



WASHINGTON OPEN

Sat-Mon, May 25-27, 2024

Redmond Marriott

7401 164th Ave NE, Redmond, WA 98052

\$11,500 Prize Fund
(based on 175 paid entries)

Main Event:

Format: A 6-round Swiss event across 3 sections: Open, Premier (U1800), Rising (U1400).

Time Controls:

- 3-day: 30/90, SD/30; +30. Late default: 60 minutes.
- 2-day: G/55; +15 (rds. 1-3), rds. 4-6 same as for 3-day.

Schedule:

- 3-day option: Sat @ 10 AM, 5:30 PM; Sun @ 10 AM, 6 PM; Mon @ 10 AM, 4 PM.
- 2-day option: Sun @ 9 AM, 11:45 AM, 2:45 PM, then join 3-day schedule @ 6 PM (from round 4 onward).
- WCF Annual Meeting & Elections: Mon @ 3 PM.

Note: We encourage you to play in the Main Event *and* take part in side events too (see next page). The schedule permits doing this with minimum or no half-point byes!

Entry Fee: \$130 by Sun, 04/28; \$140 by Sun, 05/12; and \$150 after 05/12 or on-site. Less \$50 for Seniors (age 50+). Playing up one section is allowed (for \$80 extra) if the player's ratings (*both* NWSRS and USCF) are within 200 points of the section's lower limit (i.e., min 1600 for Open, min 1200 for Premier). Free entry for GMs, IMs, WGMs, WIMs, and USCF 2400+. Re-entry for ½ of original entry fee. Canadians may pay CAD\$ at par.

Rating: Dual rated (USCF & NWSRS), plus Open section is FIDE rated (except G/55 games). Highest of May 2024 USCF, May 2024 FIDE, and current NWSRS ratings used to determine sections, pairings, and prizes – unless USCF and NWSRS ratings differ by >200 pts, in which case their avg is used. Foreign ratings used for players w/o USCF rating.

Registration, Information & Payment:

• **Before event:** Online (by Thu, 05/23 @ 5 PM) at NWchess.com/OnlineRegistration/ (pay by credit / debit / PayPal / SettleKing) or make checks payable to Washington Chess Federation. Mail to: Josh Sinanan, 4174 148th Ave NE, Building I, Suite M, Redmond, WA 98052.

Info: washingtonchessfederation@gmail.com, 206-769-3757

• **On-site:** Sat, 05/25 @ 8-9 AM for 3-day schedule, or 4:30-5 PM if entering with 1 half-point bye. Sun, 05/26 @ 8-8:30 AM for 2-day schedule, or 9-9:30 AM if entering 3-day schedule with 2 half-point byes. Late registrations may receive a half-point bye for round 1. 2 half-point byes available; request before the end of round 2.

Hotel Info:

Redmond Marriott, \$125-\$135/night + tax. One King or two Queens or Doubles, single or double occupancy. Call (800) 228-9290 to request the WA Chess Federation block, or use the [online reservation](#). Group codes: WCFWCFQ or WCFWCFR. Cut-off date for discounts: Fri, May 03, 2024.

Prizes:

- **Open:** \$1000, \$800, \$600, \$500, \$400, \$300; U2100: \$225, \$175; U1900: \$225, \$175
- **Premier (U1800):** \$500, \$400, \$350, \$300, \$250; U1650: \$175, \$150; U1500: \$175, \$150
- **Rising (U1400):** \$400, \$350, \$300, \$250, \$200; U1200: \$175, \$150; U1000: \$175, \$150; Unr.: \$175, \$150

Championship Seeds: Highest finishing Washington resident in the Open and Premier section is seeded into the 2024 Washington State Championship, in the Championship and Challengers sections, respectively. Ties for a seed will be resolved by post-event playoff games.

Mixed Doubles Prizes: Best male-female 2-player team's combined score: 1st \$200, 2nd \$150, 3rd \$100. Average team rating must be under 2000; may play in different sections. Register (no extra fee) before round 3. Players may win a Mixed Doubles prize in addition to other prizes.

Special Prizes (per section):

- **Best Female Player*:** \$50. Requires min 3 eligible players.
- **Best Senior Player* (age 50+):** \$50. Requires min 3 eligible players.
- **Highest (USCF) Rating Gain*:** 1st \$50, 2nd \$25. Requires an established (non-provisional) rating. May not be combined with Biggest Upset Win.
- **Biggest Upset Win (per round):** \$25. Max 2 per player.
- **Fair-Play, Kindness, Spreading Joy:** \$25. Please share your nominations.
- **Best Dressed (per day):** \$25. May not win repeatedly.
- **Best Annotated Game:** 1st \$75, 2nd \$50, 3rd \$25. Submit one annotated game that you consider to be interesting or well-played. A panel of judges will select winners.

Note: * = May not be combined with higher prizes.

Miscellaneous / Procedures:

Current US Chess and WCF / OCF / ICA memberships required; other states accepted. Memberships may be paid at the time of registration. Wheelchair accessible. Please bring a digital clock, if available. Pairings and standings will be posted before each round in the hallway near the play area.

WASHINGTON OPEN, May 25-27 (cont.)

Fun Side Events!

(many run between rounds of the Main Event)

Washington Open Abdusattorov Scholastic

Sat, 05/25 @ 9 AM – 4 PM (during round 1)

Format: Dual sections – Open and Reserve:

- Open sections: A 4-round G/40; +5 Swiss in two sections: **K-3 Open** and **4-12 Open**. For intermediate to advanced players. Dual Northwest and US Chess rated. US Chess membership required. Clocks and notation required. Rounds: 9:15 AM, 10:45 AM, lunch, 12:45 PM, 2:15 PM. Awards presentation: ~4 PM.
- Reserve sections: A 5-round G/30 Swiss in two sections: **K-3 U800** and **4-8 U900**. For novice to low intermediate players. Northwest rated only. US Chess membership not required. No clocks used from the start, but a G/10; +5 clock will be placed into unfinished games after 35 minutes. Rounds: 9:15 AM, 10:30 AM, lunch, 12 PM, 1:15 PM, 2:30 PM. Awards presentation: ~4 PM.

Eligibility: Open to all students registered in grades K-12. Out-of-state players welcome!

Entry fee: \$45 if registered by Sat, 05/18, or \$55 after. Room for 132 players – please register early.

Awards:

- Overall prizes (per section) in Amazon e-Gift Cards: 1st \$65, 2nd \$60, 3rd \$55, 4th \$50, 5th \$45.
- Special prizes (per section): Medals for first-timers and biggest upset win.
- Top performing player (by TPR) in K-3 Open and 4-12 Open sections wins free entry into the 2-day option of the 2024 Washington Open (Main Event) (see previous page).

Rating: Higher of May 2024 US Chess or current NWSRS ratings used to determine sections and pairings.

Registration: 100% pre-registered (NWchess.com/OnlineRegistration/ - pay by credit / debit / PayPal / SettleKing); no on-site entries or payments. Registration & payment deadline: Wed, 05/22 @ 5 PM. Unpaid players will be withdrawn from the event.

Washington Open Adult Novice Swiss

Sat, 05/25 @ 11 AM – 4 PM (during round 1)

Format: A 4-Round Swiss in one section, 1 half-point bye available.

Eligibility: U1200 or unrated adults (age: 18+). No memberships required. Unrated. TC: G/30; +5. EF: \$25. Registration: 10:30-10:50 AM. Rounds at 11 AM, 12:15 PM, 1:30 PM, and 2:45 PM. Prize fund: \$400/b20. 1st \$150, 2nd \$100, 3rd \$60, 1st U1000 / U700 / Unrated \$30.

Washington Open Fischer Chess960 Rapid

Sat, 05/25 @ 2:15 PM – 4:30 PM (between rounds 1 & 2)

Format: A 4-Round Swiss in one section, 1 half-point bye available. Unrated. TC: G/10; +3. EF: \$20. Registration: 1:30-2 PM. Rounds at 2:15 PM, 2:50, 3:25, and 4:00 PM. No memberships required. Higher of May 2024 US Chess and current NWSRS ratings used to determine pairings and prizes. A new (randomized) opening position for each round. Players will have 2 minutes before clocks start to examine the opening position. Prize fund: \$300/b20. 1st \$80, 2nd \$60, 3rd \$40, 1st U2000 / U1700 / U1400 / Unrated \$30.

Washington Open Robson Puzzle Solving

Sat, 05/25 @ 4:30 PM – 5:15 PM (between rounds 1 & 2)

Format: Solve 15 chess puzzles in 45 minutes. Write solutions on paper. Evaluation based on accuracy and completeness. EF: \$15. Registration: 3:30-4:15 PM. No memberships required. Prize fund: \$150/b20. 1st \$50, 2nd \$35, 3rd \$20, 1st U1700 / U1400 / Unrated \$15.

Washington Open Kosteniuk Chess Workshop for Girls & Women

Sat, 05/25 @ 6 PM – 8 PM (during round 2)

Format: Workshop led by WFM Chouchan Airapetian (chornyaa@msn.com, 206-914-4252), experienced chess coach, organizer, and promoter, former US Women's Championship contender, WCF Girls' and Women's Chess Director. Registration: 5:45-6 PM. Entry fee: Free! Schedule: 6-7 PM: "How to develop & cultivate girls' and women's chess." 7-8 PM: Q&A, complimentary pizza & refreshments, and ladies' bughouse.

Washington Open 2nd Annual Carol Kleist Memorial Adult Swiss

Sun-Mon, 05/26-27 @ 11 AM and 4:30 PM (during rounds 3-6)

Sponsored by *Seattle Chess Club* with generous support from Henry Yan. Format: A 4-round Swiss in two sections: Botvinnik (Open) and Korchnoi (U1500); may be merged based on entries. 1 half-point bye available. US Chess rated only. TC: G/120; +30. EF: \$50 online (by Sat, 05/25 @ 5 PM) or \$60 on-site; \$10 discount for SCC members. EF waived for unrated players who purchase memberships. Registration: Sun, 05/26 @ 10-10:30 AM (unless starting with a half-point bye). US Chess and WCF/OCF/ICA memberships required. May 2024 US Chess rating used for sections, pairings, & prizes. Gtd. prize fund: \$1,000. Botvinnik: 1st \$240, 2nd \$150, 3rd \$120, 1st U1650 \$80; Korchnoi: 1st \$120, 2nd \$100, 3rd \$80, 1st U1300 \$60, 1st Unrated \$50.

Washington Open Carlsen Rapid

Sun, 05/26 @ 2 PM – 5 PM (between rounds 3 & 4)

Format: A 4-Round Swiss in two sections: Kasparov (Open) and Anand (U1600); may be merged if too small. 1 half-point bye available. US Chess Quick rated. TC: G/15; +5. EF: \$35 online (by Sat, 05/25 @ 5 PM) or \$40 on-site. Players rated 1400+ may play up into Kasparov section for a \$10 fee. Current US Chess and WCF/OCF/ICA memberships required. Registration: 1-1:45 PM. Rounds: 2 PM, 2:45, 3:30, 4:15 PM. Higher of May 2024 US Chess Quick and current NWSRS ratings used to determine section, pairings, and prizes. Prize fund: \$700/b25. Kasparov: 1st \$100, 2nd \$80, 3rd \$60, 1st U2000 / U1700 \$40, Biggest Upset Win: \$25; Anand: 1st \$90, 2nd \$70, 3rd \$50, 1st U1400 / U1100 / Unrated \$40, Biggest Upset Win: \$25.

Washington Open Firouzja Bullet

Sun, 05/26 @ 5 PM – 6 PM (between rounds 3 & 4)

Format: A 6-Round Swiss in one section. 2 half-point byes available. Unrated. TC: G/2; +1. EF: \$10. No memberships required. Registration: 4:30-4:55 PM. Rounds: 5 PM, 5:10, 5:20, 5:30, 5:40, 5:50 PM. Higher of May 2024 US Chess Blitz and current NWSRS ratings used to determine pairings and prizes. Prize fund: \$200/b20. 1st \$50, 2nd \$40, 3rd \$30, 1st U2000 / U1600 / U1200 / Unrated \$20.

Washington Open Ignacio Perez Memorial Blitz

Mon, 05/27 @ 8 PM – 10:15 PM (after round 6)

Format: A 9-Round Swiss in two sections: Nakamura (Open) and Tal (U1600); may be merged if too small. 3 half-point byes available. US Chess Blitz rated. TC: G/3; +3. EF: \$30 online (by Sun, 05/26 @ 5 PM) or \$35 on-site. Players rated 1400+ may play up into the Nakamura section for a \$10 fee. Current US Chess membership and WCF/OCF/ICA membership required. Registration: 7-7:45 PM. Rounds: 8 PM, 8:15, 8:30, 8:45, 9, 9:15, 9:30, 9:45, and 10 PM. Higher of May 2024 US Chess Blitz and current NWSRS ratings used to determine section, pairings, and prizes. Prize fund: \$600/b25. Nakamura: 1st \$100, 2nd \$80, 3rd \$60, 1st U2000 / U1700 \$40; Tal: 1st \$80, 2nd \$60, 3rd \$40, 1st U1400 / U1100 \$35, 1st Unrated \$30.