2025 MID-YEAR SCHOLASTIC CUP



GRAND KNIGHTS CHESS ACADEMY

Info/Entries: Make checks payable to Washington Chess Federation.

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Registration: Online at nwchess.com/OnlineRed

Registration and payment deadline: Thu, Jun 26th @ 5pm. Unpaid players will be removed from the roster after the deadline, and players from the Waitlist will be offered a spot.

Sat-Sun, June 28-29, 2025

Site: Grand Knights Chess Academy, 13620 NE 20th St., Suite K, Bellevue, WA 98005

Format: A 5-round Swiss event for K-12 students in sections of 7-10 players, grouped by closest rating. Max of 60 players total - please register early! If a section has <6 players registered, it may be merged with an adjoining section.

Entry Fee: \$80 by Sat, Jun 21st; \$90 after. Must be paid by Thu, Jun 26th @ 5pm; no late or on-site registrations or payments.

Time Control: G/75; +15 (i.e., with a 15-second increment per move). Late default: 60 minutes.

Schedule of Rounds:

Sat @ 9:15 AM (rd#1), 1:15 PM (rd#2), 5 PM (rd#3); Sun @ 12:30 PM (rd#4), 4:15 PM (rd#5) Check-in required by Sat @ 9 AM. Note: Delayed round start available for players whose previous game runs long.

Byes: Two half-point byes available. If interested, request by the end of round 2.

Rating: USCF and NWSRS rated; top 3 sections also FIDE rated. Higher of USCF (Jun 2025) and current NWSRS ratings used to determine section, pairings, and prizes. Foreign ratings used at TD discretion.



Memberships: Current US Chess and WCF membership / NW Chess subscription required. Other states accepted. Memberships must be paid at the time of registration.

Prizes (in Amazon e-gift cards) (based on 60 paid entries):

Each section:

- $1^{\text{st}} / 2^{\text{nd}} / 3^{\text{rd}} = \$90 / \$75 / \60
- Best female player (among at least 3 eligible participants) = \$30
- Highest (USCF) rating gain = \$30
- Best annotated game: 1st / 2nd = \$30 / \$20
- Best dressed player (per day) = \$10

Special prizes:

· Highest finishing WA player in each section earns a free entry, respectively, into: Section A -> 2026 WA State Championship, Challengers:

Section B -> 2025 WA Class Championship; Section C -> 2025 Susan Polgar Foundation National Open for Girls & Boys; Sections D-F-> another 2025 WCF tournament of the player's choice.

• Note: Ties for 1st place in a section will be resolved at a later date by rapid playoff games.