

# 2021 INTERMAT CANDIDATES *CHESS TOURNAMENT*

Saturday March 20<sup>TH</sup>, 2021

ONLINE VIA  Chess.com

## *FORMAT:*

Thirteen 4-player quads by grade level, grades K-12. Each quad is comprised of the four highest rated WA players in each grade who accept the invitation. The two highest finishers in each quad (by tiebreaks) will be selected as the two honored players who will make up Team Washington in the 2021 WA vs BC International Scholastic Match on May 15. All games in the Intermat Candidates Tournament and WA vs BC Intermat will be played online this year via Chess.com due to the global COVID-19 pandemic.

## *TIME CONTROL:*

G/90; +30 sec. increment.

## *ENTRY FEE:*

\$75. Non-members of WCF add \$15. Need-based scholarships available upon request.

## *SCHEDULE:*

Rd 1 -- 9 am

Rd 2 -- 1 pm

Rd 3 -- 5 pm

Playoff rounds if needed to break ties for top two places immediately after the last round: Two 5-minute (no delay) blitz games. If still tied, G/6 white, G/5 black with draw odds. **Byes will not be allowed.**

## *MEMBERSHIPS:*

A working Chess.com and Zoom account are required. US Chess membership required. WCF membership not required, though encouraged.

## *PRIZES:*

Plaques awarded to the two highest-finishing players in each grade level.

## *RATING:*

All games will be dual US Chess Online rated and NWSRS rated. Highest of March 1<sup>st</sup> NWSRS, US Chess, or US Chess Online rating will be used to determine player eligibility and pairings.

## *ELIGIBILITY:*

Please register online at <https://nwchess.com/OnlineRegistration/>. We will take the four highest rated players in each grade who confirm by the **deadline of March 13<sup>th</sup>**. Please feel free to sign up early, but do not pay until participation has been confirmed. The highest rated alternate in each grade level will be called up in case a player withdraws at the last minute. Alternates should be standing by on the morning of March 20<sup>th</sup> in case a spot becomes available.



## *THE DETAILS*

### **Procedure:**

Pairings and Standings will be updated on a spreadsheet for every round. Players will be paired automatically by the Tournament Director (TD) in the Live Chess area and will inform the TD of their result upon completion of the game. A welcome email will be sent out to all participants before the start of the tournament.

### **Fair Play Policy:**

All players and parents are required to sign the WCF Fair Play Agreement prior to the start of the tournament.

WCF's Fair Play Committee will review any suspicious games on a case-by-case basis. Fair play standards will be strictly enforced.

### **Online Registration:**

NWchess.com/OnlineRegistration/  
Pay by Credit/Debit/PayPal.

Registration, payment, and fair play agreement deadline is Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup> by 5pm. No registrations will be accepted after the deadline.

**Questions?** Contact Josh Sinanan, WCF President, 206.769.3757,  
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