

# WA State Middle School Championship

April 16 – 17, 2016

## Eligibility

- The WA State Middle School Championship is open to all chess players grade K-8. There are no qualifications required to play.

## AWARDS

- Generous trophies for all sections. Cash award for top places of OPEN and RESERVE Sections.

## LOCATION

- Sat : Tacoma Convention Center -1500 Broadway, Tacoma, WA 98402 - 4th Floor Sat (Reserve and OPEN sections, U-1000 on 5th Floor)
- Sun : Marriott Hotel - 1515 Commerce St, Tacoma, WA 98402 (OPEN Section Only)

## SECTIONS/FORMAT - Round times are FIXED and will not be advanced (see below)

- U1000 – 5 round G/30. Restricted to players unrated and rated 999 or less – 1 day (April 16), NWSRS rated.
- RESERVE U1300 – 5 Round G/45 restricted to players rated 1299 or less – 1 day (April 16) NWSRS rated.
- OPEN – 5 Round G/90 - Open to all players –2 days - LIMITED to 32 players (April 16 - 17) – USCF + NWSRS rated. USCF membership required, memberships can be bought or renewed on the website. NWSRS Rating used for all Event Pairings.
  - The organizer reserves the right to alter the limit on the U1300 (this may go to 1350 or 1400) depending on the players registered if the number of players in the OPEN exceeds 32 (allowing for a true champion to be named). Players affected (those between 1300 and the new max) will have the option of playing “down” or remaining in the 2 day OPEN.

## REGISTRATION

- Register at <http://nwchess.com/OnlineRegistration>
- Entry fees: (MUST BE PAID by the date for the appropriate rate). Please use the Paypal registration and do not send checks as they are difficult to process.
  - \$45 by Feb 1
  - \$55 by March 15
  - \$65 by April 10 (Registration Closes)
  - \$20 Late fee applied to all entries through April 15th - 5pm PDT
  - A \$10 admin fee may be applied to cancellations.
- **NO CHECKIN - Your Paid Registration guarantees your place and pairing**
- Doors open at 7:00am. Pairings posted by 7:15am. Players must be in their seats ready to play at 7:45 or forfeit. Round 1 starts promptly at 8:00am. Players without a partner in Round one may be matched together.

## General Restrictions

- **PLAYER SUPPLIED CLOCKS REQUIRED** for all sections. **Players without clocks or recording materials will be issued a forfeit without exception. The tournament is not responsible to provide these materials.**
- Recording required – Bring your own pencil and recording notebook. Come prepared!
- Very Limited quantity of clocks and recording instruments available on site to buy. Please buy in advance. We cannot guarantee adequate inventory of clocks on site.

## “Playing UP”

- Players are allowed to “Play Up” from the U1000 into the Reserve Section. Players may request to play in the OPEN section; however, require prior approval from the Tournament Director in order to assure that players in the OPEN Section receive quality games.

## Half Point Bye Requests

- Up to 2 Half Point Byes may be requested in advance (prior to round 1 posting) to the Tournament Director. Requests after the posting of Round 1 will not be accepted.

### **Team Tables**

- Sat – Team tables will be provided free of charge with the Elementary Event.
- Sun – Tables are not provided in the hotel; however, a quiet space is available. You may bring a limited number of chairs to be comfortable.

**For additional information:** Email [rick.jorgensen@gmail.com](mailto:rick.jorgensen@gmail.com).

**ALL TIMES BELOW ARE FIXED - we will not “Start rounds early”. This is to provide players predictability during the day so you can properly plan, leave the facility, etc.**

**After Round 1, Players are allowed to show up late; however, their clock will be started. If neither player is present, a clock will be started and White’s time will begin.**

<b>SATURDAY, APRIL 16th</b>	
<b>MIDDLE SCHOOL U1000 Section - G/25 (5 sec delay)</b>	
8:00 am	Doors Open – Round 1 is POSTED
9:00 am	ROUND 1 BEGINS – Players not present are subject to Forfeit
11:00am	ROUND 2 BEGINS
12:45pm	ROUND 3 BEGINS
2:30 pm	ROUND 4 BEGINS
4:15 pm	ROUND 5 BEGINS
AWARDS immediately after Round 5	

<b>MIDDLE SCHOOL RESERVE SECTION - G/45 (5 sec delay)</b>	
7:00am	Doors Open – Round 1 is POSTED
8:00am	ROUND 1 BEGINS – Players not present are subject to Forfeit
10:00 am	ROUND 2 BEGINS
1:00 pm	ROUND 3 BEGINS
3:00 pm	ROUND 4 BEGINS
	AWARDS immediately after Round 4

<b>MIDDLE SCHOOL OPEN SECTION - G/90 (5 sec delay)</b>	
<b>SAT – 4/16</b>	<b>Tacoma Convention Center</b>
7:00 am	Doors Open – Round 1 is POSTED
8:00 am	ROUND 1 BEGINS – Players not present are subject to Forfeit
11:30 am	ROUND 2 BEGINS
3:00 pm	ROUND 3 BEGINS
<b>SUN – 4/17</b>	<b>Marriott Hotel</b>
9:00 am	ROUND 4 BEGINS
12:30 pm	ROUND 5 BEGINS
	AWARDS Immediately after Round 5