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# Washington State Governor's Cup



**Saturday, September 19, 2026**

**The Rock Church – 1901 7<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, Olympia WA, 98501**

*Highest finishing WA resident in the Governor's Open seeded into the 2027 WA State Championship – Challengers section.*

**Format:** A 5-round Swiss tournament in two sections: Governor's Open and Thurston U1200.

**Entry fee:** \$35 by 9/12, \$40 after. Need-based scholarships available upon request. Maximum of 30 players per section and 50 players total. Please register early to guarantee your spot!

**Schedule:** At-site registration & check-in: 9:15-10:15am. Rounds (5): 10:30am, 12pm, lunch, 2pm, 3:30pm, 5pm. Closing Ceremony ~ 6:30pm or asap. Players whose games run long may request a late start for the next round.

**Time Control:** G/30; +10 sec. increment per move starting from move 1.

**Rating:** NWSRS rated. Governor's Open is also USCF rated. Higher of current NWSRS or September 2026 USCF regular rating will be used to determine section, pairings, and prizes.

**Memberships:** US Chess membership required for Governor's Open. No membership required for Thurston U1200.

**Prizes:** \$700 (based on 50 paid entries)

**Governor's Open:** 1<sup>st</sup>: \$200 + trophy, 2<sup>nd</sup>: \$150, 3<sup>rd</sup>: \$100. 1<sup>st</sup> U1700/U1500/U1300: \$85.

**Thurston U1200:** Trophies for 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Place, 1<sup>st</sup> U900/U700/U500/U300/Unrated.

**Special Medal Prizes (per section):** Biggest Upset Win, Best Female Player & Best Dressed.

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

**Concessions:** Coffee, tea, and water will be provided courtesy of Eastside Oly Chess Club. Pizza lunch from Wicked Pies Pizza will be available for purchase (cash only) on-site. A variety of snacks will be available for purchase throughout the day.

**Registration:** Online at [nwchess.com/OnlineRegistration](http://nwchess.com/OnlineRegistration). **Online registration + payment deadline: Friday, September 18 @ 5pm.** At-site registration: 9:15-10:15am. On-site payment available by cash, check made out to "WCF", SettleKing (Washington Chess Federation) or Zelle (ID: [WashingtonChessFederation@gmail.com](mailto:WashingtonChessFederation@gmail.com)).

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