

# Washington Junior Open

## CHESS TOURNAMENT

Saturday, January 17, 2026

Highland Middle School

15027 NE Bel/Red Road, Bellevue, WA 98007



### CLASSICAL SECTIONS

#### Open 1600+, Rising U1600, Challengers U1200

A 4-round G/50; +5 Swiss in three sections. Longer time control for intermediate to advanced players. Players rated 1500+ and 1100+ may play up into Open and Rising U1600 sections, respectively, for an additional \$20. Rounds: 9:15am, 11:15am, Lunch, 1:30pm, 3:30pm. Awards ~ 5:45pm. Armageddon playoff if needed to break tie for 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Open section immediately following the last round: G/10 white, G/8 black with draw odds.

### RAPID SECTIONS

#### K-1 U700, 2-3 U800, 4-12 U900, K-3 Open, 4-12 Open

A 5-round G/25; +5 Swiss in five sections. Shorter time control for players of all levels. Rounds: 9:15am, 10:45am, Lunch, 12:45pm, 2:15pm, 3:45pm. Awards ~ 5:15pm.

### ALL SECTIONS

Dual NWSRS + USCF rated, with USCF membership required. Establish or update your national rating! Chess clocks will be used from the beginning in all games. Chess notation required in all sections except for K-1 U700 and 2-3 U800. All equipment is provided courtesy of WCF.

**ELIGIBILITY** Open to all juniors under age 21 years of age as of the tournament date. Out-of-state players welcome!

**ENTRY FEE** \$55 by Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>, \$65 after. Room for 320 players.

### AWARDS

**Section Prizes:** Amazon e-gift cards awarded in each section: 1st – 10th: \$65-60-55-50-45-40-35-30-25-\$20.

**Team Prizes:** Amazon e-gift cards awarded to the top 4 players from the top 5 finishing teams (top 4 scores from same school comprise team score) across all sections: 1st – 5th: \$30-25-20-15-\$10.

**Special Prizes (per section):** Medals for first-time players, best female player (by TPR), best dressed, and biggest upset win.

### RATING

Highest of January 2026 USCF regular or current NWSRS rating used to determine section and pairings.

**WA State Scholastic Qualifier!**

### THE DETAILS

#### Online Registration:

[NWchess.com/OnlineRegistration](https://NWchess.com/OnlineRegistration)  
Pay by SettleKing (Washington Chess Federation), Zelle (ID: [WashingtonChessFederation@gmail.com](mailto:WashingtonChessFederation@gmail.com)), or mail a check to WCF.

**100% pre-registered, no on-site entries or payments. Entry + payment deadline Fri. Jan 16<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00pm.** No registrations accepted or refunds offered after the deadline. Unpaid players by the deadline will be withdrawn from the tournament.

**Highest finishing WA resident in the Open section seeds into the Closed section of the 2027 WA Junior Invitational.**

This event is a qualifier for the WA State Scholastic Chess Championships on April 25, 2026, in Tacoma. Players scoring 2.5+ points in the 4-round sections or 3.0+ points in the 5-round sections will qualify for the Championship sections of State.

Pizza lunch and other concessions will be available for purchase on site.

**Questions?** Contact Josh Sinanan, WCF President, 206.769.3757  
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