

Seattle Chess Masters Series

Sep. 9, Oct. 7, Dec. 9, Jan. 6, Feb. 3, Mar. 3, Apr. 7, May 5, Jun. 2, Jul. 7

Site: Seattle Chess Club, 2150 North 107th Street, Seattle, WA 98133.

Organizers: Seattle Chess Club & Washington Chess Federation.

TD: Fred Kleist, US Chess Senior TD, National FIDE Arbiter.

Format: A 3-round Swiss in two sections - Masters (2000+) & Challengers (1600-1999). All games will be dual US Chess and FIDE rated. The purpose of this event is to provide regular strong competition for Northwest chess players.

Rating: US Chess monthly rating supplement (current published rating) will be used to determine section, pairings, and prizes. Foreign ratings used for players with no US Chess rating. Higher of US Chess or foreign ratings used at TD discretion. The highest rated player that registers in the Challengers section will get a promotion to the Masters section if the Master section has an odd number of players. Class A and Class C players with peak ratings above 2000 and 1600, respectively, may choose to "play up" a section so long as their current rating is 100 points or less below the cutoff (1900 for Master, 1500 for Challengers).

Entry Fee: \$50 if postmarked or online by 5pm on the Thursday before the tournament, \$60 after or at site. Free entry for GMs, IMs, WGMs, WIMs, & SMs (US Chess rating 2400+).

Time Control: Game in 90 minutes with a 30-second increment added after each move.

Schedule: Registration: 9:00-9:45am, Rd 1: 10:00am, Rd 2: 2:30pm, Rd 3: 7:00pm.

Prizes: The prize fund may be increased based on donations.

Masters: 1st \$200, 2nd \$120, 3rd \$80 based on 10 paid entries. Biggest Upset: \$50.

Challengers: 1st \$200, 2nd \$120, 3rd \$80 based on 10 paid entries. Biggest Upset: \$50.

Byes: One half-point bye available. Request before end of round 1. US Chess and WCF/OCF/ICA memberships required, other states accepted.

Entries: Make checks payable to Washington Chess Federation.

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