



34th Annual
Scholastic Chess of Indiana
Individual Championships

2023 SCI 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 at Hammond Central High School.

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.

Dates: The regional dates will be Saturday, January 7, 2023 or Saturday, January 14, 2023. (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 28, 2023 at Charles N. Scott Middle School, 3635 173rd St, Hammond, IN 46323. Please notice that this is a change from the original plan.

Regional Sites:

January 7, 2023:

Hammond – Hammond Central High School, 5926 Calumet Avenue, Hammond IN 46320

Terre Haute – Honey Creek Middle School, 6601 S Carlisle St, Terre Haute IN 47802

Jeffersonville – Jefferson High School, 2315 Allison Lane #5878, Jeffersonville IN 47130

January 14, 2023:

Warsaw – Warsaw High School, 1 Administration Drive, Warsaw IN 46580

Championship Divisions: ALL students are eligible for these divisions – 12th grade & under Championship, 8th grade & under Championship, and 6th grade & under Championship. These sections are open to any student regardless of rating; however, you should be a strong, experienced tournament 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



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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 the summer of 2023. The winner of the 8th grade & under Championship division will be the Indiana representative to the Barber 6-8 national tournament in the summer of 2023. The top 5th grade and under student in the 6th grade & under Championship division will be the Indiana representative to the Rockefeller K-5 national tournament in the summer of 2023. These three events are scheduled during the US Open Championships.

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 or unrated; 8th grade & under Junior Varsity, open to players rated below 1000 or unrated; and 6th grade & under Junior Varsity, open to players rated below 750 or unrated. The January 2023 USCF rating supplement will be used to determine a player's rating for this tournament (if available).

Third Grade and Under Division: There is only one division for students K-3. A K-3 student should play in an older group only if he/she is exceptionally strong and feels he/she has a chance to qualify as the Indiana Rockefeller representative. In that case he/she will need to enter the 6th & under Championship section.

Finalists: The number of students in each section qualifying for the SCI State Finals will be based on the number of participants at and the strength of each regional. 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.

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. However, 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 some regional tournaments in the far extremes of the state 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.



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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 first. PLEASE... if you are concerned about weather delays, you will not get any information from tournament staff that is not already posted on the website or facebook group.

Entry:

All players may easily register online at:

<http://joepye.net/sci/23SCIIndividual.html>

(Pay via PayPal. All major credit cards accepted) The Entry fee for this event is \$17 per player by Dec. 31, 2022. The Entry fee for players registering online after Dec. 31, 2021 will be \$25 per player. Entries made after Jan. 4, 2023 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 31, 2022. Mail the entry form (found on the next page) with check payable to **SCHOLASTIC CHESS OF INDIANA** to:

Joe Riegsecker
1404 Pembroke Circle Apt. #4
Goshen IN 46526

DO NOT MAIL ENTRIES AFTER DECEMBER 31, 2022 as they will not be received and processed in time. Entries after this date must be made online at <http://joepye.net/sci/23SCIIndividual.html>

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2023 SCI INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS REGIONAL ENTRY FORM

Name _____ USCF ID# (if available) _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone Number(s) _____ Grade _____

Email Address _____

Regional Choice _____

(Jan. 7 – Hammond, Jeffersonville, or Terre Haute, Jan. 14 – Warsaw)

Select Section

12th Grade & Under CHAMPIONSHIP

12th Grade & Under JV

(for players rated below 1300 or unrated)

8th Grade & Under CHAMPIONSHIP

8th Grade & Under JV

(for players rated below 1000 or unrated)

6h Grade & Under CHAMPIONSHIP

3rd grade & Under

6th Grade & Under JV

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MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO SCHOLASTIC CHESS OF INDIANA

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