

2024 WASHINGTON STATE CHAMPIONSHIP



FEBRUARY 10-11 & 17-19, 2024

MICROSOFT BUILDING 99 – ROOM 1919

14820 NE 36TH ST., REDMOND, WA 98052

Format: Five invitation-only 10-player Round Robins by rating: Championship, Premier, Invitational, Challengers, and Rising Stars. The field of each section will be determined by seeding and by the highest rated players to register based on the highest (January 31st Northwest, January US Chess Regular supplement, or January FIDE rating). All sections will be Northwest, US Chess, and FIDE Tri-rated.

Time Control: 40/120; SD/30; +10.
Late default: 60 minutes, (except for Rd. 1).

Entry Fee/Deposit:

Championship/Premier: Free, with deposit.
Invitational/Challengers/Rising Stars: \$150.

Note: For Championship and Premier, a \$450 deposit via check, Zelle, or SettleKing before the start of round 1 is required, to be refunded upon successful completion of all 9 rounds.

Schedule: Mandatory Check-in: 9:45am on 2/10 before the start of rd. 1. Rds. 1-8: Feb. 10, 11, 17, 18 @ 10 AM and 5 PM. Rd. 9: Feb. 19 (President's Day) @ 5 PM. Drawing of lots: Feb. 3 @ 10 PM at the Orlov Academy in Greenlake. Attendance is optional, though encouraged.

Prizes: The initial prize fund for each section is guaranteed by the WCF and will be increased based on donations.

Championship: \$1500, **Premier:** \$1250,

Invitational: \$1000, **Challengers:** \$750,

Rising Stars: \$500.

Prize distribution (each section):

1st 45%, 2nd 25%, 3rd 15%, 4th 10%, 5th 5%
Best Annotated Game Prizes: \$500 (\$100 for best annotated game in each section)

The winner of the Championship section receives the title of WA State Champion.

Seeds:

Championship: NM Brandon Jiang (State Champ), NM Kyle Haining (Open Champ), NM Timur Aliyev (Championship Runner-up), NM Vikram Srivastava (Challenger's Cup Champ), Yevgeniy Rozenfeld (Premier Champ), NM Daniel Shubin (Junior Closed Champ), N/A (WA Class Master winner).

Premier: WIM Megan Lee (Championship 3rd Place), David Zhou (Premier Runner-up), Dominic Colombo + Vihaan Jammalamadaka (Invitational Co-Champs), TBD (Junior Open Champ), TBD (Women's Champ), Leonid Gavrysh (Winter Classic winner), Emerson Wong-Godfrey (WA Class Expert qualifier), TBD (High School Champ)

Invitational: Joseph Frantz (Premier 3rd Place), Luca Tessiore (Invitational Runner-up), Albert Eksarevskiy (Challengers Champ), Leonid Gavrysh (Senior Champ), Skylor Chan (President's Cup Champ), Bental Tagor (WA Class A section qualifier), Vijay Nallappa (WA Open Premier U1800 Champ)

Challengers: N/A (Invitational 3rd Place), Odbayar Yondon (Challengers Runner-up), Sankalp Koppala (Rising Stars Champ), Nola Fung (Winter Classic, Reserve section winner), Aaron Ren (WCF Nominee), David Merrikin (WA Class B Section winner), Abhinav Mishra (Mid-year Scholastic Cup, Premier section winner), Odbayar Yondon (Junior Invitational Champ)

Rising Stars: Christos Boulis (Challengers 3rd Place), Nikhil Ramkumar (Rising Stars 2nd Place), TBD (WA Class C section winner), Selina Cheng (WCF Nominee)

Memberships: Current US Chess and WCF membership required. Memberships must be paid at time of registration.

Byes: Since this is a prestigious round robin, there will be **no byes or rescheduling of games allowed in any of the sections**. All games must be played on site under TD supervision at the scheduled round times. Players who drop out of the event will be ineligible to play for the next two years and will forfeit their entry fee/deposit/prize.

Eligibility: Open to all WA State residents who have resided in WA for the past 6 months and meet the two-event activity requirement over the course of 2023.

Registration: Online via [online registration](#). Please confirm your ability to play on the website. We will take the top 50 players who have met the eligibility requirements and **confirm + pay their entry fee by the deadline of January 31st**.

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