



WASHINGTON OPEN

Sat-Mon, May 27-29, 2023

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

\$12,000 Prize Fund
(based on 170 paid entries)

Main Event:

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

Entry Fee: \$130 by Sun, 04/30; \$140 by Sun, 05/14; and \$150 after 05/14 or on-site. Less \$50 for Seniors (age 50+). Playing up one section is allowed (for \$80 extra) if rating is within 200 points of the section's lower limit (i.e., min 1600 for Open, min 1200 for Premier). Free entry for GMs, IMs, WGMs, WIMs, and US Chess 2400+. Re-entry for ½ of original EF. Canadians may pay CAD\$ at par.

Rating: Dual rated (US Chess & NWSRS), plus Open section will be FIDE rated (except G/60 games). Highest of May 2023 US Chess, May 2023 FIDE, and current NWSRS ratings used to determine sections, pairings, and prizes. Foreign ratings used for players with no US Chess rating.

Prizes:

- **Open:** \$1000, \$800, \$600, \$500, \$400; U2100: \$200, \$150; U1900: \$200, \$150
- **Premier (U1800):** \$600, \$500, \$400, \$350, \$300; U1650: \$200, \$150; U1500: \$200, \$150
- **Rising (U1400):** \$500, \$400, \$350, \$300, \$250; U1200: \$200, \$150; U1000: \$200, \$150; Unr.: \$200, \$150

Championship Seeds: Highest finishing Washington resident in the Open and Premier section is seeded into the 2024 Washington State Championship, in the Championship and Invitational sections, respectively. Ties for a seed will be resolved by post-event playoff games.

Mixed Doubles Prizes: Best male-female 2-player team's combined score: \$300, \$200, \$100. Average team rating must be under 2000; may play in different sections. Register (no extra fee) before round 2. Players may win a Mixed Doubles prize in addition to other prizes.

Special Prizes (per section) – in addition to other prizes:

- **Highest (USCF) Rating Gain:** \$100, \$50.
- **Biggest Upset Win:** \$100, \$50.
- **Fair-Play, Kindness, Spreading Joy:** \$50. Please share your nominations.
- **Best Dressed (per day):** \$25. May not win repeatedly.
- **Best Annotated Game:** \$100, \$50, \$25. Submit one annotated game that you consider to be interesting or well-played. A panel of judges will select winners.

Hotel Info:

Redmond Marriott, \$125 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: WCFWCFR. Cut-off date for discounts: Fri, May 05, 2023.

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, 11:45 AM, 2:45 PM, then join 3-day schedule @ 6 PM (from round 4 onward).
- WCF Annual Meeting & Elections: Mon @ 3 PM.

Note: We encourage you to play in the Main Event *and* take part in some side events too. The schedule permits doing this with minimum or no half-point byes!

Time Controls:

- **3-day:** 40/120, SD/30; +10. Late default: 60 min.
- **2-day:** G/60; +10 (rds 1-3), rds 4-6 same as for 3-day.

Registration, Information & Payment:

- **Before event:** Online (by Thu, 05/25 @ 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, 05/27 @ 8-9 AM for 3-day schedule, or 4:30-5 PM if entering with 1 half-point bye. Sun, 05/28 @ 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 round 2. Play on any two days, if taking 2 half-point byes.

Miscellaneous:

Current US Chess and WCF/OCF/ICA memberships required; may be paid at registration. Other states accepted. All equipment is provided; please bring a digital clock, if available.

Procedure and Health/Safety Policy:

Pairings and standings will be posted before each round in the hallway near the play area. Face masks optional for players and spectators. If interested, please bring your own mask.

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Fun Side Events!

(many run between rounds of the Main Event)

Washington Open Scholastic

Sat, 05/27 @ 9 AM – 4 PM (during round 1)

Format: Dual sections – Open and Reserve:

- Open section: A 4-round G/40; +5 Swiss in one section: **K-12 Open**. For intermediate to advanced players. Dual Northwest and US Chess rated. US Chess membership required. Clocks and notation required. Rounds: 9 AM, 10:45 AM, lunch, 12:45 PM, 2:30 PM. Awards presentation: ~4 PM.

- Reserve sections: A 5-round G/30 Swiss in two sections: **K-4 U1200** and **5-12 U1200**. For novice to intermediate players. Northwest rated only. US Chess membership not required. No clocks used from the start, but a 10-minute clock will be placed into games still unfinished after 40 minutes. Rounds: 9 AM, 10:15, lunch, 12 PM, 1:15 PM, 2:30 PM. Awards presentation: ~4 PM.

Eligibility: Open to all students registered in grades K-12. Out-of-state players welcome!

Entry fee: \$45 if registered by Sat, 05/20, or \$55 after. Room for 125 players – please register early.

Awards:

- Section prizes: Amazon Gift Cards in each section: 1st \$100, 2nd \$75, 3rd \$50, 4th \$25.
- Special prizes (per section): Medals for first-timers and biggest upset win.
- Top two players (by TPR) in the K-12 Open section win free entry into the 2-day section of the 2023 Washington Open (Main Event).

Rating: Higher of May 2023 US Chess or current NWSRS ratings used to determine sections and pairings.

Registration: 100% pre-registered

(NWchess.com/OnlineRegistration/ - pay by credit / debit / PayPal), no on-site entries or payments. Registration & payment deadline: Wed, 05/24 @ 5 PM. Unpaid players will be withdrawn from the event.

Health & Safety: Face masks optional for players and spectators. If interested, please bring your own mask.

Washington Open Carol Kleist Memorial Adult Swiss

Sat-Mon, 05/27-29 @ 11 AM & 4 PM (during all rds)

Sponsored by *Seattle Chess Club* with generous support from Henry Yan. Format: A 6-round Swiss in one section, 2 half-point byes available. US Chess only rated. TC: G/90; +30. EF: \$60 online (by Fri, 05/26 @ 5 PM) or \$70 on-site; EF waived for unrated players who purchase memberships. Registration: Sat, 05/27 @ 10-10:30 AM (unless entering with half-point byes). Current US Chess membership and WCF/OCF/ICA membership required. May 2023 US Chess rating used to determine pairings and prizes. Guaranteed prize fund: \$1,000. 1st \$240, 2nd \$180, 3rd \$150, 1st U2000 \$110, 1st U1700 \$100, 1st U1400 \$90, 1st U1100/Unrated \$80, Biggest upset win: \$50.

Washington Open Chess960 (Fischer Random) Championship

Sat, 05/27 @ 2:15 PM – 4:30 PM (b/w rounds 1 & 2)

Format: A 4-Round Swiss in one section, 1 half-point bye available. Unrated. TC: G/10; +3. EF: \$20. Registration: 1:30-2 PM. Rounds at 2:15 PM, 2:50, 3:25, and 4:00 PM. No memberships required. Higher of May 2023 US Chess and current NWSRS ratings used to determine pairings and prizes. A new (randomized) opening position for each round. Players will have 2 minutes before clocks start to examine the opening position. Prize fund: \$100/b10. 1st \$40, 2nd \$30, 3rd \$20, 1st U1400/Unrated \$10.

Washington Open Puzzle Solving Competition

Sat, 05/27 @ 4:30 PM – 5:15 PM (b/w rounds 1 & 2)

Format: Solve 15 chess puzzles in 45 minutes. Write solutions on paper. Evaluation based on accuracy and completeness. EF: \$15. Registration: 3:30-4:15 PM. No memberships required. Prize fund: \$150/b20. 1st \$50, 2nd \$35, 3rd \$20, 1st U1700 \$15, 1st U1400 \$15, 1st Unrated \$15.

Washington Open Annual Chess Workshop for Girls & Women

Sat, 05/27 @ 6 PM – 8 PM (during round 2)

Format: Workshop led by WFM Chouchan Airapetian (chornyaa@msn.com, 206-914-4252), experienced chess coach, organizer, and promoter, former US Women's Championship contender, WCF Girls' and Women's Chess Director. Registration: 5:45-6 PM. Entry fee: Free! Schedule: 6-7 PM: "How to develop & cultivate girls' and women's chess." 7-8 PM: Q&A, complementary pizza & refreshments, and ladies' bughouse.

Washington Open Rapid Championship

Sun, 05/28 @ 2 PM – 5:40 PM (b/w rounds 3 & 4)

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, 05/27 @ 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 2023 US Chess Quick and current NWSRS ratings used to determine pairings and prizes. Prize fund: \$400/b25. 1st \$100, 2nd \$80, 3rd \$60, 1st U1900 \$40, 1st U1600 \$35, 1st U1300 \$30, 1st Unrated \$25, Biggest upset win: \$30.

Washington Open Ignacio Perez Memorial Blitz

Mon, 05/29 @ 8 PM – 10:15 PM (after round 6)

Format: A 9-Round Swiss in one section, 3 half-point byes available. US Chess Blitz rated. TC: G/4; +2. EF: \$25 online (by Sun, 05/28 @ 5 PM) or \$30 on-site. Registration: 7-7:45 PM. Rounds at 8 PM, 8:15, 8:30, 8:45, 9, 9:15, 9:30, 9:45, and 10 PM. Current US Chess membership and WCF/OCF/ICA membership required. Higher of May 2023 US Chess Blitz and current NWSRS ratings used to determine pairings and prizes. Prize fund: \$750/b25. 1st \$200, 2nd \$150, 3rd \$100, 1st U1900 \$80, 1st U1700 \$70, 1st U1500 \$60, 1st U1300/Unrated \$50, Biggest upset win: \$40.