

Washington State High School Individual Chess Championship



Jan 20-21, 2023

**Lakeside Upper School
14050 1st Ave NE Seattle, WA 98125**

Format: A Swiss-style tournament in three sections using current Northwest chess ratings published at <http://ratingsnw.com/ratings.html>.

- **CHAMPIONSHIP:** A 5-Round Swiss. For players rated 1500+, and any other player desiring to play for the title of High School State Champion. Dual Northwest and US Chess rated, US Chess membership required. Time Control: G/90:+10.
- **PREMIER:** A 5-Round Double Swiss – Play 10 games – one as white and one as black vs each opponent. For players rated 1000 - 1499, and any other player rated less than 1000 desiring the tougher competition. Northwest rated, US Chess unrated; US Chess Membership not required. Time Control: G/45;+5.
- **RESERVE:** A 5-Round Double Swiss – Play 10 games – one as white and one as black vs each opponent. For players rated 999 and under only, for new, unrated, or inexperienced players. Northwest rated, US Chess unrated; US Chess Membership not required. Time Control: G/45;+5.

Eligibility: Open to any student registered in grades 9-12 in Washington State.

Entry Fee: \$50 for the Championship section if postmarked or online by 1/13, \$60 after or at site. \$25 for the Premier and Reserve sections if postmarked or online by 1/13, \$30 after or at site.

Note: Players who may have received high first time and provisional ratings may request to play in a lower section. These requests will be granted on an individual basis.

Schedule: Arrival: 3:15-4pm on Friday, January 20. All players are required to check in by 4pm. Players checking in after 4pm may risk forfeiting their first-round game(s).

Rounds: Friday: 4:15pm, 7:45pm; Saturday: 10am, 2pm, 6pm. Awards Ceremony: 9:30pm or asap.

Half Point Byes: Two half-point byes available. If interested, request before end of round 2.

Concessions: Snacks and drinks will be available for purchase at site. Many options available nearby.

Bring: Digital clock and chess set for the skittles area, if desired. All other equipment is provided.

Individual Prizes: \$250 in Amazon Gift Cards awarded per section (based on 100 total paid entries).

1st – 5th: \$70-\$60-\$50-\$40-\$30

Winner of the Championship section receives the title of *Washington State High School Chess Champion* and is seeded into the Premier section of the 2023 Washington State Championship, held in February 2023. The State Champion will receive \$1000 of monetary support from the Washington Chess Federation to attend the Denker Tournament of High School Champions, which is held in conjunction with the 2023 US Open in early August.

Team Prizes: Team Trophies awarded to the Top 5 Teams (Team score is comprised of the scores of the top 4 scoring players from the same school combined across all sections).

Note: A tie for first place in the Championship section will be resolved later in the year by a playoff match, to be played within two months from the end of the tournament. A tie for first place in the Premier or Reserve section will be resolved in a speed chess playoff (two games of G/3;+2) immediately following the last round.

Tournament Director: Rekha Sagar, 425.496.9160, rekha4chess@gmail.com

Organizer: Washington Chess Federation

Registration: All players must enter in advance via online registration at <https://nwchess.com/OnlineRegistration/> or email by the **deadline of Thursday, Jan. 19 @ 5pm.** 100% advance entry only. Pay by Credit/Debit/PayPal. Coaches registering multiple students may pay via check mailed or at site. No registrations accepted or refunds offered after the deadline.

Make Checks Payable To: Washington Chess Federation.

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c/o Orlov Chess Academy
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Redmond, Washington 98052

Health/Safety Protocols: All players, parents (if U18), coaches, and spectators are required to sign the [WCF Health / Safety Protocols & Waiver of Liability](#) form prior to the start of the tournament.



Directions: From I-5, take exit 175 and head west on NE 145th St. Turn left onto 1st Ave NE. Lakeside School will be on the left. The tournament is in the Wright Community Center (WCC), located to the east of the sports field.

Questions? Josh Sinanan, WCF President, 206.769.3757, washingtonchessfederation@gmail.com