

	<p style="text-align: center;">Pacific Northwest Chess Center <small>12020 113th Ave NE #C-200, Kirkland, WA 98034</small></p> <h2 style="text-align: center;">PNWCC FIDE Open - Anniversary</h2> <h3 style="text-align: center;">March 8-10, 2019</h3>
<p>Description</p>	<p>A 3-section, USCF and FIDE rated 5-round Swiss tournament with time control of 40/90, SD 30 with 30-second increment from move one, featuring 2+ guest GM's.</p>
	<h3 style="text-align: center;">Guest Players</h3> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>*Guest players don't play each other so to give local players more strong games*</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GM Pavlo Vorontsov <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ USCF 2639/FIDE 2544 ○ Federation - Ukraine • GM David Berczes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ USCF 2548/FIDE 2479 ○ Federation - Hungary • IM Guillermo Vazquez <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ USCF 2571/FIDE 2475 ○ Federation – Paraguay

Tournament Info	
<p>Sections</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Masters (2100+) • Challengers (U2100) • Prodigies (U1600)
<p>Max number of players</p>	<p>48</p>
<p>Registration</p>	<p>http://nwchess.com/OnlineRegistration/ online registration highly encouraged to reduce the work for our volunteers. Register early for the lowest fee. 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 style="color: red; text-align: center;">Online Registration closes on March 8th, 6:00PM, one hour before the first round starts. Onsite registration allowed if space available.</p>
<p>Live Game Broadcast</p>	<p>Top games will be broadcast on Internet when technology allows and volunteer technicians available. Live games link will be posted on PNWCC Web site – http://www.pnwchesscenter.org/tournaments-events</p>

	To help broadcast, please register as volunteer for the tournament. PNWCC will provide training.
Tournament Directors	Chief Arbiter <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kleist, Fred
Site	PNWCC 12020 113th Ave NE #C-200, Kirkland, WA 98034 May move to a nearby hotel that's 5-minute walk away – will notify players by email if this happens. Courtyard by Marriott 11215 NE 124th Street 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 with 30-second increment from move one
Schedule (same for all Sections)	R1 – Fri 7:00PM R2 & 3 – Saturday 11:00AM & 5:00PM R4 & 5 – Sunday 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• Book before 12/31/2018• Call (425) 602-3200 to book your room at the chess rate (mention “PNW Chess Center”) Be careful with parking in front of the hotel!!!!!!!!!! See below!
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!
Byes	1 half-point bye available if requested on registration or before round 2 starts First round bye needs to be requested 24 hours before the tournament starts
Communication	Email pnwccctd@gmail.com (preferred communication method) for all tournament related questions.
Promotions	Players with master's title will receive a laser engraved name plate if register before 2/21/2019

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 are allowed to use for recording games.

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

Possible Section Merge

If there are less than 6 players in the Prodigy or Challengers sections respectively, these two sections will be merged. Masters section will not merge with lower sections.

Refund Policy

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

Masters Section (2100+)

Rating Requirement	Published or Post Event Rating (Real Time Rating) USCF/CFC 2100+ or FIDE Elo 2000+ at registration time.
Play Up	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Qualify through PNWCC Masters Qualifier tournaments. No extra fees required. Just pay the entry fee at the time of registration.2. Wildcard Play up option with <u>\$50</u> play up fee (max 5 seats) Players with USCF/CFC 2000+ published or live rating or FIDE 1900+ rating that show strong motivation to improve can play up by applying for the wildcard option. Download the application form here. PNWCC has sole authority in approving or declining such applications. All applications need to be made two weeks before tournament starts. Wildcard applicants can not have bad records of withdrawal history starting 2/1/2019.3. New - \$250 play up fee regardless of rating or qualification.
Entry Fee	\$125 by Feb 21st, 2019 \$150 afterwards

	\$175 on-site if space available Free Entry for GM/WGM/IM by Feb 21, 2019. Entry fee will be deducted from prize if any for IM's.
Prizes	Based on 20 Paid Entries \$700 gtd - \$500 gtd - \$400 gtd - \$300 - \$125

Challengers Section (U2100)	
Rating Requirement	Published or Post Event Rating (Real Time Rating) USCF/CFC 1600-2099 or FIDE Elo 1500-1999 at registration time.
Entry Fee	\$60 by Feb 21st, 2019 \$80 afterwards \$100 on-site if space available
Play Up	Allowed with \$60 play-up fee from lower section
Prizes	Based on 20 Paid Entries \$180 - \$120 - \$90 - \$60 - \$30

Prodigies Section (U1600)	
Rating Requirement	Published or Post Event Rating (Real Time Rating) USCF/CFC 0-1599 or FIDE Elo 0-1499 at registration time.
Entry Fee	\$60 by Feb 21st, 2019 \$80 afterwards \$100 on-site if space available
Prizes	Based on 20 Paid Entries \$180 - \$120 - \$90 - \$60 - \$30

Volunteers	
Info	PNWCC is 501(c) (3) non-profit organization and is operated by a group of volunteers. Many employers will match their employees volunteer hours for their work in PNWCC. There are a lot of volunteer work you can do for PNWCC. Just to name a few – <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Organizing and direct tournaments• Clean up the center (take out trashes etc)• Site noise level control• Live broadcast games• Manage our social media account Develop and maintain PNWCC web site - https://www.pnwchesscenter.org/