

# 2018 Ohio Girls Championship

Saturday only or Saturday & Sunday March 17-18

**Site:** Days Inn & Suites, 4742 Brecksville Rd., Richfield, Ohio, 44286  
330-659-6151 Room rates: \$89/night. Ample parking for cars and busses, restaurant, bar, swimming pool and game room. Conveniently located southeast of Cleveland, close to I-71, I-77, I-80.

**Organizer:** Progress With Chess, a non-profit corporation dedicated to improving the lives of students through chess participation.

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**Facilities:** Play will be held in the Heartland Ballroom, which has over 3,000 sq. ft. of space. Chess sets will be provided, please bring clocks if available. Skittles area will be in the spacious holidome area. The hotel has agreed to provide a concession stand with food and drink at reasonable prices in addition to the onsite restaurant.

**Eligibility:** Any female student enrolled in an Ohio School in Grades K through 12 or home-schooled in Ohio in the same grades who is nineteen years old or less will be eligible to participate. A current USCF membership is required for all sections. Any new USCF player will receive a one year membership without magazine at no additional cost in the entry fee. Ratings will be determined by the USCF March rating supplement.

**Sections:** The K-12 Championship section will be held on March 17th and 18th with two rounds each day with a time control of G/90 increment 30. (the same time control as the NGTOC and the Polgar). In addition we will have a K-12 Under 1000 and K-5 U-400 reserve section to be played on March 17<sup>th</sup> only with four rounds of G/30; d5. Players may play up in any section.

**Schedule:** We will have an 11am start time and scheduled round times of 11 and 4 Saturday and 9 and 2 Sunday for the championship section. The reserve sections will play Saturday only and will have scheduled round times for rounds 1 & 2 leaving time for lunch between then the last two rounds will be played as soon as possible.

**Entry Fees:** \$35 by March 12<sup>th</sup> \$40 after. No on-site Registrations accepted. Online Registration at: [www.progresswithchess.org](http://www.progresswithchess.org) **Discount: Low income students must sign up by mail for a \$15 entry fee.** Call 216-321-7000 for low income qualifications.

**Prizes:** Trophies will be awarded to all players achieving a score of 3 points or better in all sections. Trophies will be awarded to the top three teams in all sections. Participation awards to all players. The top player (using tie breaks) in the K-12 Girls Championship section will be offered the opportunity to be the Ohio representative to the National Girls Tournament of Champions held at the US Open or the National Polgar girls tournament. If that player declines to participate in either event the offer will be passed in turn to the next top finisher until a player accepts. The next player in line will be offered the remaining event.