

SEATTLE UNIVERSITY CHESS CLUB



CHESS CLASSIC

SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2026

901 12TH AVENUE, SEATTLE, WA 98122

Format: An Open Swiss chess tournament in three sections:

- **Championship:** A 4-round, G/50; +10 USCF rated Swiss open to players rated 1600+ USCF. Rounds: 9am, 11:30am, 2:30pm, 5pm. Entry Fee: \$55. \$35 play-up fee if rated 1400-1599 USCF. Free entry for GMs, IMs, WGMs, and WIMs.
- **Premier U1600:** A 4-round, G/50; +10 USCF rated Swiss open to players rated U1600 USCF. Rounds: 9am, 11:30am, 2:30pm, 5pm. Entry Fee: \$55.
- **Casual (18+):** A 5-round, G/25; +5 unrated Swiss open to adult players (18+) from unrated to 1000 USCF. Rounds: 9am, 10:30am, 12:30pm, 2pm, 3:30pm. Entry Fee: \$25. Free entry for Seattle University students.

Rating: Championship, Premier, and Rising are USCF rated; Championship also FIDE rated. April 2025 US Chess regular rating will be used to determine section and pairings. Casual section is unrated, with no US Chess membership required. Scholastic side event is NWSRS rated, with no US Chess membership required.

Prizes: \$2,000 based on 80 paid entries.

Championship: 1st – 3rd Place: \$300-225-150. 1st U2000/U1800: \$90

Premier U1600: 1st – 3rd Place: \$250-175-100. 1st U1400/U1200: \$70

Casual (18+): 1st – 5th Place: \$100-80-60-40-\$20.

Special Prizes (per section): **Biggest Upset Win:** \$10. **Best Female Player** (by TPR): \$25, **Best Senior Player** (Age 50+, by TPR): \$25.

Registration: Register online at nwchess.com/onlineregistration - Pay by Zelle (ID: washingtonchessfederation@gmail.com, Tag: wa-chess), SettleKing (Washington Chess Federation), cash, or check. 100% preregistered, no on-site entries. **Registration + payment deadline Friday, May 15 @ 5pm.** No registrations accepted or refunds offered after the deadline.

Byes: One half-point bye available in Championship + Premier sections and two half-point byes available in Casual section. If interested, please request before the end of round 2.

Concessions: Please bring your own snacks and drinks. Many food options are available nearby.

Bring: Chess set + clock for the skittles area, if desired. All tournament equipment is provided.

Organizer: Matthew Beavers, Seattle University Chess Club Event Coordinator, matthew@hikinghomeschoolers.org

Directions/Parking:

Complimentary parking can be found in the Seattle University parking lot and on the nearby residential streets. The tournament is in the Sinegal Center for Science and Innovation (room 100/110), located on the corner of East Marion Street & 12th Avenue.



Questions?

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