

# Washington State High School Individual Chess Championship



**Fri-Sat, Jan 19-20<sup>th</sup>, 2024**

**Lakeside Upper School  
14050 1<sup>st</sup> 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 seeking 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 in grades 9-12 in Washington State. Room for 100 players.

**Entry Fee:** Championship: \$50 if postmarked or online by 1/12, \$60 after or at site.  
Premier/Reserve: \$25 if postmarked or online by 1/12, \$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 19. **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 ~ 9:30pm or asap.

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

**Concessions:** Please bring your own snacks and drinks. Many food options are available nearby.

**Bring:** Chess set + clock for the skittles area, if desired. All tournament equipment is provided.

**Individual Prizes:** Amazon e-gift cards awarded to the top-finishing players in each section:  
**Championship: 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Place: \$100-\$90-\$80-\$70-\$60.**  
**Premier/Reserve: 1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> Place: \$50-\$45-\$40-\$35-\$30-\$25-\$20.**

The winner of the Championship section receives the title of *Washington State High School Chess Champion* and is seeded into the Premier section of the 2024 Washington State Championship, held in February. 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 2024 US Open in early August.

**Special Prizes (per section):** \$10 Amazon e-gift cards awarded for 1) **Biggest Upset Win**, 2) **Best Freshman/Sophomore/Junior/Senior Player** (by TPR), 3) **Best Female Player** (by TPR), 4) **Best Dressed**, 5) **Best Attitude**, and 6) **Best Attacking Game** (please submit candidates in PGN).

**Team Prizes:** Plaques 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 sections will be resolved in a speed chess playoff (two games of G/3; +2) immediately following the last round.

**Tournament Director:** Rekha Sagar, 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. 18 @ 5pm**. 100% advance entry only. Pay by Credit/Debit/PayPal/SettleKing. 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.

**Mail To:** Washington Chess Federation  
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**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.



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