

The 2027 Cardinal Open

January 29-January 31, 2027

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

Hotel Rate: $139; if reserved by 1/17, 330-867-5000. Ask for the Chess Rate.
Restaurants within walking distance, indoor & outdoor pool, restaurant and bar on site.

$10,000 PRIZE FUND BASED ON 140 PAID ENTRIES!

Elite Section: $2000-1000-500
*(***Elite prizes guaranteed)*
Under 2200: $800-400-250
Under 1900: $800-400-250
Under 1600: $700-400-250
Under 1300: $700-400-200
Under 1000: $500-300-200

Entry Fee for all sections: $120 by 1/25, $130 at site or online until two hours before round one.
GM, IM, WGM, WIM free; register at progresswithchess.org/master
$100 will be deducted from prize winnings.
Elite and Under 2200 Sections FIDE Rated.
Elite Eligibility: 1900 and above USCF or FIDE.

5 Round Swiss - 2 or 3 Day Options:

3-Day Schedule: Registration ends 6:15 PM Friday January 29th
Time Control for All Rounds: G90+30
Round Times: Friday: 7 PM
Saturday: 10 AM, 4 PM
Sunday: 10 AM, 4 PM

2-Day Schedule: Registration ends 9:15 AM Saturday January 30th
Time Control Rounds 1-2: G/60/ d10
Rounds 3-5: G/90+30
Round Times: Sat:10 AM, 1 PM, 4PM
Sunday: 10 AM, 4 PM

Sets and clocks provided for all sections!

January official USCF ratings used. Unofficial USCF ratings may be used if otherwise unrated. Players must reveal foreign, FIDE or other over the board ratings, and these ratings, adjusted, may be used if higher than USCF. Notation required in all sections. Only US Chess approved electronic score sheets allowed.

Unrated Players: Unrated players may win no more than 50% of any prize except in the Elite Section. The remaining amount of the unrated players' prize will go to the players in the next score group.
Reentry: 3-Day Schedule Only $50, not available for players in the Elite or Under 2200 Sections.
Byes: Half point byes okay, limit 2, not round 5, must be requested before Round 2 pairings are posted.
Doubles Bonus Prize: $200-100. Best male/female or female/female 2-player "team" combined score among all sections. Must average under 2200; may play in different sections. Register by 5 PM Saturday, January 30th. Prize limits do not apply to Doubles Bonus Prize. No additional fee to register.
Blitz Tournament: Saturday, January 30th at 9:00 PM, register by 8:45 PM – More details on-site.

Registration: progresswithchess.org/cardinal

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