

# 2020 Washington State Championship

**February 8-9, 15-17**

**Site:** Pacific Northwest Chess Center: 12020 113<sup>th</sup> Ave NE #C-200 Kirkland, WA 98034

**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 2020 US Chess rating list. All sections will be dual US Chess and FIDE rated. Fred Kleist will be the tournament director for all four sections.

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

**Entry Fee:** Championship/Premier: Free, Invitational: \$150, Challengers: \$125.

**Schedule:** Rounds 1-8: Feb. 8, 9, 15, 16 at 10 AM and 5 PM. Round 9: Feb. 17 (President's Day) at 5 PM. Drawing of lots: Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> at 10 PM at the Orlov Chess Academy in Greenlake. Attendance is optional, though encouraged.

**Byes:** Since this is a prestigious round robin, there will be no 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: \$750, Challengers: \$500

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), NM Kyle Haining (Open Champion), FM Anthony He (Championship Runner-up), WIM Megan Lee (Challenger's Cup Champion), NM Kyle Haining (Premier Champion), TBD (Junior Closed Champion)

Premier: Stan Kitsis (Premier Runner-up), Wenyang Du (Invitational Champion), Teddy Roberts (President's Cup Champion), TBD (Junior Open Champion), WIM Megan Lee (Women's Champion)

Invitational: Daniel Shubin (Invitational Runner-up), Brandon Jiang (Challengers Champion)

Challengers: Jeffrey Yan (Challengers Runner-up), TBD (WCF Nominee)

**Registration:** Please register online via [online registration](#) or reply to this email. Please confirm your ability to play on the website. 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 January 31<sup>st</sup>.

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