

Washington State High School Individual Championship

Jan 29-30, 2016

Site: Lakeside Upper School, 14050 1st Avenue NE, Seattle, WA 98125



Directions: From I-5, take exit 175 and head West on NE 145th St. Turn left onto 1st Ave NE. Lakeside School will be on the left.

Eligibility: Open to any student registered in grades 9-12 in Washington State.

Format: Five round Swiss in three sections using NWSRS ratings published at <http://chess.ratingsnw.com/ratings.html>

- **CHAMPIONSHIP:** Rated 1600 and over, and any other player desiring to play for the title of State Champion. Dual NWSRS and USCF rated, USCF membership required.
- **PREMIER:** Rated 1200 - 1599, and any other player rated less than 1200 desiring the tougher competition. NWSRS rated.
- **RESERVE:** Rated 1199 and under only, and new, unrated, inexperienced players. NWSRS rated.

Note: The director reserves the right to change rating parameters to balance numbers in the sections.

Note: Players who may have received high first time and provisional ratings may request to play in the Reserve section. These requests will be granted or refused on an individual basis.

Schedule: Arrival: 3:15-3:45 pm on Friday January 29, 2016. All players are required to check in by 3:45 pm Friday. Players checking in after 3:45 pm will risk forfeiting round one.

Rounds: Friday: 4:15 pm, 7:45 pm Saturday: 9 am, 1 pm, 5 pm (these times are firm)

Time Control: 90 minutes per player per game (Game/90 with 10-sec delay preferred). Recording is required.

Concessions: Snacks, drinks, and sandwiches will be available for purchase Friday night. Many options available close by.

Bring: Chess clocks, writing utensils, and chess sets for the skittles area.

Awards: Winner of the Championship Section receives the title of *Washington State High School Champion*. The state champion will receive \$250 of monetary support from the Washington High School Chess Association and \$750 of monetary support from the Washington Chess Federation to attend the GM Arnold Denker Tournament of High School Champions to be held in conjunction with the 2016 US Open in Indianapolis, IN.

An appropriate number of trophies will be awarded to individuals in each section. Players that score at least 3.5, but do not place high enough to earn a trophy, will be awarded a chess medal.

Note: Ties for first place in the Championship Section will be resolved later in the year by a G/90 playoff game. If there is a tie for first place in the Premier or Reserve Section, it will be resolved in a speed chess playoff (game in 5 minutes with a 2-second delay).

Entry Fee: \$40 for the Championship section if postmarked or online by 1/15, \$50 after 1/15 or at site. Half-off entry fee for National Masters or higher.
\$20 for the Premier and Reserve sections if postmarked or online by 1/15, \$25 after 1/15 or at site.

Registration: All must enter in advance via [online registration](#) or email by Thursday, January 28, 2016 at 5:00 pm. 100% advance entry only. No phone, fax, or postal mail entries.

Half Point Byes: One-half point bye available for Friday afternoon and/or evening if you cannot make it both days; one-half point bye available for round 3 on Saturday morning. Only two half-point byes available. Request for HPB must be made with advance registration or at check-in. No half point byes for rounds 4 and 5.

Tournament Directors: Travis Olson and Dan Mathews.

Make Checks Payable To: Washington Chess Federation (WCF).

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