

SEAFAIR CHESS CLASSIC

AUGUST 8-9, 2026



Embassy Suites Hotel Seattle-Tacoma Airport,
15920 W. Valley Hwy, Seattle, WA 98188.

Conveniently located with free validated parking for all attendees.

Please bring sets and clocks. Limited amount available on-site for purchase.

- **Format:** A 5-round Swiss in 3 sections – Championship, Reserve (U1800), Rising/Unrated (U1200). All sections USCF rated, Championship section also FIDE rated.
- **Time Control:** G/75 + 30-second increment
- **Rounds:** Saturday: Round 1 @ 9:30 AM | Round 2 @ 2:00 PM | Round 3 @ 6:30 PM
Sunday: Round 4 @ 9:30 AM | Round 5 @ 2:00 PM
- **Entry Fee:** Early Bird (Seattle Chess Club Members): \$100, Non-Members: \$130
Late Registration (After July 20 & On-Site): Additional +\$30 (\$130 SCC members, \$160 non-members). On-site registration closes at 9:00 AM. Pre-registration strongly encouraged.
GMs, WGMs, IMs, WIMs: Free entry if playing all rounds (EF deducted from prize).
Play-Up Fees: Championship Section: \$75 (Subject to TD approval; typically requires being within 200 rating points) | Reserve Section: \$50 | Unrated Players: \$0 (No play-up fee).

Prize Fund: \$5500 based on 120 paid entries

Prizes increased with additional entries. 152 players max.

Championship: 1st \$1000 | 2nd \$600 | 3rd \$300

Top U2200: 1st \$200 | 2nd \$100

Top U2000: 1st \$200 | 2nd \$100

Reserve (U1800): 1st \$700 | 2nd \$400 | 3rd \$200

Top U1600: 1st \$150 | 2nd \$75

Top U1400: 1st \$150 | 2nd \$75

Rising/Unrated (U1200): 1st \$460 | 2nd \$270 | 3rd \$140

Top U1000: 1st \$90 | 2nd \$50

Top Unrated: 1st \$90 | 2nd \$50

Brilliancy Prize: \$100

If there is a tie for first place in the Championship Section, an Armageddon playoff will be held immediately following Round 5 to determine the overall champion. The winner will earn the title of Seafair Chess Classic Champion and will have their name engraved on the prestigious Seafair Perpetual Trophy, which resides permanently at the Seattle Chess Club. Payouts: Cash prizes are split evenly among tied players. Players may win only one cash prize (the highest earned).

- **Byes:** 2 half-point byes available. Commit before end of Round 2.
- **Online Registration:** To register, visit <https://nwchess.com/onlineregistration>.

The Seattle Chess Club will issue tax reporting forms for prize winners as required by law.

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Unrated Player Rules: Unrated players are welcome in all sections (Championship section requires TD approval). In the Reserve Section, unrated players are welcome to play but are not eligible for any prize money. In the Rising Section, unrated players are only eligible for the specific Unrated category prizes. Management reserves the right to verify any claimed unrated status against available national or international rating lists.

Refund policy: Refunds of entry fees for withdrawals will be made subject to a \$10 processing fee + Paypal/Venmo fees.

Questions? Email contact@seattlechess.club

SEAFAIR BLITZ CHAMPIONSHIP

AUGUST 9, 2026



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- **Format:** A 7-round Single Swiss in 1 section. FIDE and USCF rated.
- **Time Control:** G/3 + 2 sec Increment
- **Rounds:** Starting approx. 6PM following the conclusion of the Seafair Chess Classic. Following rounds ASAP.
- **Entry Fee:** \$25 Seattle Chess Club Members | \$30 General Entry

Prize Fund:

\$500 based on 50 paid entries. Prizes increased with additional entries.

1st Place: \$200 | 2nd Place: \$120 | 3rd Place: \$80
Top U1800: \$60 | Top U1400: \$40

- **Payouts:** Cash prizes are split evenly among tied players. Players may win only one cash prize (the highest earned).
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