

	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Pacific Northwest Chess Center</b> <u>12020 113th Ave NE #C-200, Kirkland, WA 98034</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>PNWCC FIDE Open – Endgame</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>August 30<sup>th</sup> - September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019</b></p>
<p><b>Description</b></p>	<p>A 2-section, USCF and FIDE rated 7-round Swiss tournament with time control of 40/90, SD 30; +30. GM Irina Krush and GM Victor Mikhalevski have confirmed participation and will not play each other so to give local chess players more strong games.</p>
 	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Guest Grandmasters</b></p> <p><b><u>GM Irina Krush</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• USCF 2503 / FIDE 2422</li><li>• 7-time US Women’s Chess Champion</li><li>• Women’s Chess Olympiad Silver (2004) and Bronze (2008) Medalist Team (Team USA)</li><li>• Olympiad Individual Silver Medalist (2018)</li><li>• The only active female GM in US</li><li>• Chess coach, commentator and writer</li></ul> <p><b><u>GM Victor Mikhalevski</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• USCF 2636 / FIDE 2579</li><li>• 2010 Olympic Bronze Medalist with the Israeli team</li><li>• 2014 Israeli Classical and Blitz Champion</li><li>• Winner of many international tournaments, including 2007 Calvia Open with the performance of 2876</li><li>• Top 100 player in 2008.</li><li>• Coach of many strong players, including <a href="#">GM Arjun Erigaisi</a>, who obtained the GM title at the age of 14</li><li>• Author of two Quality Chess GM Repertoire opening books<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ <a href="#">The open Spanish</a></li><li>○ <a href="#">Beating Minor Openings</a></li></ul></li></ul> <p><b>Special Notes –</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>1. GM Krush and GM Mikalesvski will not play each other in the tournament</b></li><li><b>2. PNWCC reserves board ONE (not board “1”) for GM Krush for all rounds</b></li></ol>

<b>Tournament Info</b>	
<b>Sections</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Masters (2100+)</li><li>• Challengers (1600-2099)</li></ul>
<b>Capacity</b>	48

<b>Registration</b>	<p><a href="http://nwchess.com/OnlineRegistration/">http://nwchess.com/OnlineRegistration/</a> 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; margin: 10px 0;"> <p style="background-color: #90EE90; text-align: center;">If you want to request byes or send any instructions to the organizers enter them here.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 20px; width: 100%;"></div> </div> <p><b>Registration closes one hour before the first round starts. Onsite registration for \$25 more if space available.</b></p>
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<b>Site</b>	PNWCC <a href="https://www.pnwchesscenter.org">12020 113th Ave NE #C-200, Kirkland, WA 98034</a>
<b>Rating</b>	USCF and FIDE Rated. Highest of USCF/CFC/FIDE rating will be used for pairing.
<b>Clock and Set</b>	Provided by PNWCC
<b>Time Control</b>	40/90, SD 30; +30. Mode <b>16</b> on DGT North American Chess Clock
<b>Late Show</b>	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.
<b>Schedule (same for all Sections)</b>	<p>R1 – Friday <b>8/30</b> 7:00PM</p> <p>R2 &amp; 3 – Saturday <b>8/31</b> 11:00AM &amp; 5:00PM</p> <p>R4 &amp; 5 – Sunday <b>9/1</b> 11:00AM &amp; 5:00PM</p> <p>R6 &amp; 7 – Monday <b>9/2</b> 10:00AM &amp; 4:00PM</p>
<b>Membership</b>	Active USCF membership required. Purchase <a href="#">here</a>
<b>Hotel</b>	<p>Courtyard by Marriott, 11215 NE 124th Street, Kirkland, WA 98034</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Call <a href="tel:4256023200">(425) 602-3200</a> to book your room at the chess rate (mention “PNW Chess Center”)</li> <li>• <b>Be careful with parking in front of the hotel!!!!!!!!!! See below!</b></li> </ul>
<b>Pairing and Live Games</b>	<p>Pairing and results, and top games broadcast (when technology allows and volunteer technicians available) will be published on PNWCC website</p> <p><a href="https://www.pnwchesscenter.org/">https://www.pnwchesscenter.org/</a></p>
<b>Byes</b>	2 half-point byes available if requested on registration or 1 hour before round 3 starts.
<b>Contacts</b>	Email <a href="mailto:pnwccfd@gmail.com">pnwccfd@gmail.com</a> for all tournament related questions.

<b>Masters Section (2100+)</b>	
<b>Rating Requirement</b>	Published or Post Event Rating (Real Time Rating) USCF/CFC 2100+ or FIDE Elo 2000+ <b>at time of registration</b>
<b>Play Up</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Qualify through PNWCC Masters Qualifier tournaments. No extra fees required.</li> <li>2. \$250 play up fee regardless of rating or qualifications.</li> <li>3. Apply for wildcard (max <b>5</b> seats) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Published or live rating must be USCF/CFC 2000+ or FIDE 1900+ at the time of application</li> <li>• Demonstrated strong motivation to improve</li> <li>• Must play at least one qualifier tournament within 30 days before tournament starts</li> <li>• Must register and make payment for the Challengers section before applying</li> </ul> </li> </ol>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must not withdraw from Challengers section if application is not approved without a legitimate reason.</li> <li>• <b>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.</b></li> <li>• <b>Applicants must not have bad records of withdrawal history starting 2/1/2019 in any PNWCC tournaments</b></li> <li>• Download the application form <a href="#">here</a></li> <li>• Must be filled by player seriously</li> <li>• Send the filled form to <a href="mailto:pnwchesscenter@gmail.com">pnwchesscenter@gmail.com</a> <b>2 weeks</b> before tournament starts</li> <li>• PNWCC will process applications after the deadline and make decisions shortly. PNWCC board of directors has sole authority in approving or declining applications.</li> <li>• If application is approved, the applicant needs to \$75 play up fee + the entry fee difference within three days</li> </ul>
<b>Entry Fee</b>	\$210 by three weeks before tournament starts \$240 afterwards Free Entry for GM/WGM IM/WIM \$100 less
<b>Prizes</b>	<b>Based on 24 Paid Entries</b> \$1,500gtd - \$1,000gtd - \$700 - \$500 - \$300

<b>Challengers Section (1600-2099)</b>	
<b>Rating Requirement</b>	Published or Post Event Rating (Real Time Rating) USCF/CFC 1600-2099 or FIDE Elo 1500-1999 <b>at registration time.</b>
<b>Entry Fee</b>	\$140 by three weeks before tournament starts \$170 afterwards
<b>Play Up</b>	Allowed with \$40 play-up fee
<b>Prizes</b>	<b>Based on 24 Paid Entries</b> \$500 - \$400 - \$300 - \$250 - \$200 Clear winner or tied winner with USCF 2000+ qualify for next FIDE Open Masters section
<b>Masters Qualifier</b>	Clear winner or perfect scorers, or tied winner with USCF 2000+ qualify for next FIDE Open Masters section

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

	Maintain PNWCC web site <a href="https://www.pnwchesscenter.org">https://www.pnwchesscenter.org</a>
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### Side Events

<b>GM Blitz</b>	9/2/2019 7:30PM or after last game of the FIDE Open ends 5 Round 3+2 double swiss USCF Blitz rated \$200gtd-\$100-gtd-\$50gtd Entry fee - \$30 <a href="http://nwchess.com/OnlineRegistration/">http://nwchess.com/OnlineRegistration/</a> Free entries for GM/WGM/IM/WIM. Entry fees will be deducted from prizes if any for IM/WIM.
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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.**