



WASHINGTON OPEN

Sat-Mon, May 23-25 2026

Redmond Marriott

7401 164th Ave NE, Redmond, WA 98052

\$15,000 Prize Fund
(based on 200 paid entries)

Main Event:

Format: A 6-round Swiss across 4 sections: Elite (1800+), Premier (U1800), Rising (U1500), and Dynamos (U1200).

Time Controls:

- 3-day: 30/90, SD/30; +30. Late default: 60 minutes.
- 2-day: G/55; +15 (rds. 1-3), rds. 4-6 same as for 3-day.

Schedule:

- 3-day option: Sat @ 10 AM, 6 PM; Sun @ 10 AM, 6 PM; Mon @ 10 AM, 4 PM.
- 2-day option: Sun @ 9 AM, 11:45 AM, 2:45 PM, then join the 3-day schedule @ 6 PM (from round 4 onward).
- WCF Annual Meeting & Elections: Mon @ 3 PM.

Note: We encourage you to play in the Main Event *and* take part in some side events too (see next page). The schedule permits doing this with minimum or no half-point byes!

Entry Fee: \$150 by Sun, 04/26; \$165 by Sun, 05/10; and \$180 after 05/10 or on-site. Less \$50 for Seniors (age 50+). Playing up one section is allowed (for \$80 extra) if the player's *USCF Regular OTB rating* is within 100 points of the section's lower limit (i.e., min 1700 for Elite, min 1400 for Premier, min 1100 for Rising). Free entry for GMs, IMs, WGMs, WIMs, and USCF 2400+. Re-entry for ½ of original entry fee. Canadians may pay CAD\$ at par.

Rating: Dual rated (USCF & NWSRS), plus Elite, Premier, and Rising sections are FIDE rated too (except G/55 games). Higher of May 2026 USCF and current NWSRS ratings used to determine sections, pairings, and prizes. Higher of USCF and CFC ratings used for Canadian players. Other foreign ratings used for players with no USCF rating, or at TD discretion. Elite, Premier, and Rising sections are paired by USCF rating; Dynamos section is paired by NWSRS rating.

Registration, Information & Payments:

- **Before event:** Online (by Thu, 05/21 @ 5 PM) at NWchess.com/OnlineRegistration/ – pay by SettleKing (Washington Chess Federation) or Zelle (ID: WashingtonChessFederation@gmail.com, Tag: wa-chess), or write a check (payable to WCF; mail to: Josh Sinanan, 4174 148th Ave NE, Building I, Suite M, Redmond, WA 98052). Info: WashingtonChessFederation@gmail.com, 206-769-3757
- **On-site** (cash possible too): Sat, 05/23 @ 8-9 AM for 3-day schedule, or 4:30-5 PM if entering with 1 half-point bye. Sun, 05/24 @ 8-8:30 AM for 2-day schedule, or 9-9:30 AM if entering 3-day schedule with 2 half-point byes. Late registrations may receive a half-point bye for round 1. Max 2 half-point byes available; request before the end of round 2.

Hotel Info:

Redmond Marriott, \$133-\$143/night + tax. One King / Queen / Double or two Queens, single or double occupancy. Call (425) 498-4000 to request the WA Chess Federation block, or use the [online reservation](#). Group code: CFOCFOR. Cut-off date for discounts: Fri, Apr 24, 2026.

Prizes:

- **Elite (1800+):** \$1100, \$900, \$750, \$600, \$450, \$350, \$250; U2100: \$225, \$200; U1900: \$225, \$200
- **Premier (U1800):** \$600, \$450, \$350, \$300, \$250, \$225; U1600: \$200, \$175
- **Rising (U1500):** \$450, \$350, \$300, \$250, \$225, \$200; U1300: \$175, \$150
- **Dynamos (U1200):** \$350, \$300, \$250, \$225, \$200, \$175; U1000: \$175, \$150; Unrated: \$175, \$150

Championship Seeds: Highest finishing Washington resident in the Elite and Premier section is seeded into the 2027 Washington State Championship, in the Championship and Challengers section, respectively. Ties for such a seed will be resolved by post-event playoff games.

Mixed Doubles Prizes: Best mixed gender (incl. male-female) 2-player team's combined score: 1st \$220, 2nd \$170, 3rd \$110. Average team rating must be under 2000; may play in different sections. Register (no extra fee) before round 3. May win a Mixed Doubles prize in addition to other prizes.

Special Prizes (per section):

- **Best Female Player***: \$75. Requires min 3 eligible players.
- **Best Senior Player*** (age 50+): \$75. Requires min 3 eligible players.
- **Highest (USCF) Rating Gain***: 1st \$60, 2nd \$30. Requires an established (non-provisional) rating. May not be combined with Biggest Upset Win.
- **Biggest Upset Win (per round)**: \$30. Max one per player.
- **Fair-Play, Kindness, Spreading Joy**: \$30. Please nominate.
- **Best Dressed (per day)**: \$25. Max one per player.
- **Best Annotated Game**: 1st \$75, 2nd \$50, 3rd \$25. Submit one annotated game that you consider to be interesting and/or well-played. A panel of judges will select winners.

Note: * = May not be combined with equal or higher prizes.

Memberships / Procedures / Miscellaneous:

Current US Chess and WCF / OCF / ICA memberships required; other states accepted. Memberships may be paid at the time of registration. Please bring a digital clock, if available. Wheelchair accessible play area. Pairings posted near the play area and online ~20 mins before each round. If withdrawing or skipping a round, please inform the organizers at least 30 mins before the start of the round.

WASHINGTON OPEN, May 23-25 (cont.)

Fun Side Events!

(many run between rounds of the Main Event)

Washington Open Faustino Oro Scholastic

Sat, 05/23 @ 9 AM – 4 PM (during round 1)

Eligibility: Open to students in grades K-12. Out-of-state players welcome!

Format: Classical and Rapid sections:

- **Classical sections:** A 4-round G/40; +5 Swiss in two sections: **K-3 Open** and **4-12 Open**. For intermediate to advanced players. Dual NWSRS and USCF rated. US Chess membership req'd. Clocks and notation req'd. Rounds: 9:15 AM, 10:45 AM, lunch, 12:45 PM, 2:15 PM. Awards: ~4 PM.
- **Rapid sections:** A 5-round G/25; +5 Swiss in two sections: **K-3 U800** and **4-12 U900**. For novice to low intermediate players. Dual NWSRS and USCF rated. US Chess membership req'd. Clocks req'd. Notation req'd in 4-12 U900, but optional in K-3 U800. Rounds: 9:15 AM, 10:30 AM, lunch, 12 PM, 1:15 PM, 2:30 PM. Awards: ~4 PM.

Entry fee: \$55 if registered by Sat, 05/16; \$65 after. Room for 132 players.

Awards (per section):

- Overall prizes (in Amazon e-gift cards): 1st–5th: \$70 / \$65 / \$60 / \$55 / \$50.
 - Special prizes: Medals for first-timers and for biggest upset win.
 - Top performer (by TPR) in K-3 Open and 4-12 Open wins free entry into the 2-day option of 2026 Washington Open (Main Event) (see prev. page).
- Rating: Higher of May 2026 USCF or current NWSRS ratings used for sections & pairings.

Registration: 100% pre-registered (NWchess.com/OnlineRegistration/ – pay by SettleKing, Zelle, or check (see above page for details) due **by Fri, 05/22 @ 5 PM**; no on-site entries or payments. Unpaid players will be withdrawn.

Washington Open Gary Dorfner Memorial Adult Novice Swiss

Sat, 05/23 @ 11 AM – 4 PM (during round 1)

A 4-Round Swiss in one section. 1 half-point bye available. For U1200 or unrated adults (18+). No memberships req'd. Unrated. TC: G/30; +5. EF: \$25. Registration: 10:30-10:50 AM. Rounds: 11 AM, 12:15, 1:30, and 2:45 PM. Prize fund: \$400/b20. 1st–3rd: \$150 / \$100 / \$60, 1st U1000 / U700 / Unr \$30.

Washington Open Fischer Chess960 Rapid

Sat, 05/23 @ 2:10 PM – 4:50 PM (between rounds 1 & 2)

A 4-Round Swiss in one section, 1 half-point bye available. Unrated. TC: G/12; +3. EF: \$20. No memberships req'd. Registration: 1:30-2 PM. Rounds: 2:10 PM, 2:50, 3:30, and 4:10 PM. Higher of May 2026 USCF and current NWSRS ratings used for pairings & prizes. Rules: A randomized new opening position explored in each round. Players have 2 minutes before clocks start to examine that opening position. Prize fund: \$300/b20. 1st \$80, 2nd \$60, 3rd \$40, 1st U2000 / U1700 / U1400 / Unrated \$30.

Washington Open Jiner Chess Workshop for Girls & Women

Sat, 05/23 @ 4:30 PM–5 PM and 6 PM–7:30 PM (before & during round 2)

A workshop led by WFM Chouchan Airapetian (chornyaa@msn.com, 206-799-6087), experienced chess coach, organizer, and promoter, former US Women's Championship contender, WCF Girls' and Women's Chess Director. Registration: 4-4:30 PM. EF: Free! Schedule: 4:30-5 PM: "How to develop & cultivate girls' and women's chess" + Q&A. 6-7:30 PM: Complimentary pizza & refreshments, and ladies' bughouse.

Washington Open Evening with IM John Donaldson

Sat, 05/23 @ 5 PM – 5:45+ PM (between rounds 1 & 2)

Led by IM John Donaldson, former coach of the US Olympic Team, former WA State Champion, chess author and historian. EF: Free! Schedule: 5-5:30 PM: Presentation based on a new book about Bobby Fischer. 5:30-5:45 PM: Q&A. 5:45+ PM: Book signing.

Washington Open 4th Annual Carol Kleist Memorial Adult Swiss

Sun-Mon, 05/24-25 @ 11 AM and 4:30 PM (during rounds 3-6)

Sponsored by *Seattle Chess Club (SCC)*, with generous support from Henry Yan. Format: A 4-round Swiss in two sections: Botvinnik (1500+) and

Korchnoi (U1500); may be merged if small. 1 half-point bye available. USCF rated only. TC: G/120; +30. EF: \$50 online (by Sat, 05/23 @ 5 PM) or \$60 on-site; less \$10 for SCC members. EF waived for unrated players who purchase memberships. Registration: Sun, 05/24 @ 10-10:30 AM (unless starting with a half-point bye). US Chess and WCF/OCF/ICA memberships req'd. May 2026 USCF rating used for sections, pairings, & prizes. Guaranteed prize fund: \$1,000. Botvinnik: 1st \$240, 2nd \$150, 3rd \$120, 1st U1650 \$80. Korchnoi: 1st \$120, 2nd \$100, 3rd \$80, 1st U1300 \$60, 1st Unrated \$50.

Washington Open Talk by IM John Donaldson

Sun, 05/24 @ 1 PM – 1:50 PM (between rounds 3 & 4)

Led by IM John Donaldson, former coach of the US Olympic Team, former WA State Champion, chess author and historian. EF: Free! Topic: "The History of the Washington State Chess Championship."

Washington Open Carlsen Rapid

Sun, 05/24 @ 2 PM – 5:40 PM (between rounds 3 & 4)

A 5-Round Swiss in two sections: Kasparov (1600+) and Anand (U1600); may be merged if small. 2 half-point byes available. USCF Quick rated; Kasparov section is FIDE Rapid rated too. TC: G/15; +5. EF: \$35 online (by Sat, 05/23 @ 5 PM) or \$40 on-site. Players rated 1500+ may play up into Kasparov (\$10 fee). Current US Chess and WCF/OCF/ICA memberships req'd. Registration: 1-1:45 PM. Rounds: 2 PM, 2:45, 3:30, 4:15, and 5 PM. Highest of May 2026 USCF Quick and current NWSRS rating used for sections, pairings, & prizes. Prize fund: \$1,000/b30. Kasparov (1600+): 1st–3rd \$150 / \$110 / \$80; 1st U2100 / U1900 / U1700 \$60; Anand: 1st–3rd \$100 / \$80 / \$60; 1st U1400 / U1200 / U1000 / Unrated \$40; Biggest Upset Win: \$25 and Best Sportsmanship: \$20 (in each section).

Washington Open Awonder Liang Bughouse

Sun, 05/24 @ 3 PM – 4:15 PM (between rounds 3 & 4)

A 7-round Single Swiss in one section. 2 half-point byes available. Max avg team rating: 1800. Unrated. TC: G/3; +0. EF: \$20/player. No memberships. Register: 2:15-2:45 PM. Rounds: 3 PM, 3:10, 3:20, 3:30, 3:40, 3:50, 4 PM. Higher of May 2026 USCF Blitz and current NWSRS ratings (if unrated, up to 1300, based on age) used for pairings & prizes. Team prizes: \$400 (based on 20 teams): 1st–3rd: \$100 / \$70 / \$50; 1st–3rd K-6: \$50 / \$40 / \$30; Biggest Upset Win: \$30; Best Sportsmanship: \$20.

Washington Open Casablanca Chess Rapid

Mon, 05/25 @ 2 PM – 3:45 PM (between rounds 5 & 6)

A 4-round Swiss in one section. 1 half-point bye available, if requested by end of round 2. Unrated. TC: G/8; +3. EF: \$20. No memberships req'd. Registration: online (by Sun, 05/24) or on-site (Mon @ 1-1:45 PM). Rounds: 2 PM, 2:25, 2:50, and 3:15 PM. Higher of May 2026 USCF and current NWSRS ratings used for pairings & prizes. Rules: Each round starts in a new *middlegame* position from a historical game. Players have 2 mins before clocks start to examine initial positions. Prize fund: \$400/b20. 1st \$100, 2nd \$80, 3rd \$60, 1st U2100 \$50, 1st U1800 \$40, 1st U1500 \$30, Biggest Upset Win: \$20.

Washington Open Ignacio Perez Memorial Blitz

Mon, 05/25 @ 8 PM – 10:30 PM (after round 6)

A 10-round Swiss in two sections: Nakamura (1600+) and Tal (U1600); may be merged if small. 3 half-point byes available. USCF Blitz rated; Nakamura section is FIDE Blitz rated too. TC: G/3; +2. EF: \$30 online (by Sun, 05/24 @ 5 PM) or \$35 on-site. Players rated 1500+ may play up into Nakamura (\$10 fee). Current US Chess membership and WCF/OCF/ICA membership req'd. Registration: 7:30-7:50 PM. Rounds: 8 PM, 8:15, 8:30, 8:45, 9, 9:15, 9:30, 9:45, 10, and 10:15 PM. Higher of May 2026 USCF Blitz and current NWSRS ratings used for sections, pairings, & prizes. Prize fund: \$850/b30. Nakamura: 1st \$120, 2nd \$100, 3rd \$80, 1st U2100 / U1900 / U1700 \$60; Tal: 1st \$90, 2nd \$75, 3rd \$60, 1st U1400 / U1200 / U1000 \$40, 1st Unr. \$30.