

Announcing! The 2027 Scholastic Chess of Indiana Individual Championships



Sections, dates, and locations for the 38th Annual State Championships are listed below. For full details and rules, please visit our website using the link or QR code on the back of this page.

Eligibility:

Any K-12th grade student who is a resident of Indiana may participate in this tournament. Public, private, and home-schooled students are eligible.

Championship Sections:

Championship sections are for Indiana's top scholastic chess players. Winners in each championship section receive a college scholarship and the right to represent Indiana at a US Chess national tournament. Players entered in these sections **DO NOT** play in Regional Qualifying tournaments. These sections will compete at Hammond Central High School in Indianapolis on January 30, 2027. You must have a valid USCF ID to play in these sections.

- **High School Championship:** 9-12 grade players with a USCF rating of 1500 or higher compete for the \$2000 Teddy Jacobi Scholarship and entry to the Denker National Tournament of High School State Champions.
- **Middle School Championship:** 6-8 grade players with a USCF rating of 1000 or higher compete for the \$1000 Billy Colias Scholarship and entry to the Barber National Tournament of Middle School State Champions.
- **Elementary School Championship:** K-5 grade players with a USCF rating of 750 or higher compete for the \$1000 Brian Yamin Scholarship and entry to the Rockefeller National Tournament of Elementary School State Champions.

Junior Varsity Sections:

These sections give Indiana's up-and-coming chess players the opportunity to compete at a high level and win a state title. Players entered in these sections **MUST** play at one of five Regional Qualifying tournaments. Regional dates and locations are listed later in this flyer. Regional games are not USCF rated, but the Finals are USCF rated. Players who win all their games in the Regional tournament will be invited to "play up" in the Championship section for their age group at the State Finals.

- **High School Junior Varsity:** 9-12 grade players with a USCF rating of 1499 or lower, or unrated, are eligible.
- **Middle School Junior Varsity:** 6-8 grade players with a USCF rating of 999 or lower, or unrated, are eligible.
- **Elementary School Junior Varsity:** 5th grade and under players with a USCF rating of 749 or lower, or unrated, are eligible.

Youth Sections:

These sections give Indiana's youngest chess players an opportunity to get tournament experience while competing for a state title. Players entered in these sections **MUST** play at one of five Regional Qualifying tournaments. Regional dates and locations are listed later in this flyer. Regional games of these sections are not USCF rated, but the Finals games are USCF rated.

- **Third Grade and Under:** 3rd grade and under players are eligible.
- **First Grade and Under:** 1st grade and under players are eligible.

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Dates, Times, and Locations:

Please make note of the date, time, and location of the Regional and Finals locations. A player may choose to play in the Regional of his or her choice, but may play in only one Regional.

Regional Sites:

- *Evansville Regional - January 9, 2027* - McCutchanville Elementary School - 10701 Petersburg Rd, Evansville, IN 47725 - Check in by 8:30am Central Time - First Round ASAP.
- *Hammond Regional - January 16, 2027* - Hammond Central High School - 5926 Calumet Ave, Hammond, IN 46320 - Check in by 8:30am Central Time - First Round ASAP.
- *Indianapolis Regional - January 9, 2027* - St. Monica School - 6131 N Michigan Rd, Indianapolis IN 46228 - Check in by 8:30am Eastern Time - First Round ASAP. (Due to venue size, the Indianapolis Regional is restricted to the first 120 participants)
- *Terre Haute Regional - January 9, 2027* - Honey Creek Middle School - 6601 S Carlisle St, Terre Haute IN 47802 - Check in by 8:30am Eastern Time - First Round ASAP.
- *Warsaw Regional - January 9, 2027* - Edgewood Middle School - 900 S Union St, Warsaw IN 46580 - Check in by 8:30am Eastern time - First Round ASAP.

Finals Site:

- *SCI Individual Championships - January 30, 2027* - Hammond Central High School - 5962 Calumet Ave, Hammond IN 46320 - Check in by 8:30am Central time - First Round ASAP

Registration:

Players enter the tournament by registering online. Registration is being managed by Joe Riegsecker, Scholastic Chess of Indiana Vice President. Please use the link below to enter or scan the QR code:

<https://scichessin.org/27SCIInd.html>

The entry fee for this event is \$35 for those entering a Championship section, and \$20 for all others. The entry deadline is January 5 for all players in Junior Varsity and Youth sections. The deadline is January 25 for Championship sections. You may pay via PayPal, credit card, debit card, or Zelle. Schools may pay by check.

USCF Membership:

A valid US Chess Federation membership is required to play in the Finals at Hammond Central High School on January 30, 2027. You may join USCF here: www.uschess.org. A free junior tournament player (JTP) membership is available for students in the 3rd Grade and Under and 1st Grade and Under sections. JTP membership details can be found here: <https://scichessin.org/JTP.html>

Questions:

Please email us at **scichessin@gmail.com** with any questions you have.

Please review the official rules and detailed entry requirements for the SCI Individual Championships posted on the SCI website.

