

Washington Junior Invitational CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

December 21-22, 2024

Hotel 116 Bellevue

625 116th Ave NE, Bellevue, WA 98004

Tri-Format:

An invitation-only junior chess tournament in three sections:

Caruana Closed: A FIDE-rated, 6-player Round Robin. TC: G/90; +30.

So Invitational: A FIDE-rated, 5-round, G/90; +30 Swiss.

Aronian Rising: A 5-round, G/45; +15 Double Swiss.

Play 2 games – 1 as White and 1 as Black – against each opponent.

Entry Fee:

\$125 by 12/14, \$150 after.

Rounds:

Rd 1 – Sat. 9am

Rd 2 – Sat. 2pm

Rd 3 – Sat. 7pm

Rd 4 – Sun. 10am

Rd 5 – Sun. 3pm

Awards ~ Sun. 7pm or asap

Late start available for games that go long. If needed to break ties for 1st place in the Caruana Closed and So Invitational sections, pairs of G/5; +2 blitz playoff games will be conducted on Sunday immediately after the last round.

Eligibility:

Open to all WA Junior players under age 21 as of December 21, 2024. We will take the top 46 WA juniors based on the higher of December US Chess, FIDE, or current NWSRS rating who register and pay by the **deadline of Wed, December 18th**. Of those 46, the top 5 by rating, plus the previously seeded winner of the 2024 WA Junior Open, will qualify for the Caruana Closed section. The next 20 will qualify for the So Invitational section, and the next 20 will qualify for the Aronian Rising section.

Prizes:

Caruana Closed (Guaranteed by WCF)

1st \$350 + seed into Championship section of 2025 WA State Championship. 2nd \$320, 3rd \$280.

So Invitational (Based on 20 paid entries)

1st \$250 + seed into Challengers section of 2025 WA State Championship.

2nd–4th: \$235, 220, 200.

Aronian Rising (Based on 20 paid entries)

1st–4th: \$175, 160, 145, 130.

Special Prizes: (per section) Biggest Upset Win: \$15/rd., Best Dressed: \$10/day, Best Female Player (by TPR): \$50.

Rating/Membership:

Dual NWSRS + US Chess rated, Caruana Closed and So Invitational sections also FIDE rated. US Chess & WCF membership required in all sections.

Byes:

No byes allowed in Caruana Closed. Up to 2 half-point byes available in So Invitational and Aronian Rising sections if requested before end of Rd 2.



THE DETAILS

Procedure: Pairings and standings posted near the playing area before each round.

Online Registration:
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. **Registration and payment deadline: Wednesday, Dec. 18th @ 5:00pm.** No registrations accepted or refunds offered after the deadline.

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