>Chess Life for Kids</i> |
| Regular Scholastic Membership (Age 12 and Under*) | \$17 | \$30 | \$42 | Online access to <i>Chess Life for Kids</i> |

*Members must be at the indicated age at the *expiration* of the membership term, whether paying for one year or multiple years.

ENTRY FEE

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