

2025 WASHINGTON STATE CHAMPIONSHIP



February 08-09 & 15-17, 2025

Lakeside Upper School

14050 1st Ave NE, Seattle, WA 98125

Format: Six invitation-only 10-player Round Robins by rating: Championship, Premier, Invitational, Challengers, Rising Stars, and Prodigies. The field of each section is determined by seeding and by the highest rated eligible players to register by the due date based on the average Jan 1st, 2025 live ratings of:

- (a) US Chess Regular & FIDE - for the top 2 sections; or
 - (b) US Chess Regular & NWSRS - for all other sections.
- All sections are triple-rated in NWSRS, USCF, and FIDE.

Time Control: 40/120; SD/30; +10.

Late default: 60 minutes (except for Rd. 1).

Eligibility: Open to WA State residents who have resided in WA for the past 6 months and who meet the two-event activity requirement over the course of 2024.

Entry Fee / Deposit:

- Championship / Premier: Free, with a \$450 deposit required via check, Zelle, or SettleKing *before* round 1, to be refunded upon successful completion of all 9 rounds.
- Invitational / Challengers / Rising Stars / Prodigies: \$175. For credit, debit, and PayPal payments, a 4% processing fee will be added on, so consider saving by using Zelle or SettleKing instead.

Registration: Online via [online registration](#). Please confirm your ability to play on the website. We will take the top 60 players (including seeded players) who have met the eligibility requirements and **confirm + pay their entry fee by the due date of Fri, Jan 31st**.

Byes: Since this is a prestigious round robin, there will be **no byes or rescheduling of games allowed** in any section. 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 in the next two years, and will forfeit their entry fee / deposit / prize.

Schedule:

Check-in (mandatory): Feb 08 @ 9:45am (before Rd. 1).

Rds. 1-8: Feb 08, 09, 15, 16 @ 10 AM and 5 PM.

Rd. 9: Feb 17 (President's Day) @ 5 PM.

Drawing of lots: Sat, Feb 01 @ 10 PM at the Orlov Chess Academy, Greenlake. Attendance is optional & encouraged.

Prizes: The prize fund for each section is guaranteed by WCF, and may be increased based on donations.

Championship: \$1750, Premier: \$1500,
Invitational: \$1250, Challengers: \$1000,
Rising Stars: \$750, Prodigies: \$500.

Prizes (per section): 1st-5th: 45%, 25%, 15%, 10%, 5%

Best Annotated Game: 1st-2nd: \$50, \$25

Biggest Upset Win: 1st-2nd: \$50, \$25

Best Dressed Player: \$15 (per day; can't win repeatedly)

The winner of the Championship section receives the title

Washington State Champion.

Seeded Players:

Championship: NM Daniel He (State Champ), FM Stephen Willy (Championship Runner-up), Nicholas Whale (Premier Champ), FM Aziz Degenbaev (WA Open Champ), FM Stephen Willy (Challenger's Cup Champ), TBA (WA Class, Master winner), TBA (Junior Closed Champ).

Premier: Leonid Gavrysh (Premier Runner-up), NM Ted Wang (Invitational Champ), NM Yiding Lu (Harmon Memorial winner), TBA (Winter Classic winner), TBA (WA Class, Expert winner).

Invitational: Bental Tagor & Pratik Thorwe (Invitational Runner-ups), Valentin Razmov (Challengers Champ), Leonid Gavrysh (Senior Champ), FM Aziz Degenbaev & NM Ted Wang (President's Cup Champs), WFM Erin Bian (Women's Champ), Abhinav Mishra (WA Class, Class A winner).

Challengers: Odbayar Yondon (Challengers Runner-up), Leonardo Wang (Rising Stars Champ), Alex Foltényi (Harmon Memorial, U1700 winner), Dominic Colombo (Bellingham Open winner), Jackson Subcleff (WA Open, U1800 winner), Gabriel Razmov (Mid-year Scholastic, Premier winner), TBA (WA Class, Class B winner), TBA (Junior Invitational Champ), Miranda Meng (WCF Nominee).

Rising Stars: Christos Boulis (Rising Stars Runner-up), Andy Chen (Prodigies Champ), Alan Cheng (Challenger's Cup, U1700 winner), Jinmo Nam (WA Class, Class C winner), TBA (Winter Classic, U1600 winner), Ziliang Ma (WCF Nominee).

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

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