

## Greater Cleveland Scholastic Chess League Fast Facts

- The Greater Cleveland Scholastic Chess League (GCSCL) is a series of 4 monthly tournaments. The event dates and sites for 2016-17 are Solon Middle School - Oct. 29, Rocky River High - Dec. 3 & March 4, Shaker Heights High - January 21.
  - The GCSCL offers high quality reasonably priced scholastic tournaments, organized and directed by the staff of Progress with Chess, a Northeast Ohio 501 (c3) non-profit organization.
  - All tournaments are USCF rated and require a USCF membership. Unrated players may participate, and will receive a USCF rating at the completion of the first tournament.
  - The fee to register for all four events (best value) of the GCSCL is \$60/student, and includes a free one year USCF membership (normally \$17-\$26 depending upon age) for new or expired members. Players may register a single event for \$20 if their USCF membership is current or pay \$30 and receive a USCF membership and entry to one tournament.
  - **No on-site registration!!** Doors open at 9am and play begins at 10am.
  - An Information flyer with a mail in registration form may be accessed at [progresswithchess.org](http://progresswithchess.org)
  - Convenient on-line registration and payment is available at: <https://progresswithchess.org/gcscl>
  - Each player is scheduled to play four games, no elimination. Please notify the tournament staff ASAP if you need to leave before the start of the next game. Players will finish between 2pm and 3:30, depending on the section.
  - Included are 8 separate sections, based on grade level and USCF rating. US Chess Federation rules apply.
  - No recording of moves required except in the Championship and Under 1400 Sections.
  - Awards: Trophies to the top 5 finishers in each section, all players achieving a score of 3 points or higher. Team trophies will be presented to the winning schools at the completion of the February tournament. Participation medals for all players in grades K-8 not winning trophies!
  - Chess sets are provided. Food and beverages are available for sale at every tournament site.
  - Most games are started and completed without a chess clock. Directors may place a clock on a game in progress in order to insure timely completion. Players may bring their own clocks and the opponent cannot refuse to use it.
  - Parents and coaches are not permitted in the playing area, except to take pictures during the first few minutes.
- If a player has any question about rules or complaints about opponent's behavior, please notify the tournament staff immediately by raising your hand or getting up and approaching us. After the game is over, our options are limited.