



# SEATTLE UNIVERSITY CHESS CLUB

## CHESS CLASSIC

**SAT-SUN, MAY 3-4, 2025**

**901 12<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE, SEATTLE, WA 98122**

### Format

An Open Swiss chess tournament in five sections:

- **Championship:** A 4-round, G/90; +30 dual USCF + FIDE rated Swiss open to players rated 2000+ USCF. Rounds: Saturday @ 10am, 5pm. Sunday @ 9am, 4pm. Entry Fee: \$80. \$70 play-up fee if rated 1800-1999 USCF. Free entry for GMs, IMs, WGMs, and WIMs.
- **Premier U2000:** A 5-round, G/60; d10 USCF rated Swiss open to players rated 1300-1999 USCF. Rounds: Saturday @ 9am, 12pm, 6pm. Sunday @ 9am, 12pm. Entry Fee: \$70. \$35 play-up fee if rated 1300-1499 USCF.
- **Rising U1500:** A 5-round, G/60; d10 USCF rated Swiss open to players rated below 1500 USCF. Rounds: Saturday @ 9am, 12pm, 6pm. Sunday @ 9am, 12pm. Entry Fee: \$60.
- **Casual (18+):** A 5-round, G/30; d10 unrated Swiss open to players from unrated to 1000 USCF. Rounds: Saturday @ 9am, 10:45am, 12:30pm, 2pm, 6pm. Entry Fee: \$30.
- **Scholastic (K-12):** A 5-round, G25; d5 NWSRS rated Swiss in four sections: K-3 U700, K-3 Open, 4-12 U900, 4-12 Open. Rounds: Saturday @ 9am, 10:15am, 11:30am, 1pm, 2:15pm. Entry Fee: \$30. Chess clocks used from the start in the Open sections. Clocks not required for the U700 and U900 sections, until a tournament director places one into unfinished games set for G/10; d5 after 35 minutes of play.

### Rating

Championship, Premier, and Rising are USCF rated; Championship also FIDE rated. April 2025 US Chess regular rating will be used to determine section and pairings. Casual section is unrated, with no US Chess membership required. Scholastic side event is NWSRS rated, with no US Chess membership required.

## Prizes

**\$8,500 based on 250 paid entries.**

**Championship:** 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: \$850-700-550. 1<sup>st</sup> U2300/U2100: \$400

**Premier U2000:** 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: \$600-550-400. 1<sup>st</sup> U1800/U1600: \$250

**Rising U1500:** 1<sup>st</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> Place: \$240-225-210-195-180-165-150-135-120-105. 1<sup>st</sup> U1300/U1100: \$100.

**Casual (18+):** 1<sup>st</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> Place: \$150-140-130-120-110-100-90-80-70-60.

**Special Prizes (per section):** **Biggest Upset Win:** 1<sup>st</sup> \$30, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$20. **Best Female Player** (by TPR): \$50, **Best Senior Player** (Age 50+, by TPR): \$50.

**Scholastic (K-12):** 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Place trophies awarded in each section. Medals for 1<sup>st</sup>-time tournament players and biggest upsets in each section.

## Game Analysis + All Comers Blitz with Special Guest GM Kayden Troff



**Kayden Troff** is a chess grandmaster who was born and raised in Utah. He learned chess when he was three years old from watching his dad and two older brothers play. Growing up, they played together, which led to many tournament victories and a competitive spirit among the brothers. This included many teaching opportunities, like running a summer chess camp with another chess family for seven years. Eventually, Kayden's brothers moved on to other things while Kayden continued to pursue chess.

Chess tournament achievements:

- 1<sup>st</sup> place - 2009 U12 North American Youth Championship in Mazatlán, Mexico.
- 2nd place – 2010 World Youth Championships, Under-12 section.
- 1<sup>st</sup> place – 2012 World Youth Championships, Under-14 section.
- 1<sup>st</sup> place – 2014 Under-21 U.S. Chess Champion
- Achieved the title of Grandmaster at age 16, becoming Utah's first home-grown GM!

Kayden has been coaching privately and in groups for 10+ years and spends much of his time streaming chess with Antonio Padron on Twitch under ChessSharkz.

## Registration

Register online at [nwchess.com/onlineregistration](http://nwchess.com/onlineregistration) - Pay by Debit/Credit/PayPal/Zelle/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. 100% preregistered, no on-site entries. **Registration + payment deadline Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 5pm.** No registrations accepted or refunds offered after the deadline.

## Byes

One half-point bye available in Championship section and two half-point byes available in all other sections. If interested, request before the 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.

## Organizer

Andrew Fletcher, Seattle University Chess Club President, [afletcher2@seattleu.edu](mailto:afletcher2@seattleu.edu)

Tournament Director: Jacob Mayer, FIDE Arbiter, [jacob.mayerchess@gmail.com](mailto:jacob.mayerchess@gmail.com)

## Directions/Parking

Complimentary parking can be found in the Seattle University parking lot and on the nearby residential streets. The tournament is in the Sinegal Center for Science and Innovation, located on the corner of East Marion Street & 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue.



## Questions?

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