

2026 OHIO ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE, & HIGH SCHOOL

STATE CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS

March 7th - 8th @ Doubletree by Hilton Akron Fairlawn

Site Address: 3180 W. Market Street, Akron, OH, 44333.

Qualifications: Any student enrolled in an Ohio school or home schooled in Ohio in grades K-12 is eligible to participate.

Elementary Sections: SATURDAY ONLY

- **Elementary Championship (K-5) 5 Rounds: G/45; d5**
The winner qualifies for the Rockefeller and receives a \$300 stipend.
- **Primary Championship (K-3) 5 Rounds: G/30; d5**
The winner qualifies for the Ashley and receives a \$300 stipend.
- **U1000 (K-5), U700 (K-5), U400 (3-5), U400 (K-2): 5 Rounds: G/30; d5**

High School/Middle School Sections: SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

- **High School Championship (9-12) 6 Rounds. Rounds 1-4: G/60; d5. Rds. 5-6: G/90; d5**
The winner qualifies for the Denker and receives a \$300 stipend.
- **Middle School Championship (6-8) 6 Rounds. Rounds 1-4: G/60; d5. Rds. 5-6: G/90; d5**
The winner qualifies for the Barber and receives a \$300 stipend.
- **U1400 (6-12), U1000 (9-12), U1000 (6-8), U600 (6-12). 6 Rounds: G/60; d5**

Free year-long USCF membership included for players with new or expired memberships!

Progress With Chess will provide clocks for all Championship sections and 6-12 U1400, sets and boards provided for all sections. Up to two half-point byes available (no last round); **must request before round two pairings are posted.** USCF March Supplement ratings will determine section eligibility. Provisional or online ratings may be used for unrated players.

Free Ohio Blitz Championship Saturday 8:15 PM to determine Ohio High School, Middle School and Elementary Blitz Champions!!

Individual trophies for the Winners. Under 1000 and Under 600 Sections as well!

Online Registration at progresswithchess.org/ohstate → → → →

Entry fee: \$45 received by 3/4/26, \$50 after. **No onsite entries.**

Online registration will close at 6 PM on Friday, 3/6/26.

Discounted entry for students for students in financial need, contact Mike at (216) 321-7000.



Schedule

Doors open at 8:00 AM. No section changes after 9:00 AM. Announcements at 9:50 AM.

Elementary Sections

Elementary K-5 Championship Section (SATURDAY)

Round 1: 10 AM	Round 2: 12 PM	Round 3: 1:45 PM	Round 4: 3:30 PM	Round 5: 5:15 PM
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Primary K-3 Championship, U1000 (K-5), U700 (K-5), U400 (3-5), U400 (K-2) Sections (SATURDAY)

Round 1: 10 AM	Round 2: 11:30 AM	Round 3: 1 PM	Round 4: 2:15 PM	Round 5: 3:30 PM
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Middle and High School Sections

Middle and High School Championship Sections

Saturday	Round 1: 10 AM	Round 2: 12:30 PM	Round 3: 3 PM	Round 4: 5:30 PM
Sunday	Round 5: 9 AM	Round 6: 12:30 PM		

U1400 (6-12), U1000 (9-12), U1000 (6-8), U600 Sections (6-12)

Saturday	Round 1: 10 AM	Round 2: 12:30 PM	Round 3: 3 PM	Round 4: 5:30 PM
Sunday	Round 5: 9 AM	Round 6: 11:30 AM		

Awards: Elementary Sections: Trophies for all players achieving a score of 3.5 points or higher. Middle/High School Sections: Trophies for all players achieving a score of 4 points or higher. Trophies for top 3 teams in each section (top 4 scores count for team). All students will receive a participation medal.

Hotel: Doubletree by Hilton Akron Fairlawn, 3180 W. Market Street, Akron, OH, 44333

Food: There is a restaurant on-site and abundant restaurants within a two mile radius

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