

PNWCC 1st RAR Chess Cup

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A March 2019 PNWCC FIDE Open Qualifier

February 2-3, 2019

Why Play: Inexpensive USCF-Rated games against strong competition with an exciting new mini-match format!

Location: Pacific Northwest Chess Center 12020 113th Ave NE, Kirkland, WA 98034

Format: Players are placed in 4-player quads by rating, and play in a Chess World Cup-style bracket tournament, with G/90 inc/30 two-game mini matches on each day. On Saturday, players play a 2-game mini-match against one other player in their group. On Sunday, the winners of the Saturday matches within a group play for first place, and the losers of the Saturday matches play for third place. Rapid, blitz, and Armageddon tiebreaks will be used if necessary.

Rounds: Saturday/Sunday: 10am-3pm, followed by tiebreaks ASAP if necessary.

Prizes: First place in each bracket wins free entry into the 2nd RAR Chess Cup! Quad Winners with USCF 2000+ or Quad Winners with a perfect score and USCF 1900+ qualify for the March 2019 PNWCC FIDE Open Masters Section without having to pay the \$75 play-up fee.

Quad Winners with USCF U1600 qualify for the March 2019 PNWCC FIDE Open Challengers Section (U2100) without having to pay the \$75 play-up fee.

Registration: Register at

<https://rarchess.wixsite.com/website/event-info/pnwcc-1st-rar-chess-cup>

or by emailing rarchesscup@gmail.com

Entry Fee: \$20 by January 25th, \$30 on site. (If you registered by January 25th, you must pay \$20 by January 25th as well, or you will have to pay \$30 on site).

Payments can be made at <http://paypal.me/rarchesscup>. You must leave a note with your full name while making your PayPal payment so that we can match it with you!

Other Info: US Chess membership required. USCF Rated. No byes.

Tiebreakers Explanation: Should a match be tied after 2 classical games, 2 more games will be played at a time control of G/10+2. Should the match remain tied, 2 games at 3+2 will be played. If the match is still tied an "Armageddon" game, with White having 5 minutes and players bidding for Black and draw odds, will occur.

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