

A Northwest Chess Grand Prix Event



Over \$11,000 Prize Fund
(based on 150 paid entries)

WASHINGTON OPEN

Sat-Mon, May 28-30, 2022

Redmond Marriott
7401 164th Ave NE, Redmond, WA 98052

Main Event:

Format: A 6-round Swiss event across 3 sections: Open, Premier (U1800), and Reserve (U1400).

Rating: Dual rated (US Chess & NWSRS), plus Open section will be FIDE rated (except G/60 games). Higher of May 2022 US Chess (regular or online), FIDE, and NWSRS ratings used to determine sections, pairings, and prizes. Foreign ratings used for players with no US Chess rating. Higher of US Chess or foreign ratings used at TD discretion.

Highest finishing WA resident in the Open and Premier section seeded into the 2023 WA State Championship, in the Championship and Challengers sections, respectively.

Entry Fee: \$130 by Sun, 05/01; \$140 by Sun, 05/15; and \$150 after 05/15 or on-site. Less \$50 for Seniors (age 50+). Add \$50 if rated U1800 and wanting to play in the Open section. Free entry for GMs, IMs, WGMs, and US Chess 2400+. Canadians may pay CAN\$ at par. Re-entry for 1/2 of original entry fee.

Prizes:

- **Open:** \$900, \$700, \$550, \$450, \$350; U2100: \$200, \$150; U1900: \$200, \$150
- **Premier (U1800):** \$700, \$600, \$500, \$400, \$300; U1650: \$200, \$150; U1500: \$200, \$150
- **Reserve (U1400):** \$500, \$400, \$350, \$300, \$250; U1200: \$200, \$150; U1000: \$200, \$150; Unrated: \$200, \$150.

Special Prizes (per section):

- **Biggest Upset:** \$100, \$50, 1-yr NWC subscription ext.
- **Best Female Player:** \$100, \$50, 1-yr NWC subscription extension. Awarded to the best scoring (by TPR) female players who do not win another cash prize. Requires min 3 qualifying players per section.
- **Best Annotated Game:** \$100, \$50, 1-yr NWC subscription extension. Submit one annotated game from the event that you consider to be interesting or well-played. A panel of judges will select the winners.

Schedule:

- **3-day option:** Sat @ 10 AM, 5:30 PM; Sun @ 10 AM, 6 PM; Mon @ 10 AM, 4 PM.
- **2-day option:** Sun @ 9 AM, 11:30 AM, 2:30 PM, then join 3-day schedule @ 6 PM (from round 4 onward).
- WCF Annual Meeting & Elections: Mon @ 3 PM.

Note: You may play in the main event *and* take part in side events with minimum or no half-point byes!

Time Controls:

- **3-day:** 40/120, SD/30; d10. Late Default: 60 min.
- **2-day:** G/60; d10 (rds 1-3), rds 4-6 same as for 3-day. Please bring a digital clock, if available.

Miscellaneous: Current US Chess and WCF/OCF/ICA memberships required; may be paid at registration. Other states ok. No computers. Wheelchair accessible.

Hotel Info: Redmond Marriott, \$119 per night. One King or two Queen beds, single or double occupancy. Call (800) 228-9290 to request the Washington Chess Federation block, or use the [online reservation](#). Group code: WFFWFFR. Cut-off date for discounts: Fri, May 06 @ 5 PM PST.

Registration, Information & Payment:

• **Before event:** Online (by Thu, 05/26 @ 5 PM) at nwchess.com/OnlineRegistration/ (pay by credit/debit/PayPal) or make checks payable to Washington Chess Federation. Mail to: Josh Sinanan, 4174 NE 148th Ave NE, Building I, Suite M, Redmond, WA 98052.

Info: washingtonchessfederation@gmail.com, 206-769-3757.

• **On-site:** Sat, 05/28 @ 8-9 AM for 3-day schedule, or 4:30-5 PM if entering with 1 half-point bye. Sun, 05/29 @ 8-8:30 AM for 2-day schedule, or 9-9:30 AM if entering 3-day schedule with 2 half-point byes. Late registrations may receive a half-point bye for first round. 2 half-point byes available; request before end of rd 2. Play any two days, if taking 2 half-point byes.

Procedure and Health/Safety Policy: Pairings will be posted before each round in the hallway near the play area. All players (including in the side events) are required to sign the [WCF Health/Safety Protocols & Waiver of Liability](#) form prior to the start of the events.

Fun Side Events (most run between rounds of the Main Event):

Washington Open Adult-only Swiss: Sponsored by *Seattle Chess Club*. Sat-Mon, 05/28-30 @ 11 AM & 4 PM. Format: A 6-round Swiss in one section, 2 half-point byes available. US Chess rated. TC: G/90; +30. EF: \$60 online (by Fri, 05/27 @ 5 PM) or \$70 on-site; EF waived for new unrated players who purchase memberships. Registration: Sat, 05/28 @ 10-10:30 AM (unless entering with half-point byes). Current US Chess membership and WCF/OCF/ICA membership required. Higher of May 2022 US Chess regular and online ratings used to determine pairings and prizes. Guaranteed prize fund: \$1,000. 1st \$200, 2nd \$150, 3rd \$110, 1st U2000 \$90, 1st U1700 \$90, 1st U1400 \$90, 1st U1100/Unrated \$90, Biggest upset: \$90, Best Female player (by TPR): \$90.

Washington Open Chess960 (Fischer Random) Championship: (b/w rds 1 & 2)

Sat, 05/28 @ 2:15 PM. Format: A 4-Round Swiss in one section, 1 half-point bye available. Unrated. TC: G/10; +2. EF: \$20. Registration: 1:30-2 PM. Rounds at 2:15 PM, 2:50, 3:25, and 4 PM. No memberships required. Higher of May 2022 US Chess (regular or online) and NWSRS rating used to determine pairings and prizes. A new (randomized) opening position for each round. Players have 2 minutes before clocks start to examine the opening position. Prize fund: \$100/b10. 1st \$40, 2nd \$30, 3rd \$20, 1st U1400/Unrated 6-mon NWC extension.

Washington Open Puzzle Solving Competition: (b/w rds 1 & 2)

Sat, 05/28 @ 4:30-5:15 PM. Format: Solve 15 chess puzzles in 45 minutes. Write solutions on paper. Evaluation based on accuracy and completeness. EF: \$10. Registration: 3:30-4:15 PM. No memberships required. Prizes: Medals awarded to top-3 finishers and to the best puzzle solver in U2000, U1700, U1400, and Unrated.

Washington Open Rapid Championship: (b/w rds 3 & 4)

Sun, 05/29 @ 2 PM. Format: A 5-Round Swiss in one section, 2 half-point byes available. US Chess Quick rated. TC: G/15; +5. EF: \$25 online (by Sat, 05/28 @ 5 PM) or \$30 on-site. Registration: 1-1:45 PM. Rounds at 2 PM, 2:45, 3:30, 4:15, and 5 PM. Current US Chess membership and WCF/OCF/ICA membership required. Higher of May 2022 US Chess Quick rating (regular or online) and NWSRS rating used to determine pairings and prizes. Prize fund: \$500/b25. 1st \$110, 2nd \$90, 3rd \$60, 1st U2000 \$40, 1st U1700 \$40, 1st U1400 \$40, 1st U1100/Unrated \$40, Biggest upset: \$40, Best Female player (by TPR): \$40.

Washington Open "Knight-Time" Blitz: (after rd 6)

Mon, 05/30 @ 7:30 PM. Format: A 9-Round Swiss in one section, 3 half-point byes available. US Chess Blitz rated. TC: G/5; +3. EF: \$25 online (by Sun, 05/29 @ 5 PM) or \$30 on-site. Registration: 6:30-7:15 PM. Rounds at 7:30 PM, 7:50, 8:10, 8:30, 8:50, 9:10, 9:30, 9:50, and 10:10 PM. Current US Chess membership and WCF/OCF/ICA membership required. Higher of May 2022 US Chess Blitz rating (regular or online) and NWSRS rating used to determine pairings and prizes. Prize fund: \$500/b25. 1st \$110, 2nd \$90, 3rd \$60, 1st U2000 \$40, 1st U1700 \$40, 1st U1400 \$40, 1st U1100/Unrated \$40, Biggest upset: \$40, Best Female player (by TPR): \$40.