

Washington Women's Championship



SAT-SUN, OCTOBER 17-18, 2026

HOTEL 116 BELLEVUE

625 116TH AVE NE, BELLEVUE, WA 98004

Highest Finishing WA Resident in the Polgar section becomes WA State Women's Champion and is seeded into 2027 WA State Championship, Invitational section. If there's a tie for 1st place, G/90 playoff games will be played later in the year.

Format: A Swiss-style tournament in four sections. Sections with <6 players may be merged.

Polgar Championship: A 5-Round, G/90; +30 Swiss over two days (Sat-Sun). Tri-rated in NWSRS, USCF, and FIDE. Rounds: Saturday: 9:30am, 2pm, 6:30pm. Sunday: 10am, 3pm. Awards ~ 7:30pm.

Wenjun U1300: A 6-Round G/75; +10 Swiss over two days (Sat-Sun). Dual NWSRS + USCF rated. Rounds: Saturday: 9:30am, 1pm, 4:30pm. Sunday: 10am, 1:30pm, 5pm. Awards + **Workshop for Women & Girls** ~ 8pm.

Yip U700: A 1-day, 5-Round G/25; +5 Swiss. Dual NWSRS + USCF rated. Rounds: Sunday: 10am, 11am, 12:30pm, 1:30pm, 2:30pm. Awards ~ 3:45pm.

Botez Casual: A 1-day, 4-Round G/30; +10 Swiss. Open to players unrated – 999. Unrated; no memberships are required. Rounds: Saturday: 11am, 1pm, 2:30pm, 4pm. Awards ~ 5:30pm.

Rating: October 2026 USCF rating will be used to determine section, pairings, and prizes. Higher of USCF and CFC ratings used for Canadian players. Other foreign ratings are used for players with no USCF rating, or at TD discretion.

Entry Fee: Polgar/Wenjun sections: \$60 by 10/10, \$70 after. Yip/Botez sections: \$40 by 10/10, \$50 after. Free entry for WGMs, WIMs, WFMs, or Chess Queens rated 2000+ USCF. Players rated 600+ and 1200+ USCF may play up one section into the Wenjun and Polgar sections, respectively. Maximum of 50 players total and 25 players per section, please register early.

Registration: nwchess.com/OnlineRegistration. **Registration + payment deadline Fri. 10/16 @ 5pm.**

Eligibility: Open to all female chess players. Out-of-state players welcome!

Memberships: Current US Chess and WCF membership required for Polgar, Wenjun, and Yip sections; other states accepted. Membership must be paid at time of registration. No membership required for the Botez section.

Byes: Two half-point byes available. If interested, request before the end of round 2.

WA State Scholastic Chess Championships Qualifier!

Prize Fund: \$1,300 (based on 50 paid entries)

Polgar Championship: 1st-2nd: \$150-100. 1st U1800/U1600/U1400: \$75.

Wenjun U1300: 1st-2nd: \$80-60. 1st U1200/U1000/U800: \$50.

Yip U700: 1st-2nd: \$50-40. 1st U600/U400/U200/Unrated: \$30.

Botez Casual: 1st-3rd: \$50-40-30.

Special Prizes (per section): Biggest Upset Win: \$5/round, Best Dressed: \$5/day, Best Etiquette: \$5, Fair Play/Kindness/Spreading Joy: \$5/day, Best Mother/Daughter Team (by avg TPR, across sections): \$15.

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