



30th Annual Scholastic Chess of Indiana Individual Championships

Eligibility:

Any student who attends any school K-12 in the state of Indiana may participate in this tournament. Home schooled students who are Indiana residents are also eligible for the Individual Championships.

Organization:

This tournament is organized at two levels – a Regional qualifying tournament at four sites throughout the state and the Individual Finals to be held in Indianapolis.

USCF Membership:

The Regional tournaments are NOT rated by the U.S. Chess Federation. However, the State Finals are USCF rated. If you qualify for the State Finals, you must join USCF. Information on new memberships or renewals will be included in your Qualification Letter to State Finals. You can learn more about USCF memberships at www.scichess.org/uscfmemberships.

Dates:

The regional dates will be Saturday, January 5, 2019 or Saturday, January 12, 2019. (You may choose any Regional site you wish, but you may play in only one Regional.) The State Finals will be held on Saturday, January 26, 2019 at Elkhart Central High School in Elkhart.

Regional Sites:

January 12, 2019 -

Hammond – Morton High School

Evansville - Helfrich Park Middle School

January 12, 2019 -

Goshen – Chandler Elementary School

Terre Haute - Honey Creek Middle School

Championship Divisions:

ALL students are eligible for these divisions - 12th grade & under, 8th grade & under, 6th grade & under, 3rd grade & under, and 1st grade & under. These sections are open to any student regardless of rating; however, you should be a strong, tournament experienced chess player if you choose to compete in the championship divisions.

\$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to the winners of the 8th grade & under and 6th & under Championship divisions. A \$2,000 scholarship will be awarded to the winner of the 12th grade & under Championship division.

In addition, the winner of the 12th grade & under Championship division will be the Indiana representative to the Arnold Denker Tournament of High School Champions in 2019. The winner of the 8th grade & under Championship division will be the Indiana representative to the Barber K-8 national tournament in 2019.

Junior Varsity Divisions:

Players who are inexperienced in tournament play or unrated are strongly encouraged to select the appropriate Junior varsity division for this event.

12th grade & under Junior Varsity – Open to players rated below 1300 only.

8th grade & under Junior Varsity – Open to players rated below 1000 only.

6th grade & under Junior Varsity – Open to players rated below 750 only.

The January 2019 USCF rating supplement will be used to determine a player's rating for this tournament (if available).

Finalists:

The number of students in each section qualifying for the SCI State Finals will be based partially up on the number of participants at each site (regional strength will also be taken into account). The SCI State Finals will be limited to approximately 16 players per section for the 12th & under and 8th & under Championship divisions, and 32 players in 6th & under Championship. In the 12th & under Junior Varsity and 8th & under Junior Varsity divisions, approximately 48 players in each division will qualify for the State Finals. In 3rd & under and 6th & under Junior Varsity, approximately 64 players in each division will qualify for the State Finals. ALL PLAYERS in the 1st grade & under division who compete at the regional level will be invited to play at State Finals.

Site Choice:

A student may enter any Regional he/she wishes. Since this is not a team tournament, it is not necessary for all students from a particular school to attend the same Regional. The choice of a Regional site is strictly up to the participants. You may enter only one Regional.

Regional Events:

All Regional play will begin at 9:00 am local time. All participants must check in by 8:30 a.m. Please be aware that the Hammond and Evansville regional tournaments are on Central time. All other regionals are on Eastern time. Starting times per round will vary per regional. Listen for the announcements of the regional hosts and tournament directors.

All divisions will play 5 rounds or fewer at each regional. Rounds will be determined by the number of participants in each division. All players will play all rounds – no player is ever eliminated.

Finalists will be announced by the tournament staff at the conclusion of the tournament. Please be aware that players who advance to State Finals will be given a packet of information. It is very important that you receive this packet before leaving the regional site for the day.

Information:

The most up to date information will be posted at <http://www.scichess.org>. Entries will be posted online here as they are received. Please allow a few days to process. Any changes to the schedule or playing sites due to weather will also be posted here.

Entry:

All players may easily apply online at www.scichess.org/register

(All major credit cards and bank payment accepted)

The Entry fee for this event is \$12 per player by Dec. 21, 2018.

The Entry fee for players registering online after Dec. 21, 2018 will be \$25 per player. Entries made after Dec. 31, 2018 are not guaranteed and will only be accepted to even out numbers on a case by case basis.

Mailed entries will be accepted if postmarked by December 21, 2018. Mail the entry form (found on the next page) with check payable to **SCHOLASTIC CHESS OF INDIANA** to:

Scholastic Chess of Indiana

10710 Alyssa Way

Fishers, IN 46037

DO NOT MAIL ENTRIES AFTER DECEMBER 21, 2018 as they will not be received and processed in time. Entries after this date must be made online at www.scichess.org/register

Directions/Maps will be posted at scichess.org.