

2020-21 Online Greater Cleveland Scholastic Chess League

4 Monthly Tournaments in 8 Specially Designed Sections!

First Event Saturday November 14th @ 12pm EST

Event Schedule : November 14, December 12, January 16, February 20

Tournaments will be conducted on lichess.org, account setup is free.

8 Sections Designed for all Levels, Players from all locations welcome!

To determine section eligibility, we will use higher of the USCF Regular OTB (over the board) rating and the USCF Online Regular Rating. Sections may be combined if necessary.

Championship:	Includes the top rated players from all grade levels.
Under 1500:	All grades with ratings below 1500.
HS Premier:	Grades 9-12 with ratings below 1000.
MS Premier:	Grades 6-8 with ratings below 1000.
Elem Premier:	Grades K-5 with ratings below 1000.
MS Reserve:	Grades 6-8 with ratings below 500.
Upper El Reserve:	Grades 3-5 with ratings below 500.
Primary Reserve:	Grades K-2 with ratings below 500.
Unrated Players:	Encouraged! May choose any grade appropriate section.

Time Limit: 30 minutes each player with 5 seconds added after each move.

Schedule and Format: Registration Ends at midnight, the day before each event.

1st Game: 12pm Sharp. Pairings for rounds 2-4 will appear 5 minutes after the last game in each section is completed. You must make your move within one minute or be forfeited.

Estimated completion: Championship, U1500 Sections: 5:00pm, Other Sections: 3:00pm.

Awards: \$1,000 College Scholarship to the overall first place winner in the Championship Section (\$500 to first place Under 1500) determined by adding the scores from each player's best three events. Trophies will be awarded to all players scoring 3 or more points in each section. Participation awards given to all attending one or more event after the final tournament. Everyone is a winner! **Team trophies** will be presented to the top 3 school teams in each section after the last event, based on the accumulated scores from the best three tournaments. Team (school) scores are determined for each section by adding the best 4 individual scores from each school after every event. All awards will be mailed home or hand delivered.

Entry Fees: \$60 for all four events, or **\$25** for one event. Financial assistance: 216-321-7000.

Free USCF membership included for new or expired members!

Registration closes at midnight the day before each event. After registering, instructions for accessing the tournament on lichess will be emailed to you.

Fair Play: Championship, Under 1500 Sections: Players are required to be on Zoom with side angle camera (phone ok). All games will be reviewed. Chess engine assistance is against USCF rules and will not be tolerated. Violators will not receive prizes and will be reported to the USCF Ethics Committee.

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