

Washington State High School Individual Chess Championship



Fri-Sat, Jan 17-18, 2025

**Lakeside Upper School
14050 1st Ave NE Seattle, WA 98125**

Format: A Swiss-style chess tournament in three sections:

- **Tigon Championship:** A 5-Round Swiss. For players rated 1500+, and any other player desiring to play for the title of Washington State High School Chess Champion. Dual NWSRS + US Chess rated; US Chess membership required. Time Control: G/90; +10.
- **He U1500:** 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. Dual NWSRS + US Chess rated; US Chess membership required. Time Control: G/45; +5.
- **Feng U1000:** A 5-Round Double Swiss – Play 10 games – one as white and one as black vs each opponent. For players rated under 1000, or for new, unrated, and inexperienced players. NWSRS 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: Tigon Championship: \$50 if postmarked or online by 1/10, \$60 after or at site.
He U1500/Feng U1000: \$25 if postmarked or online by 1/10, \$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 a case-by-case basis.

Schedule: Arrival: 3:15-4pm on Friday, January 17. **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:
Tiglon Championship: 1st – 5th Place: \$100-\$90-\$80-\$70-\$60.
He U1500/Feng U1000: 1st – 7th Place: \$50-\$45-\$40-\$35-\$30-\$25-\$20.

The winner of the Tiglon Championship section receives the title of *Washington State High School Chess Champion*. 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 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. Scores are weighted based on in which section the player has participated (i.e., a doubled score for the Tiglon Championship section to make it comparable to the scores based on 10 games in the other sections).

Note: A tie for first place in the Tiglon 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 He U1500 or Feng U1000 sections will be resolved in a speed chess playoff (two games of G/3; +2) immediately following the last round.

Organizer: Washington Chess Federation. **TD:** Rekha Sagar, WCF VP, rekha4chess@gmail.com.

Registration: All players must enter in advance via online registration at <https://nwchess.com/OnlineRegistration/> or email by the **deadline of Thursday, Jan. 16 @ 5pm**. 100% advance entry only. Pay by Credit/Debit/PayPal/SettleKing. For credit, debit, and PayPal payments, a processing fee of 4% will be added on, so consider saving by using Zelle or SettleKing instead. 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.

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c/o Orlov Chess Academy
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Directions/Parking: Complimentary parking can be found in the Lakeside Upper School parking lot and on the nearby residential streets. The tournament is in the Wright Community Center (WCC), located to the east of the sports field.

Questions? Josh Sinanan, WCF President,
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