



Washington Class Championships

Fri-Sun, November 24-26, 2023

Hyatt Regency Bellevue

900 Bellevue Way NE, Bellevue, WA 98004

\$13,000 Prize Fund

(based on 160 paid entries)

Format: A 6-round Swiss event in 7 class sections. Sections with <12 players may be combined.

Entry Fees (EF) (by Oct 27 / Nov 10 / on-site) & **Prizes** per section:

- **Master (2200+)** EF: \$170 / \$180 / \$190
Prizes: \$700, \$450, \$350; U2300 \$250, \$200
- **Expert (2000-2199)** EF: \$160 / \$170 / \$180
Prizes: \$600, \$350, \$250; U2100 \$200, \$150
- **Class A (1800-1999)** EF: \$150 / \$160 / \$170
Prizes: \$500, \$300, \$200; U1900 \$170, \$125
- **Class B (1600-1799)** EF: \$150 / \$160 / \$170
Prizes: \$500, \$300, \$200; U1700 \$170, \$125
- **Class C (1400-1599)** EF: \$150 / \$160 / \$170
Prizes: \$500, \$300, \$200; U1500 \$170, \$125
- **Class D (1200-1399)** EF: \$150 / \$160 / \$170
Prizes: \$500, \$300, \$200; U1300 \$170, \$125
- **Class E (1199 & Under)** EF: \$150 / \$160 / \$170
Prizes: \$500, \$300, \$200; U1000 \$170, \$125; U800 \$100, \$50; Unrated \$100

Seeds: Highest finishing WA resident in Master, Expert, Class A, Class B, and Class C sections seeded into the 2024 WA State Championship, in the Championship, Premier, Invitational, Challengers, and Rising Stars sections, respectively.

Mixed Doubles Prizes: Best male-female 2-player team's combined score across all sections: 1st \$300, 2nd \$200, 3rd \$100. Avg team rating must be under 2000; may play in different sections. Register (at no extra charge) before both players begin round 2. Awarded in addition to other prizes.

Special Prizes (per class section):

Highest (USCF) Rating Gain: \$100. Requires an established (non-provisional) rating. Awarded to a player who does not already win a higher prize.

Fair-Play, Kindness, Spreading Joy: \$50. Please share your nominations.

Best Female Player: \$50. Awarded to the best performing female (by TPR) who does not win a higher prize. Min 3 qualifying players per section.

Biggest Upset Win: \$50.

Best Annotated Game: 1st \$50, 2nd \$25. Submit one annotated game from the event that you consider to be interesting or well-played.

Best Dressed: \$10/day. May not win repeatedly.

Hotel Info: Hyatt Regency Bellevue (address above): \$189/night, one King or two Queen beds, single or double occupancy. Call 425-462-1234 to request the Washington Chess Federation room block. Group Booking Code: G-WACH. Online booking [link](#). Cut-off date for discounted reservations is Nov 10, 2023.

Main Event

Note: The overall schedule is designed so you can play in the Main Event *and* in several of the Side Events (see next page) with minimum or no half-point byes!

Info: Josh Sinanan, WCF President, 206-769-3757, WashingtonChessFederation@gmail.com

Registration & Payment:

Before event: nwchess.com/OnlineRegistration (pay by credit / debit / PayPal) or write a check to Washington Chess Federation.

On-site: Fri 9-10am for 3-day schedule, or 4-5pm if entering with 1 half-point bye. Sat 8-8:30am for 2-day schedule, or 9-9:30am if entering 3-day schedule with 2 half-point byes. *Late registrations receive a half-point bye for round 1.*

Entry Fee Adjustments: Rated players who wish to play up one class section, please add \$85 (to the EF on the left). (Playing up two classes is not permitted.) Seniors (age 50+), please subtract \$50. Free entry to GMs, IMs, WGMs, and WIMs. Reentry for 1/2 of original entry fee. Canadians may pay CAD\$ at par.

Byes: Two half-point byes available; if interested, request before end of round 2. (Play any 2 of the 3 days and take a day off, if using 2 half-point byes.)

Rating: Dual rated US Chess and NWSRS. Master / Expert / Class A / Class B sections also FIDE rated (except any G/55 games). Highest of Nov 2023 US Chess, FIDE, and current NWSRS ratings used to determine class sections, pairings, and prizes. Higher of US Chess and foreign ratings used at TD discretion; foreign ratings used for players with no US Chess rating. Unrated players eligible only for 1st / 2nd / 3rd prizes in Master section or the Unrated prize in Class E section.

Rounds: 3-day schedule: Fri 11am & 6pm; Sat 10am & 6pm; Sun 10am & 4pm.

2-day schedule: Sat 9am, 11:45am, 2:30pm, then joining the 3-day schedule from round 4 at 6pm.

Time Controls: 3-day schedule: 40/100, SD/30 with a 30-second increment. Late default: 60 minutes.

2-day schedule: G/55 with a 15-second increment (rounds 1-3); rounds 4-6 same as 3-day schedule.

Miscellaneous: Current US Chess membership and WCF/OCF/ICA membership required. Other states accepted. Memberships may be paid at the time of registration. Wheelchair accessible. Please bring a digital clock, if available.

Procedures & Protocols: Pairings will be posted near the playing hall before each round. Face masks are optional. If interested, please bring your own mask.

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Fun Side Events!

(many run between rounds of the Main Event)

Thanksgiving Scholastic

This year please consider the co-located 1-day or 2-day scholastic tournaments (on Fri-Sat, Nov 24-25) at the Susan Polgar Foundation National Open for Girls & Boys ([SPFNO](#)).

Puzzle Solving Competition

This year please consider the co-located scholastic puzzle solving event (on Fri, Nov 24) at [SPFNO](#).

Annual Chess Workshop for Girls & Women

This year please consider the co-located event for girls & women (on Fri, Nov 24) at [SPFNO](#).

WA Class SCC Adult Swiss

Sponsored by the Seattle Chess Club (SCC), with generous support from Henry Yan.

Fri-Sun, 11/24-26 at 11am & 4pm (during all rounds)

Format: A 6-round Swiss in one section.

Time control: G/90; +30.

Entry fee: \$60 online (by Thu, 11/23 @ 5pm) or \$70 on-site.

Waived for new unrated players who purchase memberships.

US Chess and WCF / OCF / ICA memberships required.

Registration: Fri 10-10:30am (unless entering with half-point byes).

Rounds: Fri / Sat / Sun @ 11am and 4pm.

Byes: 2 half-point byes available; request by end of round 2.

Rating: US Chess rated only. Nov 2023 US Chess ratings used to determine pairings and prizes.

Prize fund: \$1,000 (guaranteed): 1st \$200, 2nd \$150, 3rd \$110, 1st U2000 / U1700 / U1400 / U1100 or Unrated \$90, Biggest Upset Win \$90, Best Female Player (by TPR) \$90.

WA Class "WaldowChess" Championship

With generous support from Mark Waldow.

Fri, 11/24 at 3pm-5:30pm (between rounds 1 & 2)

Description: Play begins with White to move having already played e4 & d4. In return, Black receives draw odds and is allowed to swap his king and queen after White's next move.

Format: A 6-round Single Swiss in one section.

Time control: G/8; +3.

Entry fee: Free! No memberships required.

Registration: Online (by Thu, 11/23) or on-site (Fri 2-2:45pm).

Check-in by 2:45pm required, including for online registrants.

Rounds: 3:00pm, 3:25, 3:50, 4:15, 4:40, and 5:05pm.

Byes: 2 half-point byes available; request by end of round 2.

Rating: Unrated. Higher of Nov 2023 US Chess and current NWSRS ratings used to determine pairings and prizes.

Prize fund: \$2,000: 1st \$450, 2nd \$350, 3rd \$250; 1st U2000 / U1700 / U1400 / U1100 / Unrated \$100; 2nd U2000 / U1700 / U1400 / U1100 / Unrated \$50; Best Female Player (by TPR) \$100; Biggest Upset Win \$100.

WA Class Rapid Championship

Sat, 11/25 at 2pm-5:40pm (between rounds 3 & 4)

Format: A 5-Round Swiss in two sections: Open & Premier (U1600). If either section has <10 players, the two sections may be merged.

Time control: G/15; +5.

Entry fee: \$35 online (by Fri, 11/24) or \$40 on-site. Players rated 1400+ may play up into Open section for a \$10 fee.

Current US Chess and WCF/OCF/ICA memberships required.

Registration: 1-1:45pm.

Rounds: 2:00pm, 2:45, 3:30, 4:15, and 5:00pm.

Byes: 2 half-point byes available; request by end of round 2.

Rating: US Chess Quick rated. Open section also FIDE Rapid rated. Highest of Nov 2023 US Chess Quick, FIDE Rapid, and

current NWSRS ratings used for sections, pairings, and prizes.

Prize fund: \$660 (based on 25 paid entries).

Open section: 1st \$100, 2nd \$80, 3rd \$60, 1st U2000 / U1700 \$35, Biggest Upset Win \$20.

Premier section: 1st \$90, 2nd \$70, 3rd \$50, 1st U1400 / U1100 \$35, 1st Unrated \$30, Biggest Upset Win \$20.

WA Class Chess960 (Fischer Random) Rapid

Sun, 11/26 at 2pm-4pm (between rounds 5 & 6)

Format: A 4-round Swiss in one section.

Time control: G/10; +3.

Entry fee: \$20. No memberships required.

Registration: 1-1:45pm.

Rounds: 2:00pm, 2:30, 3:00, and 3:30pm.

Byes: 1 half-point bye available; request by end of round 2.

Rating: Unrated. Higher of Nov 2023 US Chess and current NWSRS ratings used to determine pairings and prizes.

Prize fund: \$300 (based on 20 paid entries): 1st \$80, 2nd \$60, 3rd \$40, 1st U2000 / U1700 / U1400 / Unrated \$30.

WA Class "Knight-Time" Blitz

Sun, 11/26 at 8:30pm-10:15pm (after round 6)

Format: A 7-round Single Swiss in two sections: Open and Premier (U1600). If either section has <10 players, the two sections may be merged.

Time control: G/5; +2.

Entry fee: \$30 online (by Sat, 11/25) or \$35 on-site. Players rated 1400+ may play up into Open section for a \$10 fee.

Current US Chess and WCF/OCF/ICA memberships required.

Registration: 7:30-8:15pm.

Rounds: 8:30pm, 8:45, 9:00, 9:15, 9:30, 9:45, and 10:00pm.

Byes: 2 half-point byes available; request by end of round 2.

Rating: US Chess Blitz rated. Open section also FIDE Blitz rated. Highest of Nov 2023 US Chess Blitz, FIDE Blitz, and

current NWSRS ratings used for sections, pairings, and prizes.

Prize fund: \$550 (based on 25 paid entries).

Open section: 1st \$90, 2nd \$70, 3rd \$55, 1st U2000 / U1700 \$30.

Premier section: 1st \$80, 2nd \$60, 3rd \$45, 1st U1400 / U1100 / Unrated \$30.