

2019 Washington State Championship

February 9-10, 16-18

Site: Microsoft Building 99 rooms 1915 and 1919: 14820 NE 36th St. Redmond, WA 98052

Format: Four invitation-only 10-player Round Robins by rating: Championship, Premier, Invitational, and Challengers. The field of each section will be determined by seeding and by the highest rated players to respond to this invitation based on the January 2019 US Chess rating list. All sections will be dual US Chess and FIDE rated. Fred Kleist will be the TD for all four sections.

Time control: 40/2, SD/30; d10.

Entry Fee: Championship/Premier: Free, Invitational: \$75, Challengers: \$50.

Schedule: Rounds 1-8: Feb. 9, 10, 16, 17 at 10 AM and 5 PM. Round 9: Feb. 18 (President's Day) at 5 PM. Drawing of lots: Feb. 2th at 9 PM at the Rose Hill Starbucks in Kirkland. Attendance is optional, though encouraged.

Byes: Since this is a prestigious round robin, there will be no half-points byes or rescheduling of games allowed in any of the sections. All games must be played on site under TD supervision at the scheduled round times.

Prizes: The initial prize fund for each section is guaranteed by the WCF, and will be increased based on donations.

Championship: \$1500, Premier: \$1000, Invitational: \$750, Challengers: \$500

Prize distribution (each section): 1st 45%, 2nd 25%, 3rd 15%, 4th 10%, 5th 5%

Brilliance Prizes: \$400 (\$100 for best game in each section)

The winner of the Championship section receives the title of Washington State Champion. Plaques awarded to the winners of each section.

Seeds: Championship: FM Roland Feng (State Champion), IM Georgi Orlov (Open Champion), FM Tian Sang (Championship Runner-up), LM Viktors Pupols (Challenger's Cup Champion), Brendan Zhang (Premier Champion), TBD (Junior Closed Champion)

Premier: WIM Naomi Bashkansky (Premier Runner-up), Joseph Frantz (Invitational Champion), Zachary Zhang (President's Cup Champion), TBD (Junior Open Champion), WIM Minda Chen (Women's Champion)

Invitational: Wenyang Du (Invitational Runner-up), Nicholas Whale (Challengers Champion)

Challengers: WFM Anne-Marie Velea (Challengers Runner-up), TBD (WCF Nominee)

Registration: Please register online via [online registration](#) or reply to this email. Please confirm your ability to play on the website. We typically have several high rated players decline, and many times we reach down into the 1800s. We will take the top 40 rated players who confirm by the deadline of Feb 1st.

Questions?

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