

# INTERMAT CANDIDATES

## CHESS TOURNAMENT

Saturday-Sunday, March 7-8, 2026

Hotel 116 Bellevue

625 116<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, Bellevue, WA 98004

### FORMAT

Thirteen 16-player Swiss sections by grade level, grades K-12. Each section is comprised of the sixteen highest rated WA players in each grade who accept the invitation.

*The two highest finishers in each grade-level section will be selected as the two honored players who will play for Team Washington in the 2026 WA vs BC International Scholastic Match, scheduled to take place in May-June in the Seattle/Bellevue area.*

### SCHEDULE

Rounds: Sat @ 9 AM, 1:30 PM, 6 PM. Sun @ 10 AM, 3 PM.

Delayed start available upon request if games go long.

Playoff rounds, if needed, to break ties for top two places immediately after the last round: Two G/5; +2 blitz games. If still tied, G/6; +2 White, G/5; +2 Black with draw odds.

### MEMBERSHIPS

Current US Chess and WCF membership are required. Memberships must be paid at time of registration.

### TIME CONTROL

G/90; +30.

Late default: 60 minutes.

### ENTRY FEE

\$100 by Feb. 28, \$125 after.

### BYES

Up to two half-point byes available if requested before the end of round 2.

### PRIZES

#### Section Prizes

(b/o 16 pd. entries/section)

1<sup>st</sup>: \$225 + Plaque, 2<sup>nd</sup>: \$180 + Plaque  
3<sup>rd</sup>: \$150, 4<sup>th</sup>: \$120, 5<sup>th</sup>: \$100, 6<sup>th</sup>: \$75.

### RATING

All games will be triple rated in FIDE, USCF, and NWSRS. Higher of 2026 March USCF Regular or current NWSRS rating will be used to determine player eligibility and pairings.



### REGISTRATION

[NWchess.com/OnlineRegistration/](http://NWchess.com/OnlineRegistration/).

Pay by Zelle (ID: WashingtonChessFederation@gmail.com), SettleKing (Washington Chess Federation), or write a check to WCF.

**Mail To:** Washington Chess Federation

c/o Orlov Chess Academy, 4174 148th Ave. NE, Building I, Ste. M, Redmond, WA 98052

**Contact:** Josh Sinanan, WCF President, 206.769.3757

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**Registration + payment deadline is Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.** No

registrations accepted or refunds offered after the deadline. The highest rated alternate in each grade level will be called up in case someone withdraws. Alternates should be standing by on the morning of March 7<sup>th</sup> in case a spot becomes available.