

 <p>PNW CHESS CENTER — Quality Chess for All —</p>	<h2>Pacific Northwest Chess Center PNWCC Masters Tournament November 9th-12th, 2018</h2>
	<p>A 2-section, USCF rated 7-round Swiss tournament with time control of 40/90, SD 30 with 30-second increment from move one</p> <p>Guest Players –</p> <p>GM Alexander Ipatov</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2012 World Junior (U20) Champion!!!• FIDE 2649/Peak 2662 (USCF 2701/Peak 2723)• 2014 and 2015 Turkish Champion• Top Ranked chess player of Turkey• Played Chess Olympiad, World Team Championship and European Team Chess Championship for Turkish Nation Team <p>GM Francesco Rambaldi</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• FIDE 2557/Peak 2574 (USCF 2606/Peak 2645)• Gained GM Title at the age of 16 <p>*Guest players don't play each other so to give local players more strong games*</p>

GM Alexander Ipatov Bio –

Alexander Ipatov is a Ukrainian-born Turkish chess grandmaster. He won the Turkish national chess championship twice (2014, 2015) and has been the highest rated chess player in the country since January 2016. He represented Turkey in the most prestigious events, both on individual and team level: World Chess Olympiad (2012, 2014, 2016), European Team Chess Championship (2013, 2015), World Team Chess Championship (2013) and World Cup (2013, 2015). He also won the World U-20 Junior Chess Championship in 2012 and placed second in 2013, scoring in total 20.5/26 points in both events without a loss. In March 2018, Ipatov introduced the earliest ever novelty on the grandmaster level against the 2018 US Chess Champion Sam Shankland: 1.d4 Nc6 2.c4 e5. In July 2018, he won the US G/10 National Chess Championship in Charlotte, NC. Currently, he is pursuing his second master's degree at Saint Louis University while captaining the collegiate chess team.

GM Francesco Rambaldi Bio -

Francesco Rambaldi is a 19-year-old Grandmaster from Italy. He is currently studying Mathematics, Data Science and Finance at Saint Louis University and plays for the university chess team. Francesco started playing chess at age 8 at the local chess club of Grenoble (France), the city he lived in for most of his life. Francesco quickly became one of the most promising players of his age. In 2007, he took bronze in the U8 French Championships. In 2009, he won both the U10 French Championship and the U10 Italian Championship and took bronze (sharing first place, third on tiebreaks) in the U10 European Chess

Championship, earning the title of Fide Master. Francesco went on to win the Italian Youth Championships each time he participated: the U14 section in 2011 and then the U16 section in 2013.

Balancing his time playing chess tournaments away from school and following a rigorous academic track, Francesco achieved the title of International Master in 2014 at the international Open of Bad Wiessee, where he also earned his first Grandmaster norm. In 2015, upon graduating from high school, Francesco took a year off to focus on chess before starting his higher education. He became a Grandmaster at age 16, winning the 2015 Wien International Open in front of many other Grandmasters. In November 2015, he shared first place in the UTD Fall FIDE Open. In March 2016, he shared third place in the prestigious Reykjavik Open. In April 2016, he took gold in the 15-min and 5-min sections and silver in the 30-min section of the Italian Blitz and Rapid Championships. In July 2016, he won the Bergamo Chess Open and in June 2017 he won the Capo d'Orso Open. In November 2017, Francesco won the Panama City Chess Rumble, a prestigious blitz tournament featuring many grandmasters.

Promotion :

1. **Early bird discount before 10/21/2018**
2. **Players with Master's title will receive a laser engraved name plate if register before 10/21/2018**



Tournament Info	
Sections	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Masters• Challengers (U2100)
Max number of players	48
Registration	<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 data-bbox="451 640 1398 793" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"><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><input style="width: 100%; height: 20px;" type="text"/></div> <p>Registration closes on Thursday Nov 8th, 5:00PM</p>
Site	PNWCC 12020 113th Ave NE #C-200, Kirkland, WA 98034
Tournament Director	Jacob Mayer/Xuhao He/Vijay Sankaran/Travis Olson
Rating	USCF Rated
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 – Nov 9 th Fri 7:00PM R2 & 3 – Nov 10 th Saturday 12:00PM & 6:00PM R4 & 5 – Nov 11 th Sunday 12:00PM & 6:00PM R6 & 7 – Nov 12 th Monday 10:00AM & 4:00PM
Membership	Active USCF membership Required
Hotel	Courtyard by Marriott 11215 NE 124th Street Kirkland, WA 98034 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Book your group rate for Pacific NW Chess Center• \$109/room with free breakfast and parking• Book before 10/31/2018
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!
Special Notes	*Pairing and results will be posted on our Facebook page in real time https://www.facebook.com/PNWChessCenter
Byes	2 half-point byes requested on registration or before round 3 starts First round bye needs to be requested 24 hours before the tournament starts
Communication	Text (425) 588-1672 or email pnwctd@gmail.com for all tournament related questions.

Masters Section	
Rating Requirement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USCF October or November 2018 Published Rating 2100+ • USCF Post Event Rating 2100+ before the tournament starts • CFC October or November 2018 Published Rating 2100+ • CFC Post Event Rating 2100+ before the tournament starts • FIDE October or November 2018 Rating 2000+
Play Up	<p>Perfect scorers or clear winners of following events can play up regardless of rating - \$0 play up fee!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PNWCC October 2018 Masters - Challengers Section • PNWCC October 2018 USCF Open - Open Section • PNWCC October 2018 Saturday G60 – Open Section • PNWCC October 2018 Sunday G90 Quads – Quad 1 • World Youth 2018 – Finish top 20 in your section (chess-results.com ranking) <p>If you tie for first for above events, your USCF October or Nov published rating or post event rating before the tournament starts needs to be 2000+</p>
Entry Fee	\$150 on or before Oct 21 st (Early bird special) \$175 on or before Oct 31 st \$200 After Oct 31 st \$225 On-site allowed if space available GM and IM Free Entry before Oct 31 st . No Free entries after Oct 31 st
Prizes	<p>Based on 16 Paid Entries <u>\$1000 (guaranteed by PNWCC)</u> - <u>\$600 (guaranteed by PNWCC)</u>- \$400 U2400/U2250 \$300</p>

Challengers Section (U2100)	
Rating Requirement	2018 October or November Published Rating Under 2100 or unrated <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Players with Oct published rating under 2100 and Nov published rating over 2100 can choose to play in either section by paying the entry fee of the section. • Players with Oct published rating over 2100 and Nov published rating under 2100 can choose to play in either section by paying the entry fee of the section.
Entry Fee	\$125 on or before Oct 21 th (Early bird special) \$150 on or before Oct 31 st \$175 After Oct 31 st \$200 on-site allowed if space available
Prizes	<p>Based on 20 Paid Entries \$300 - \$250 - \$200 U1900 \$150/U1700 \$150/U1400 \$150</p>