2020 Intermat Candidates Tournament



March 22, 2020



Online via Chess.com

Format: Thirteen 4-player quads by grade level, grades K-12. Each quad is comprised of the four highest rated WA players in each grade who accept the invitation. The two highest finishers in each quad (by tiebreaks) will be selected as the two honored players who will make up Team Washington in the 2020 WA vs BC International Scholastic Chess Match on April 25th. All games in the Intermat Candidates Tournament and Intermat will be played online this year via chess.com due to the global COVID-19 Coronavirus outbreak.

Entry Fee: \$75

Rating: All games will be NWSRS rated, but not US Chess rated. WCF membership is required. Higher of March 1st NW rating or US Chess March 2020 rating supplement will be used to determine player eligibility.

Time Control: Game in 90 minutes with 30 seconds added per move starting from move 1.

Schedule: Rd 1: 9am, Rd 2: 1pm, Rd 3: 5pm (these times are firm). Playoff rounds if needed to break ties for top two places immediately after the last round: Two 5-minute (no delay) blitz games. If still tied, G/6 white, G/5 black with draw odds.

Prizes: Plaques awarded to the two highest-finishing players in each grade level.

Registration: Please register online at https://nwchess.com/OnlineRegistration/. We will take the four highest rated players in each grade who confirm by the deadline of March 15th. Feel free to sign up early, but please do not pay until participation has been confirmed. The highest rated alternate in each grade level will be called up in case a player withdraws at the last minute. Alternates should be standing by on the morning of March 22nd in case a spot becomes available.

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