



Washington Class Championships

Fri-Sun, Nov 29-Dec 01, 2024

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

\$16,500 Prize Fund

(based on 200 paid entries)

Format: A 6-round Swiss event in 8 class sections. Sections with <12 players may be combined.

Entry Fees (EF) (by Nov 01 / Nov 15 / on-site)

& Prizes per section:

- **Carlsen (2200+)** EF: \$170 / \$180 / \$190
Prizes: \$800, \$600, \$400; U2300 \$250, \$200
- **Anand (2000-2199)** EF: \$160 / \$170 / \$180
Prizes: \$600, \$400, \$300; U2100 \$200, \$150
- **Kramnik (1800-1999)** EF: \$150 / \$160 / \$170
Prizes: \$500, \$350, \$250; U1900 \$170, \$130
- **Kasparov (1600-1799)** EF: \$150 / \$160 / \$170
Prizes: \$400, \$300, \$200; U1700 \$170, \$130
- **Karpov (1400-1599)** EF: \$150 / \$160 / \$170
Prizes: \$400, \$300, \$200; U1500 \$170, \$130
- **Fischer (1200-1399)** EF: \$150 / \$160 / \$170
Prizes: \$400, \$300, \$200; U1300 \$170, \$130
- **Spassky (1000-1199)** EF: \$150 / \$160 / \$170
Prizes: \$400, \$300, \$200; U1100 \$170, \$130
- **Petrosian (under 1000)** EF: \$150 / \$160 / \$170
Prizes: \$400, \$300, \$200; U800 \$170, \$130; U600 \$100, \$50; Unrated \$100, \$50

Seeds: Highest finishing WA resident in Carlsen, Anand, Kramnik, Kasparov, and Karpov sections seeded in the 2025 WA State Championship: Championship, Premier, Invitational, Challengers, and Rising Stars sections, respectively. Ties for a seed to be resolved by post-event playoff games.

Mixed Doubles Prizes: Best male-female two-player team's combined score: 1st \$200, 2nd \$150, 3rd \$100. Avg team rating must be <2000; may play in different sections. Register (no extra fee) before rd 3. Awarded in addition to other prizes.

Special Prizes (per class section):

- **Best Female Player^{*/**}** (by TPR): \$50.
- **Best Senior (50+) Player^{*/**}** (by TPR): \$50.
- **Highest (USCF) Rating Gain^{*}:** 1st \$50, 2nd \$25. Requires established (non-provisional) rating. May not be combined with Biggest Upset Win.
- **Biggest Upset Win (per round)^{***}:** \$25.
- **Fair-Play, Kindness, Spreading Joy:** \$25.
- **Best Dressed (per day)^{***}:** \$25.
- **Best Annotated Game:** 1st \$75, 2nd \$50.

Notes: * = May not combine with higher prizes.

** = Requires a minimum of 3 eligible players.

*** = Player may not win this prize repeatedly.

Hotel Info: Redmond Marriott (address above): \$129/night + tax. Call (800) 228-9290 to request the WA Chess Federation room block, or use the online [reservation](#). Group codes: WCNWCNQ or WCNWCNR. Cut-off date for discounts: Fri, Nov 01, 2024.

Main Event

Note: We encourage you to play in the Main Event *and* take part in side events too (see next page). Our schedule permits this w/ minimum or no half-point byes!

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

Registration & Payment:

Before event: (by Thu, Nov 28 @ 5pm) [NWchess.com/OnlineRegistration](https://www.nwchess.com/OnlineRegistration) (pay by credit / debit / PayPal / Zelle / SettleKing) or write a check to Washington Chess Federation. For credit, debit, and PayPal payments, a processing fee of 4% will be added on, so consider saving by using Zelle or SettleKing instead.

On-site: Fri 8:30-9:30am for 3-day schedule, or 4:30-5:15pm 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.*

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

Rating: Dual rated US Chess and NWSRS. Carlsen / Anand / Kramnik / Kasparov sections also FIDE rated (except any G/55 games). Highest of Nov 2024 US Chess, Nov 2024 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 are eligible only for 1st / 2nd / 3rd prizes in Carlsen section or the Unrated prizes in Petrosian section.

Entry Fee Adjustments: Playing up into a higher section is allowed (for \$85 extra) if the player's USCF rating is within 200 points of that section's lower limit (e.g., min USCF 1600 for the 1800-1999 section). Seniors (age 50+) may subtract \$50. Free entry to GMs, IMs, WGMs, and WIMs. Reentry for 1/2 of original entry fee. Canadians may pay CAD\$ at par.

Rounds: 3-day schedule: Fri @ 10am & 6pm; Sat @ 10am & 6pm; Sun 10am & 4:30pm.

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

Time Controls: 3-day schedule: 30/90, SD/30; +30. Late default: 60 minutes.

2-day schedule: G/55; +15 (rounds 1-3); rounds 4-6 same as for 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: Pairings posted near the playing hall and online approx. 20 mins before each round. If withdrawing or skipping a round, please inform organizers at least 30 mins before the start of the round.

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Fun Side Events!

(many run between rounds of the Main Event)

WA Class Gukesh Thanksgiving Scholastic Fri, 11/29 @ 9 AM – 4 PM (during round 1)

Open to K-12 students. Dual sections: Open and Challengers:

- **Open:** A 4-round G/40;+5 Swiss in two sections: **K-3 Open** and **4-12 Open**. For intermediate to advanced players. Dual NWSRS and USCF rated. US Chess membership req'd. Clocks & notation req'd. Rounds: 9:15am, 10:45, lunch, 12:45, 2:15pm. Awards: 4pm.
- **Challengers:** A 5-round G/30 Swiss in two sections: **K-3 U800** and **4-8 U900**. For novice to low-intermediate players. Dual NWSRS and USCF rated. US Chess membership req'd. No clocks used at the start, but a G/10;+5 clock placed in unfinished games after 35 mins of play. Rounds: 9:15am, 10:30, lunch, 12, 1:15, 2:30pm. Awards: 4pm.

Entry fee: \$50 by Fri, 11/22; \$60 after. Room for up to 132 players.

Awards (per section):

- 1st-5th place: \$65-\$60-\$55-\$50-\$45 (in Amazon e-gift cards).
- Medals for first-timers, best female player, & biggest upset win.
- Top performing player (by TPR) in Open sections earns free entry into the 2-day Washington Class (Main Event); see previous page.

Rating: Higher of Nov 2024 USCF or current NWSRS ratings used for sections & pairings.

Registration: NWchess.com/OnlineRegistration/ - pay by credit / debit / PayPal / Zelle / SettleKing); no on-site entries or payments.

For credit, debit, and PayPal payments, a processing fee of 4% will be added on. Registration & payment deadline: Wed, 11/27 @ 5pm. Players unpaid by the deadline receive a zero-point bye in round 1.

WA Class Adult Novice Swiss

Fri, 11/29 @ 11 AM – 4 PM (during round 1)

A 4-round Swiss in one section. 1 half-point bye available. For U1100 or unrated adults (18+). EF: \$25. Unrated. No memberships. TC: G/30;+5. Register: 10-10:45am. Rounds: 11am, 12:15, 1:30, 2:45pm. Prizes: \$400/b20. 1st-3rd: \$150-\$100-\$60; 1st U900/U700/Unrated \$30.

WA Class Chess960 Fischer Rapid

Fri, 11/29 @ 2:15 PM – 4:30 PM (between rounds 1 & 2)

A 4-round Swiss in one section, 1 half-point bye available. Unrated. TC: G/10;+3. EF: \$20. No memberships. Register: 1:30-2pm. Rounds: 2:15pm, 2:50, 3:25, 4pm. Higher of Nov 2024 USCF and current NWSRS used for pairings & prizes. A new (randomized) opening position in each round. Players will have 2 mins before clocks start to examine the opening position. Prize fund: \$300/b20. 1st \$80, 2nd \$60, 3rd \$40, 1st U2000 / U1700 / U1400 / Unrated \$30.

WA Class Robson Puzzle Solving

Fri, 11/29 @ 4:45 PM – 5:30 PM (between rounds 1 & 2)

Solving 15 chess puzzles in 45 mins, on paper. Evaluation based on accuracy and completeness. EF: \$15. Register: 3:45-4:30pm. No memberships. Prize fund: \$250/b30. 1st \$60, 2nd \$45, 3rd \$25, 1st U2000 / U1700 / U1400 / U1100 / U800 / Unrated \$20.

WA Class Workshop for Girls & Women

Fri, 11/29 @ 6 PM – 8 PM (during round 2)

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

WA Class Piper Memorial Adult Swiss

Sat-Sun, 11/30-12/01 @ 11 AM and 4:30 PM (during rounds 3-6)

Sponsored by *Seattle Chess Club* in memory of August Piper (1944-

2024; SCC President 2002-2021), with generous support from Henry Yan. A 4-round Swiss in two sections: Botvinnik (Open) and Korchnoi (U1500); may be merged based on entries. 1 half-point bye available. USCF rated only. TC: G/120;+30. EF: \$50 online (by Fri, 11/29 @ 5pm) or \$60 on-site; \$10 discount for SCC members. EF waived for unrated players who purchase memberships. Register: Sat, 11/30 @ 10-10:30am (unless starting with a half-point bye). Current US Chess and WCF/OCF/ICA memberships req'd. Nov 2024 USCF ratings used for sections, pairings, & prizes. Guaranteed prize fund: \$1,000. Botvinnik: 1st \$240, 2nd \$150, 3rd \$120, 1st U1650 \$80; Korchnoi: 1st \$120, 2nd \$100, 3rd \$80, 1st U1300 \$60, 1st Unrated \$50.

WA Class Casablanca Rapid

Sat, 11/30 @ 2 PM – 5 PM (between rounds 3 & 4)

A 4-round Swiss in one section. 1 half-point bye available. Unrated. TC: G/15;+5. EF: \$30. No memberships. Register: 1-1:45pm. Rounds: 2pm, 2:45, 3:30, 4:15pm. Higher of Nov 2024 USCF Quick and current NWSRS ratings used for pairings & prizes. Each round starts in a new middlegame position from a historical game. Players will have 2 mins before clocks start to examine initial positions. Prize fund: \$400/b20. 1st \$110, 2nd \$85, 3rd \$60, 1st U2000 \$50, 1st U1700 \$40, 1st U1400 \$30, Biggest Upset Win: \$25.

WA Class Firouzja Bullet

Sat, 11/30 @ 5 PM – 6 PM (between rounds 3 & 4)

A 5-round Swiss in one section. 2 half-point byes available. Unrated. TC: G/2;+1. EF: \$10. No memberships. Register: 4:15-4:50pm. Rounds: 5pm, 5:10, 5:20, 5:30, 5:40pm. Higher of Nov 2024 USCF Blitz and current NWSRS rating used for pairings & prizes. Prize fund: \$200/b20. 1st-3rd: \$50-\$40-\$30; 1st U2000/U1600/U1200/Unrated \$20.

WA Class Carlsen Rapid Championship

Sun, 12/01 @ 2 PM – 4:30 PM (between rounds 5 & 6)

A 4-round Swiss in two sections: Kasparov and Anand (U1600); may be merged based on entries. 1 half-point bye available. USCF Quick rated. TC: G/12;+3. EF: \$35. Players rated 1400+ may play up for a \$10 fee. Current US Chess and WCF/OCF/ICA memberships req'd. Register: 1-1:45pm. Rounds: 2pm, 2:35, 3:10, 3:45pm. Higher of Nov 2024 USCF Quick and current NWSRS ratings used for sections, pairings, & prizes. Prize fund: \$600/b30. Kasparov: 1st \$85, 2nd \$70, 3rd \$55, 1st U2000 / U1700 \$40; Anand: 1st \$70, 2nd \$55, 3rd \$40, 1st U1400 / U1100 / Unrated \$35; Biggest Upset Win (in each section): \$20.

WA Class Kiyonaga Memorial Bughouse

Sun, 12/01 @ 3 PM – 4:15 PM (between rounds 5 & 6)

A 7-round Single Swiss in one section. 2 half-point byes available. Max avg team rating: 1800. Unrated. TC: G/3;+0. EF: \$20/player. No memberships. Register: 2:15-2:45pm. Rounds: 3pm, 3:10, 3:20, 3:30, 3:40, 3:50, 4pm. Higher of Nov 2024 USCF Blitz and current NWSRS ratings (if unrated, up to 1300 based on age) used for pairings & prizes. Team prizes: \$400 (based on 20 teams). 1st-3rd: \$100-\$70-\$50; 1st-3rd K-6: \$50-\$40-\$30; Biggest Upset Win: \$30; Sportsmanship: \$30.

WA Class "Knight-Time" Blitz

Sun, 12/01 @ 8:30 PM – 10:45 PM (after round 6)

A 7-round Swiss in two sections: Nakamura and Tal (U1600); may be merged based on entries. 3 half-point byes available. USCF Blitz rated. TC: G/5;+2. EF: \$30. Players rated 1400+ may play up for a \$10 fee. Current US Chess and WCF/OCF/ICA memberships req'd. Register: 7:30-8:15pm. Rounds: 8:30pm, 8:50, 9:10, 9:30, 9:50, 10:10, 10:30pm. Higher of Nov 2024 USCF Blitz and current NWSRS ratings used for sections, pairings, & prizes. Prize fund: \$550/b25. Nakamura: 1st \$100, 2nd \$80, 3rd \$50, 1st U2000 / U1700 \$35; Tal: 1st \$70, 2nd \$50, 3rd \$40, 1st U1400 / U1100 / Unrated \$30.