

BELLEVUE CHESS CLASSIC



SAT-SUN, AUGUST 15-16, 2026

EMBASSY SUITES BELLEVUE

3225 158TH AVE SE, BELLEVUE, WA 98008

Format: A 6-round Swiss in two sections:
Tiglon Open & Seirawan U1600.

Maximum of 200 players, please register early to guarantee your spot.

Schedule: Rounds (6): Sat/Sun @ 10am, 2pm, 6pm. Players whose games run long may request a late start for the next round.

Time Control: G/75; +30 sec increment.
Late default: 60 minutes.

Prize Fund: \$5,500 based on 100 paid entries

Tiglon Open: 1st – 3rd: \$700 – \$575 – \$450.
1st U2100/U1900/U1700: \$350.

Seirawan U1600: 1st – 3rd: \$400 - \$325 – \$275.
1st U1500/U1300/U1100: \$250, 1st Unrated: \$200.

Special Prizes (per section):

Biggest Upset Win: \$25 per round
Best Female Player (by TPR): \$100.
Best Senior Player (by TPR): \$100.
Best Dressed: \$20/day.

Entry Fee: \$110 by Aug 8, \$140 after. \$60 play-up fee if rated 1500-1599 USCF and playing in Tiglon Open. Free entry for GMs, IMs, WGMs, WIMs, or US Chess 2300+. 50% discount for Seniors (50+).

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

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

Rating: Triple rated in NWSRS, USCF, and FIDE. Higher of August 2026 USCF or current NWSRS rating used to determine section, pairings, and prizes. Higher of USCF or foreign rating used at TD discretion.

Registration: Online at nwchess.com/OnlineRegistration. Pay by SettleKing (Washington Chess Federation), Zelle (wa-chess), or mail a check to WCF. Registration and payment deadline: Fri. 8/14 @ 5pm. No registrations accepted or refunds offered after the deadline.

Bellevue Classic Blitz: Saturday 9-10:30pm (after rd. 3 of main tournament). **Entry Fee:** \$30. **Format:** A 7-Round Single Swiss in one section, 2 half-point byes available. Dual USCF Blitz + FIDE Blitz rated. **TC:** G/3; +2. **On-site registration:** 8:00-8:45pm. Rds. Sat @ 9pm, 9:15, 9:30, 9:45, 10, 10:15, 10:30. Closing Ceremony ~ 8:15pm or asap. Current US Chess membership required. Higher of August 2026 USCF Blitz or Regular rating used to determine pairings and prizes.

Prize Fund: \$750 (based on 50 paid entries)

1st – 3rd: \$170-\$140-\$100,

1st U2000/U1700/U1400/U1100/Unrated: \$50.

Biggest upset win: \$10/rd.