

2026 WASHINGTON STATE CHAMPIONSHIP



February 6-8 & 21-22, 2026

Lakeside Upper School

14050 1st Ave NE, Seattle, WA 98125

Format: Eight invitation-only 10-player Round Robins by rating: Championship, Premier, Invitational, Challengers, Rising Stars, Prodigies, Wizards, and Sensations. The field of each section is determined by seeding and by the highest rated eligible players to register by the due date based on the average Jan 1st, 2026 live ratings of:

(a) USCF Regular & FIDE - for the top 2 sections; or

(b) USCF Regular & NWSRS - for all other sections.

All sections are triple-rated in NWSRS, USCF, and FIDE.

Time Control: 40/120; SD/30; +10.

Late default: 60 minutes (except for Round 1).

Eligibility: Open to WA residents who have resided in WA for the past 6 months and who meet the two-event activity requirement (for classical games) between Mar-Dec 2025.

Entry Fee / Deposit:

- Championship / Premier: Free, with a \$450 deposit required via check, Zelle, or SettleKing by Jan. 31, to be refunded upon successful completion of all 9 rounds.

- Invitational / Challengers / Rising Stars / Prodigies / Wizards / Sensations: \$225.

Pay by Zelle (ID: WashingtonChessFederation@gmail.com), SettleKing (Washington Chess Federation), or write a check made out to WCF.

Registration: Online via [online registration](#). By registering and paying, each player is confirming their ability to play in all 9 rounds, as scheduled. We will take the top 80 players (including seeded players) who have met the eligibility requirements and **confirm + pay their entry fee / deposit by the due date of Sat, Jan 31st**.

Byes: Since this is a prestigious round robin, there will be **no byes or rescheduling of games allowed** in any section. All games must be played on site under TD supervision at the scheduled round times. Players who drop out of the event will be ineligible to play in the next two years and will forfeit their entry fee / deposit / prize.

Schedule:

Check-in (mandatory): Fri, Feb 6 @ 4:30pm (before Rd. 1).

Round 1: Fri, Feb 6 @ 5pm. No late arrivals!

Rounds 2-9: Feb 7, 8, 21, 22 @ 10 AM and 5 PM.

Drawing of lots: Sun, Feb 1 @ 10 PM at the Orlov Chess

Academy, Greenlake. Attendance is optional & encouraged.

Prizes: The prize fund for each section is guaranteed by WCF and may be increased based on donations.

Championship: \$1750, Premier: \$1500,

Invitational: \$1250, Challengers: \$1000,

Rising Stars: \$750, Prodigies/Wizards/Sensations: \$500.

Prizes (per section): **1st-5th: 45%, 25%, 15%, 10%, 5%**

Best Annotated Game: **\$50**

The winner of the Championship section receives the title **Washington State Champion**.

Seeded Players (may qualify for a higher section based on rating):

Championship: FM Ryan Porter (State champ), FM Aziz Degenbaev (Championship runner-up), CM Ananth Gottumukkala (Premier champ), NM Siddarth M. Sundaram (WA Open champ), NM Vinesh Ravuri (Challenger's Cup champ), Harishkumar Karthikeyan (WA Class - Master HFWR), TBA (Junior Closed champ).

Premier: NM Advaith Vijayakumar (Premier runner-up), Pratik Thorwe (Invitational champ), NM Bertrand Wan (Winter Classic winner), Shawn Li (WA Class, Expert winner).

Invitational: Emerson Wong-Godfrey (Invitational runner-up), Gabriel Razmov (Challengers champ), CM Leonid Gavrysh (Senior champ), NM Advaith Vijayakumar (President's Cup champ), Saiya Karamali (Women's champ), Arnav Gadde (WA Class - Class A winner), Valentin Razmov (Harmon Memorial HFWR).

Challengers: Akim Pikh (Challengers runner-up), Brook Ayalew (Rising Stars champ), NM Andrew Fletcher (Bellingham Open winner), Zane Wirkkala (WA Open - U1800 winner, WA Class - Class B winner), Thrinay Subramanian (Mid-year Scholastic - Section 1 winner), Rian Raja (WA Winter Classic, U1800 section winner), TBA (Junior Invitational champ).

Rising Stars: Haituka Anandkumar (Rising Stars runner-up), Rian Raja (Prodigies champ, Challenger's Cup - U1700 winner), Rushil Singh (WA Class, Class C winner), Loida Guo (WCF nominee).

Prodigies: Shanna Wu (Prodigies runner-up), Harry Wu (Wizards champ), Ryan Lai + Ashwin Vijayaguru (Winter Classic - U1400 winners).

Wizards: Daniel Yun (Wizards runner-up), Vivaan Sankrithi (Sensations champ).

Sensations: Emma Ge (Sensations runner-up).

Memberships: Current US Chess and WCF memberships required. Memberships must be paid at the time of registration.

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