

# Seattle Chess Masters Series

Nov. 5, Dec. 10, Jan. 7, Feb. 4, Mar. 4, Apr. 1, May 6, Jun. 3, July 8

**Site:** Seattle Chess Club, 2150 North 107th Street, Seattle, WA 98133

**Organizers:** Seattle Chess Club & Washington Chess Federation

**TD:** Fred Kleist

**Format:** A 3-round Swiss in two sections, Master and Expert. All games will be dual USCF and FIDE rated. The purpose of this event is to provide regular top-level competition for the Northwest's strongest players.

**Invited Players:** US Chess Experts (2000-2199 USCF) & Masters (2200+ USCF). USCF monthly rating supplement (current published rating) will be used to determine pairings and prizes. Foreign ratings used for players with no USCF ratings. Higher of USCF or foreign ratings used at TD discretion. The highest rated player that registers in the Expert section will get a promotion to the Master section (by paying regular entry fee) if the Master section has an odd number of players.

**Entry Fee:** \$75 if postmarked or online by 5pm on the Thursday before the tournament, \$90 after or at site. Free entry for GMs, IMs, and WGMs. Expert and Class A players with peak ratings above 2200 and 2000, respectively, may pay \$25 more to "play up" a section.

**Time Control:** Game in 90 minutes with an addition of 30 seconds per move starting from move one.

**Schedule:** Registration: 9:00-9:45am, Rd 1: 10:00am, Rd 2: 2:30pm, Rd 3: 7:00pm

**Prizes:** The prize fund may be increased based on donations.

Master: 1<sup>st</sup> \$450, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$325, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$225, 4<sup>th</sup> \$125 based on 15 paid entries. Clear winner (without taking bye) or perfect score will earn a free entry into next month's Master section.

Expert: 1<sup>st</sup> \$450, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$325, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$225, 4<sup>th</sup> \$125 based on 15 paid entries. Clear winner or perfect score will earn a promotion to next month's Master section or free entry into the Expert section.

**Byes:** One half-point bye available. Request before end of round 1. USCF and WCF/OCF/ICA memberships required, other states accepted. NS. NC. W.

**Entries:** Make checks payable to Washington Chess Federation.

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**E-mail:** joshsinanan@gmail.com. **Online Registration:** [www.nwchess.com/onlineregistration](http://www.nwchess.com/onlineregistration)

**SCC Quad Qualified Players Rules:**

- Master players winning a quad clearly (no tie, no bye) will earn a free entry to the next month's Master section.
- Expert players winning a quad clearly (no tie, no bye) will get promotion to the next month's Master section.
- Class A players winning a quad clearly (no tie, no bye) will get promotion to the next month's Expert section.

**SCC Tornado Qualified Players Rules:**

- A master that wins the SCC Tornado tournament clearly without taking any byes or achieves a perfect score (4 out of 4) will earn a free entry to the next month's Master section.
- An expert that wins the SCC Tornado tournament clearly without taking any byes or achieves a perfect score (4 out of 4) will earn a free entry to the next month's Expert section or enter the Master section by paying an entry fee.
- A Class A or below player that wins the SCC Tornado tournament clearly without taking any byes or achieves a perfect score (4 out of 4) can enter the Expert section by paying an entry fee.