

	<p align="center">Pacific Northwest Chess Center <u>12020 113th Ave NE #C-200, Kirkland, WA 98034</u></p> <p align="center">PNWCC FIDE Open – California Love</p> <p align="center">May 10-12, 2019</p>
<p>Description</p>	<p>A 2-section, USCF and FIDE rated 5-round Swiss tournament with time control of 40/90, SD 30; +30! GM Melik Khachiyan and GM Steven Zierk have confirmed participation. Potentially another titled player will also join and they will not play each other so to give local chess players more strong games.</p>
 	<p align="center">Guest Titled Players</p> <p align="center"><u>*Guest players won't play each other</u></p> <p><u>GM Melik Khachiyan</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USCF 2562 / FIDE 2509 • Soviet Master since 1986 • IM Title in 1994 • GM Title in 2005 • Trained by 9th World Champion T. Petrosian • Chess World Cup winner GM L. Aronian's coach from 1990-1997 • USA Women's chess team coach since 2010 <p><u>GM Steven Zierk</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USCF 2589 / FIDE 2504 • World Youth Champion, U18, 2010 • Graduate of MIT <p><u>Potential IM - TBD</u></p>

Tournament Info	
Sections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masters (2100+) • Challengers (1600-2099)
Capacity	48
Registration	<p>http://nwchess.com/OnlineRegistration/ Unpaid entries will not be paired and will be deleted without notice if tournament is sold out. To request byes, use the special instructions field in the online registration form:</p>

	<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; background-color: #90EE90; text-align: center;"> <p>If you want to request byes or send any instructions to the organizers enter them here.</p> </div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; margin-top: 5px;"></div> <p>Registration closes one hour before the first round starts. Onsite registration for \$25 more if space available.</p>
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Site	PNWCC 12020 113th Ave NE #C-200, Kirkland, WA 98034
Rating	USCF and FIDE Rated. Highest of USCF/CFC/FIDE rating will be used for pairing.
Clock and Set	Provided by PNWCC
Time Control	40/90, SD 30; +30. Mode 16 on DGT North American Chess Clock
Late Show	1 hour late-show forfeit. If both players show up late, white clock will be started. If opponent agrees to wait for late show, the wait can not be more than 30 minutes.
Schedule (same for all Sections)	R1 – Friday 5/10 7:00PM R2 & 3 – Saturday 5/11 11:00AM & 5:00PM R4 & 5 – Sunday 5/12 10:00AM & 4:00PM
Membership	Active USCF membership required. Purchase here
Hotel	Courtyard by Marriott 11215 NE 124th Street Kirkland, WA 98034 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • \$109/room with free breakfast and parking • Call (425) 602-3200 to book your room at the chess rate (mention “PNW Chess Center”) <p>Be careful with parking in front of the hotel!!!!!!!!!! See below!</p>
Parking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PNWCC Parking – Free parking in front of PNWCC • Hotel Parking – Free Parking in the garage only. Absolutely don't park in numbered stalls on ground level as it's not hotel property and will be ticketed. Be careful!
Pairing and Live Games	Pairing and results, and top games broadcast (when technology allows and volunteer technicians available) will be published on PNWCC website https://www.pnwchesscenter.org/
Byes	1 half-point bye available if requested on registration or 1 hour before round 3 starts.
Contacts	Email pnwccdt@gmail.com for all tournament related questions.

Masters Section (2100+)	
Rating Requirement	Published or Post Event Rating (Real Time Rating) USCF/CFC 2100+ or FIDE Elo 2000+ at time of registration
Entry Fee	\$150 by three weeks before tournament starts \$175 afterwards Free Entry for GM/WGM/IM/WIM by three weeks before tournament starts. Entry fees will be deducted from prizes if any for IM/WIM .
Play Up	1. Qualify through PNWCC Masters Qualifier tournaments. No extra fees required.

	<p>2. \$250 play up fee regardless of rating or qualifications.</p> <p>3. Apply for wildcard (max <u>5</u> seats)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Published or live rating must be USCF/CFC 2000+ or FIDE 1900+ at the time of application • Demonstrated strong motivation to improve • Must play at least one qualifier tournament within 30 days before tournament starts • Must register and make payment for the Challengers section before applying • Must not withdraw from Challengers section if application is not approved without a legitimate reason. • By withdrawing from the challengers section solely because application is not approved, the applicant will be put on blacklist and any further wildcard application will be declined automatically. • Applicants must not have bad records of withdrawal history starting 2/1/2019 in any PNWCC tournaments • Download the application form here • Must be filled by player seriously • Send the filled form to pnwchesscenter@gmail.com 2 weeks before tournament starts • PNWCC will process applications after the deadline and make decisions shortly. PNWCC board of directors has sole authority in approving or declining applications. • If application is approved, the applicant needs to \$75 play up fee + the entry fee difference within three days
Prizes	<p>Based on 20 Paid Entries \$800gtd - \$600gtd- \$400 -\$300 -\$200</p>

Challengers Section (1600-2099)	
Rating Requirement	Published or Post Event Rating (Real Time Rating) USCF/CFC 1600-2099 or FIDE Elo 1500-1999 at registration time.
Entry Fee	\$75 by three weeks before tournament starts \$100 afterwards
Play Up	Allowed with \$50 play-up fee
Prizes	<p>Based on 20 Paid Entries \$300 - \$200 - \$150 - \$100 - \$75 Clear winner or tied winner with USCF 2000+ qualify for next FIDE Open Masters section</p>
Masters Qualifier	Clear winner or perfect scorers, or tied winner with USCF 2000+ qualify for next FIDE Open Masters section

Volunteers

Info	PNWCC is 501(c) (3) non-profit organization and is operated by a group of volunteers. Volunteers are welcomed and highly appreciated – <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Become a club TD and PNWCC will reimburse your USCF membership after you volunteer as a chief arbiter for PNWCC tournaments• Manage noise, clean up and empty trash cans• Manage our social media account (Facebook and YouTube channel)• Broadcast live games Maintain PNWCC web site https://www.pnwchesscenter.org
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PNWCC Cell Phone and Electronic Device Policy

If a player brings cell phone or electronic device that can be used for game analysis or communication with external partners, he/she needs to take the phone or device out of pockets or backpack, turn it off and put on the table and make it visible to TD's and opponent before the game starts. If the phone is on or rings during the game, there will be time adjustment punishment at the discretion of the TD's.

If a player is found to have a cell phone or electronic device in their pocket or backpack (on or off), the player will be received very server punishment, including but not limited to, forfeiting the game and expelled from the tournament and PNWCC.

Only paper-based scoresheets or FIDE approved device can use for recording games.

By signing up a PNWCC tournament, a player agrees to this cell phone and electronic device policy.

Refund Policy

Entry fee will be non-refundable after 24-hours before the tournament starts unless withdraw due to serious health issues or family urgency.