

# 2017 Washington State Championship

February 11-12, 18-20

**Site:** Microsoft Building 99 rooms 1915 and 1919: 14820 NE 36th St. Redmond, WA 98052

**Format:** Four invitation-only 10-player Round Robins by rating: Championship, Premier, Invitational, and Challengers. The field of each section will be determined by seeding and by the highest rated players to respond to this invitation based on the January 2017 US Chess rating list. All sections will be dual USCF and FIDE rated. Fred Kleist will be the TD for all four sections.

**Time control:** 40/2, SD/30; d10.

**Entry Fee:** Free!

**Schedule:** Rounds 1-8: Feb. 11, 12, 18, 19 at 10 AM and 5 PM. Round 9: Feb. 20 (President's Day) at 5 PM.

Drawing of lots: Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> at 10 PM at Seattle Chess Club after the Seattle Masters. Attendance is optional, though encouraged.

**Byes:** Since this is a prestigious round robin, there will be no half-points byes or rescheduling of games allowed in any of the sections. All games must be played on site under TD supervision at the scheduled round times.

**Prizes:** The initial prize fund for each section is guaranteed by the WCF, and will be increased based on donations.

Championship: \$1500, Premier: \$1000, Invitational: \$500, Challengers: \$250

Prize distribution (each section): 1st 45%, 2nd 25%, 3rd 15%, 4th 10%, 5th 5%  
Brilliance Prizes: \$400 (\$100 for best game in each section)

The winner of the Championship section receives the title of Washington State Champion. Plaques awarded to the winners of each section.

**Seeds:** Championship: IM Michael Lee (State Champion), FM Nick Raptis (Open Champion), FM Tian Sang (Championship Runner-up), NM Anthony He (Challenger's Cup Champion), FM John Readey (Premier Champion), TBD (Junior Closed Champion)

Premier: NM Kyle Haining (Premier Runner-up), Neo Olin (Invitational Champion), Zachary Zhang (President's Cup Champion), TBD (Junior Open Champion)

Invitational: Masayuki Nagase (Invitational Runner-up), Vikram Ramasamy (Challengers Champion), Sangeeta Dhingra (Girl's Champion), David Rupel (Senior Champion), Badamkhand Norovsambuu (Women's Champion)

Challengers: WFM Naomi Bashkansky (Challengers Runner-up), TBD (WCF Nominee)

**Registration:** Please register online via [online registration](#) or reply to this email. If you are on the list of invited players, please confirm your ability to play on the website. See the list of invited players sorted by rating. To confirm or decline, just click on your name, then Modify, enter your password, then select your section. We typically have several high rated players decline, and many times we reach down into the 1800s. We will take the top 40 rated players who confirm by the deadline of Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Questions?

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