

King County Open



September 12-13, 2026

Embassy Suites Bellevue

3225 158th Ave SE, Bellevue, WA 98008



Format: A 5-round Swiss in 4 sections: **Sammamish Open**, **Woodinville U1900**, **Snoqualmie U1500**, **Tukwila 1100**.

Entry fee: \$120 by 9/5, \$140 after. \$60 play-up fee if rated 1000-1099, 1400-1499, or 1800-1899 USCF and playing up in Snoqualmie U1500, Woodinville U1900, or Sammamish Open, respectively. 50% discount for Seniors (50+) and free entry for chess royalty rated 2300+ USCF. Open to all junior + adult players. Maximum of 150 players, please register early to reserve your spot!

Schedule: Arrival: 9-9:45am. Rounds: Saturday: 10am, 2pm, 6pm. Sunday: 10am, 3pm.
King County Blitz: ~ 7pm or asap.

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

Rating: Dual USCF + NWSRS rated. Sammamish Open and Woodinville U1900 are also FIDE rated. September 2026 USCF rating will be used to determine section, pairings, and prizes. Higher of USCF and CFC ratings used for Canadian players. Other foreign ratings are used for players with no USCF rating, or at TD discretion.

Memberships: US Chess and WCF/OCF/ICA memberships required; must be paid at the time of registration.

Prize Fund: **\$6,000** (based on 100 paid entries).

Sammamish Open: 1st-3rd: \$500-400-300. 1st U2200/U2000: \$200.

Woodinville U1900: 1st-3rd: \$400-300-250. 1st U1800/U1600: \$150.

Snoqualmie U1500: 1st-3rd: \$400-300-250. 1st U1400/U1200: \$150.

Tukwila U1100: 1st-3rd: \$350-250-200. 1st U1000/U800: \$150. 1st Unrated: \$150.

Special Prizes (per section):

Auburn Biggest Upset Win: \$10/rd., Federal Way Best Female Player (by TPR): \$50, Issaquah Best Senior Player (50+, by TPR): \$50. Kent Best Dressed: \$10/day.

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

Registration: Online at nwchess.com/OnlineRegistration. Pay by SettleKing (Washington Chess Federation), Zelle (ID: WashingtonChessFederation@gmail.com), cash, or write a check to Washington Chess Federation. **Registration + payment deadline: Fri, September 11 @ 5pm.**

King County Blitz: Sunday 7-9:30pm (after rd. 5 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/5; +3. **On-site registration:** 6:00-6:45pm. Rds. Sun @ 7pm, 7:20, 7:40, 8, 8:20, 8:40, 9pm. Closing Ceremony ~ 9:30pm or asap. Current US Chess membership required. Higher of September 2026 USCF Regular/Blitz rating used to determine pairings and prizes. **Prize Fund:** **\$750** (based on 50 paid entries)

1st - 3rd: \$150-125-100, 1st U2000/U1800/U1600/U1400/U1200/U1000/Unrated: \$50. Biggest upset: \$5/rd.

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