



# 2016 OHIO HIGH SCHOOL and MIDDLE SCHOOL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS

**April 23 and 24, 2016**

**Roberts Centre, 123 Gano Road, Wilmington, OH 45177**

## ***Tournament Details***

- *High School Championship section – 9-12 Open:* Open to all rated and unrated players in grades 9–12 who are residents of Ohio, enrolled in Ohio schools, or home-schooled in Ohio; rounds 1-3 G/60 d5, rounds 4-6 G/90 d5
- *High School Reserve section – 9-12 U1000:* Open to players in grades 9–12 rated under 1000 or unrated regardless of state of residence or schooling; all rounds G/60 d5
- *Middle School Championship section – K-8 Open:* Open to all rated and unrated players in grades K–8 who are residents of Ohio, enrolled in Ohio schools, or home-schooled in Ohio; rounds 1-3 G/60 d5, rounds 4-6 G/90 d5
- *Middle School Reserve section – K-8 U800:* Open to players in grades K–8 rated under 800 or unrated regardless of state of residence or schooling; all rounds G/60 d5

Swiss pairings will be used for all sections; players will play only other players in their own section. Ratings published in the USCF April 2016 ratings supplement will govern section eligibility. Unrated players in all sections will earn a rating. Two half-point byes are available; see other side for further details. Accelerated pairings may be used, but not in any section with fewer than 64 players.

- *Saturday:* registration changes: 9:30–10:15; announcements: 10:30  
rounds 1, 2, 3 & 4, all sections: 11:00, 1:30, 4:00, 6:30
- *Sunday:* rounds 5 & 6: Reserve sections 9:00 & 11:30, Championship sections 9:00 & 12:30  
award ceremonies: Reserve sections 1:45, Championship sections 3:45

All players will be required to take notation and to use clocks. The organizers will provide scoresheets, sets, boards and clocks for all players to use.

## ***Registration and Entry Fees***

**Advance entry only** – *there will be no onsite registration for this tournament.* Register online at [www.chesscincinnati.com](http://www.chesscincinnati.com) or by mail (entry form available at [www.chesscincinnati.com](http://www.chesscincinnati.com)). All registrations must be received by April 21, 2016. Entry fee **\$39** through April 8, 2016, then **\$44**. A limited number of entries will be available for low-income players at \$10.00 (\$15.00 after April 8). Player eligibility for these reduced entry fees will be subject to verification with school officials.

Current US Chess Federation membership required. Purchase or renew a USCF membership through the tournament registration process or separately at [www.uschess.org](http://www.uschess.org).

## ***Byes***

Players may take up to two half-point byes in rounds 1–5, except that a player who receives an assigned full-point bye in round 1 may take only one half-point bye in a later round. No player may take a half-point bye in round 6. Players must request byes before the start of round 2.

## ***Prizes***

Individual place trophies to the top five finishers in each section. Honorable mention trophies to anyone scoring 4.0 or higher but not finishing among the top five places. Team trophies to the top five teams in each section (see other side for details about teams).

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

This event will be conducted in compliance with the Ohio Scholastic Chess Association Event Guidelines as of June 26, 2014, which are available at [www.ohioscholasticchess.org](http://www.ohioscholasticchess.org) on the Event Guidelines page. Coaches and players are referred to these guidelines for applicable rules and conditions.

## **Eligibility Requirements for Participation**

To play in either **Championship** section, a student must be a resident of Ohio, be enrolled in an Ohio school or home schooled in Ohio, and meet the grade and USCF membership requirements specified for the section. Students may play in either **Reserve** section regardless of where they reside or go to school, provided that they meet the grade, rating, and USCF membership requirements specified for the section. To represent a school on a team, a player must be enrolled more than half-time in the school. For further details, including home-schooling provisions, please see [www.chesscincinnati.com](http://www.chesscincinnati.com).

Current US Chess Federation (USCF) membership is required to play in any section. USCF dues are additional to the entry fee. Participants may purchase or renew USCF memberships through the tournament registration process or separately on the USCF website, [www.uschess.org](http://www.uschess.org).

## **Forfeits**

Players who are not present at their assigned board at the start of round 1 will be withdrawn from the tournament. After round 1 players who do not appear at their assigned board before half of their time has elapsed will forfeit that game and be withdrawn. *Please don't be late for your games!*

## **Teams**

A team is defined as two or more players who (a) attend the same school or qualifying home school organization and (b) are playing in the same section. For teams with more than four players, the top four scores will count toward a team trophy. The TD will avoid pairing teammates against each other whenever possible, but will not move players to other score groups solely to avoid pairing teammates.

## **Posting and Changing Entries**

Entries will be confirmed to the participants by email if a valid email address is provided on the entry form and will be posted on [www.chesscincinnati.com](http://www.chesscincinnati.com). Participants are asked to verify that all posted information is correct and to notify the organizers of any corrections by email through April 21, 2016 ([a.hodge195@gmail.com](mailto:a.hodge195@gmail.com)), or onsite during the change period from 9:30 to 10:15 am.

## **Side Events**

If enough players sign up, adult quads will be played concurrently with HS/MS rounds 1-3 on Saturday, and a blitz tournament for adult and scholastic players will be held on Saturday night at 9:00. The entry fee for each side event is \$5. Games will not be rated, and there will be no prizes.

A specially designed **commemorative T-shirt** will be available for purchase on a pre-order basis.

## **Venue and Options for Accommodations and Food**

The Roberts Centre ([www.robertscentre.com](http://www.robertscentre.com), 123 Gano Road, Wilmington, OH 45177) is located at the intersection of I-71 and US Route 68 (I-71 exit 50) roughly midway between Columbus and Cincinnati. The Holiday Inn connected to the Roberts Centre is offering a rate of \$119/night for a standard room with either a king or two full beds. For reservations call direct 937-283-3200 (ask for the chess tournament rate) or book online at <http://www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/us/en/wilmington/ilnoh/hoteldetail> using group code "CSC". **Reserve by April 2 to ensure room and rate.** *Don't be late — this hotel frequently sells out!*

Other options for accommodations include the Holiday Inn Express, 155 Holiday Drive, Wilmington (7.7 miles), Hampton Inn and Suites, 201 Holiday Drive, Wilmington (7.7 miles), and Ramada Inn, 300 Xenia Town Square, Xenia (13.0 miles). Additional options may be found about 15 miles NE of the Roberts Centre in Washington Court House and Jeffersonville (I-71 exit 65).

A food concession will be available on Saturday in the Roberts Centre with direct access from the tournament area. Additional eateries include Max & Erma's Restaurant within the Roberts Centre complex, and McDonald's, Wendy's, Subway and Dairy Queen nearby.

**Additional information:** For complete information, visit [www.chesscincinnati.com](http://www.chesscincinnati.com). For inquiries, contact Alan Hodge by phone or text at 513-600-9915 or by email at [a.hodge195@gmail.com](mailto:a.hodge195@gmail.com).

