

68th Annual Oregon Open

September 1-3, 2018

\$10,000 Guaranteed

Sponsored by the Portland Chess Club and Oregon Chess Federation

FORMAT: 6-round Swiss in three sections, Open, U2000, and U1600. The official US Chess regular ratings are generally used. Unofficial US Chess regular ratings based on at least four games or foreign ratings (with adjustment if necessary) are generally used for players with no official US Chess regular rating. There is a choice between a 3-day and 2-day schedule. Up to two half point byes are available if requested before round one.

TIME CONTROL: 40/120,SD/30;d10, first three rounds of the 2-day schedule are played at G/60;d10. **Please bring digital clocks as well as sets and boards (none supplied).**

SCHEDULE: 3-day: A players meeting is scheduled to start at 10:30am on Saturday. The rounds are scheduled to start at 11am and 5pm on Saturday, 10am and 6pm on Sunday, and 9:30am and 3:30pm on Monday. **2-day:** A players meeting is scheduled to start at 8:45am on Sunday. The first three rounds are scheduled to start at 9am, 11:45am, and 2:30pm on Sunday then the schedule merges with the 3-day for round four at 6pm on Sunday.

ENTRY FEE: \$105 if you pre-register by Thursday, August 30, \$125 on-site. Free entry to GM's and IM's if pre-registered by August 30 (\$105 is deducted from any prize won). Players under the age of 19 in the U1600 section may pay a lower rate (\$25 if pre-registered by August 30, \$35 on-site) and compete for trophies instead of cash prizes. Players in the 3-day may withdraw and re-enter into the 2-day by paying \$105. **US Chess & OCF/WCF/ICA** memberships are also required (other states accepted).

RATED: All the sections are US Chess rated. The Open section is also FIDE rated except for the first three rounds of the 2-day schedule. FIDE rules are used in the Open section (including the first 3-rounds of the 2-day schedule; see the US Chess-FIDE rule differences at pdxchess.org). US Chess rules are used in the U2000 and U1600 sections.

REGISTRATION: Please pre-register. To do so, we must **receive** your registration information at nwchess.com/onlineregistration **and** your entry fee and any membership fees either online or through the mail by August 30. If you don't pre-register, on-site registration is available from 9-10:30am Saturday for the 3-day schedule and 8-8:45am Sunday for the 2-day schedule (only cash or check is accepted on-site).

OPEN SECTION PRIZES

1ST, 2ND, 3RD: \$2000-1000-500; **U2200:** \$500-300-200

U2000 SECTION PRIZES

1ST, 2ND, 3RD: \$1000-600-400; **U1800:** \$500-300-200

U1600 SECTION PRIZES

1ST, 2ND, 3RD: \$500-300-200; **U1400:** \$500-300-200
U1200: \$300 **UNR:** \$200

Unrated players are limited to the place prizes in the Open section and the unrated prize in the U1600 section. Players winning \$600 or more must complete an IRS form with SSN before payment. Foreign players may be subject to withholding taxes. Players under 19 in the U1600 section choosing the lower entry fee option will compete for trophies instead of cash prizes based on points. Players rated 1400 or higher will win a trophy if they score at least 5, players rated between 1200 and 1399 will win a trophy if they score at least 4, and players rated under 1200 or unrated will win a trophy if they score at least 3.5.

OTHER: The tournament is a Northwest Chess, US Chess, and US Chess Junior Grand Prix event and a qualifier for the Oregon Championship, Oregon Invitational, and OSCF State Championship. See the people who have helped sponsor the tournament at pdxchess.org. Send an email to email@pdxchess.org if you have questions regarding the event.

SIDE EVENTS: Scholastic-see all the information at pdxchess.org. **Blitz**-registration runs on Sunday from 3-3:20pm. Play starts at 3:30pm Sunday and will likely last until around 5:30pm. 5-round double Swiss in one section. The higher of a player's official US Chess regular and blitz rating is generally used. Unofficial US Chess regular or blitz ratings based on at least four games or foreign ratings (with adjustment if necessary) are generally used for players with no official US Chess regular or blitz rating. G/3;inc2, US Chess blitz rated, \$20 entry fee, prize fund: \$220 based on 20-1st \$65, 2nd \$45, U2100-\$35, U1900-\$30, U1700-\$25, U1500-\$20; unrated players are eligible for all the prizes. **OCF annual membership meeting**-Sunday at 4:30pm.

LOCATION: Lloyd Center DoubleTree Hotel, 1000 NE Multnomah St, Portland, OR 97232. There is free parking at the hotel. A limited number of hotel rooms are available at a special chess rate of \$109 plus tax for single or double occupancy. **The rate lasts until the block of rooms sell out or until August 1, whichever comes first.** Call 1-800-996-0510 to reserve a room.