



4th Annual Neil Dale Memorial Open: January 4-5, 2020

Location: Portland Chess Center, 2025 Lloyd Center, Portland, OR 97232

Format: 5-round Swiss in one section. Official US Chess regular ratings are generally used. Unofficial ratings based on at least four games generally used for those with no official rating. One half point bye is available if requested before round one. Players may start in round 2 with a half point bye in round 1.

Time Control: Round 1: G/60;d10; rounds 2-5: G/120;d10. Bring a digital clock. Some digital clocks are provided at this tournament but please do not always rely on the club to provide a digital clock (boards, pieces, notation sheets, and pens/pencils are provided). Clocks without delay capability are set for the same base time.

Schedule: On-site registration runs from 9-9:45am. The rounds are scheduled for 10am, 12:45pm, and 5:30pm on Saturday and 10am and 2:45pm on Sunday. Rounds 2, 3 and 5 can be started earlier if both players agree. Players who have a game go long can request extra time off before the next round.

Entry Fee: \$55, \$45 for PCC members. Pay with cash or check payable to Portland Chess Club.

Rated: US Chess regular rated. US Chess membership is required and can be purchased during registration. The OSCF is currently offering discounted regular memberships for any player under age 21.

OCF Membership: Players from Oregon are required to have state membership and this can be purchased during registration. Annual rates are \$10 for adults, \$5 for juniors (those under the age of 19 at expiration of their membership), and \$15 for families (good for all those in the same household). A \$2 tournament membership which is good just for a single tournament is also available. Note: OCF membership no longer includes a subscription to the *Northwest Chess* magazine. Separate NWC annual subscriptions may be purchased at the tournament, but are not required.

Prizes: Regular prizes: \$1000 based on 40 paid entries (adjusted proportionally if there are a different number of players, \$500 is guaranteed). 1st-\$225, 2nd-\$175, 1st U2100-\$140, 1st U1900-\$130, 1st U1700-\$120, 1st U1500-\$110, 1st U1300-\$100. Unrated players are eligible for all of the regular prizes. Each player is eligible to win only one regular prize. Upset bonus prize (the player with an established rating who beats a higher rated player by the largest rating difference)-\$50 guaranteed. Prizes are combined and split if there is a tie based on formula outlined in the USCF rulebook.

Qualifiers: This tournament is a qualifier for the Challengers section of the 2021 Oregon Closed and qualifier for the 2020 OSCF State Championship.

Notes: 1) This tournament uses the rules from the 7th edition of the US Chess rulebook.
2) While this tournament is open to scholastic players, it's only recommended for mature scholastic players who are capable of playing in a serious tournament against adults.