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(L-R) WCF Junior Ambassador Selina Cheng, President
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Rounds: 11:30am, 12:30, 1:30, 2:30. Awards ~ 3:30pm.

Format: A four-round, G/25; +5 Swiss chess
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Rating: NWSRS rated; no memberships required.

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WASHINGTON STATE ELEMENTARY CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS

By
WSECC Organizers

The 2025 Washington State Elementary Chess Championships (WSECC) were held at the Greater Tacoma Convention Center in Tacoma, Washington on Saturday, April 26. This year's event set a record for the largest chess tournament ever held in Washington State, with a whopping 1,497 players taking part! The event kicked off on Saturday morning at 9:00 AM, with most games taking place on the fifth floor of the Tacoma Convention Center, except for the Kindergarten section on the fourth floor and the Open sections of the Washington State Middle and High School Rapid Chess Championships, which took place in the Marriott Tacoma Downtown hotel next door. Between all of the parents, family members, coaches, friends, convention center staff, and players, the enormous facility, located in the heart of downtown Tacoma, was pushed to its limits and nearly at capacity with nearly 5,000 people on the premises!

A few key changes were introduced to this year's WSECC since the last time the event was hosted in Tacoma in 2023. The Middle School Championship section, which in years past had been run as a two-day event on Saturday and

Sunday, was condensed into one day with four rounds of G/55; d5 and rebranded as the Washington State Middle School Rapid Chess Championship. The new format of the first-sixth grade sections, with each grade being divided into a dual NWSRS + US Chess rated Championship section and a NWSRS-only rated Premier section, was a welcome change for many, since it made more competitive games against players closer to one's level.

As the tournament continues to grow and expand, the split into smaller sections is designed to ensure competitive balance and create more opportunities for players of all levels to play in a high-quality tournament. The introduction of dual rating the Championship sections in NWSRS and US Chess was designed to help more experienced players establish a US Chess rating in preparation for regional and national events.

Thanks to a healthy number of early entries and a late surge of several hundred entrants over the last two weeks, this year's fantastic attendance of nearly 1,500 players has set a WSECC record that is truly a testament to the vibrant scholastic chess community that exists in the Pacific Northwest! In total, there

were 18 distinct sections offered this year to accommodate players of as many ages and experience levels as possible: Kindergarten, First Grade Championship, First Grade Premier, Second Grade Championship, Second Grade Premier, Third Grade Championship, Third Grade Premier, Fourth Grade Championship, Fourth Grade Premier, Fifth Grade Championship, Fifth Grade Premier, Sixth Grade Championship, Sixth Grade Premier, Middle School Rapid Chess Championship Open, Middle School U1100, High School Rapid Chess Championship Open, High School U1100, and Adult U1500.

A group of experienced chess organizers from throughout Washington State came together and collaborated to manage the logistics of hosting a tournament of such epic proportions. The gargantuan event ran incredibly smoothly in large part due to the efforts of the WSECC Organizing Committee, tournament directors and judges, the Tacoma Convention Center Staff, and numerous supporters and volunteers!

We would especially like to thank chief organizer Jacob Mayer, chief TD Glenn Panner, MC Dr. Loren Schmidt, the

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dynamic pairings team of Ben Radin, Todd May, and Norm May, chief of staff James Stripes, MS + HS Open Championship TDs Mani Atikankhotchasee and Ani Barua, Kindergarten section Chief Lane Van Weerdhuizen, Kindergarten assistant TD and CEA Treasurer Gelareh Golanbar, lead runner Heather May, help desk supervisor Donna May, hand pairings team of Brad Stensland and Tim Campbell. Chess Enrichment Association (CEA) board members President Josh Sinanan and Edith Lau provided additional support along with a plethora parent volunteers, scorekeepers, and floor judges including Minda Chen, Shuyi Han, Craig Moore, Advait Vijayakumar, Ron Young, Fred Li, Sridhar Seshadri, Mythri Achar, Jinah Kim, Julia Stark, Sunil Dixit, Bert Rutgers, Vijay Sankaran, Zalak Ghetia, Marilyn Wilke, Captain Peter Zou, IM Anthony He, Selina Cheng, WFM Chouchan Airapetian, Angela Agaian, Kevin Hirschowitz, Garima Chandra, Edward Cheng, Siddharth Agrawal, Dora Mishan, Divya Paramesvaraiyer, Sreraman Narasimhan, Detective Cookie, Nirnay Bansal, Soumya Panda, Durga Devaraj, Max Schmidt-Warnecke, Walter Guity, Kai Pisan, Daniel Wilke, Lorenzo Patton, Jeffrey Yan, Ethan Neff, David Hirschowitz, ICA President Adam Porth, Allen Messenger, Derek Zhang, Nicholas Liotta, Daniel Shubin, Lennart Bjorksten, Maxxin Tan, William Dann, and Rekha Sagar.

Special VIP guests included Grandmaster Kayden Troff, International Master Georgi Orlov, and International Master Anthony He. Special thanks to our sponsors SettleKing (Srikant + Nikash Vemparala), the Qin Family (Skyler, Shenghao, and Sha), the Bolender Family (Elliot, Tricia, and Tyler), and the Lee Family (Hock, Megan, and Michael). GM Kayden Troff and Seattle University



The top boards of the 5th grade section amidst the sea of chess players at the record-setting 2025 Washington State Elementary Chess Championships. Photo Credit: Meiling Cheng.

Chess Club President Andrew Fletcher were on-site throughout the day analyzing games and playing all-comers blitz with the kids between their games.

Once the word got out that GM Troff had scored a few victories against world number one GM Magnus Carlsen in online speed chess games, the line to play against the grandmaster grew longer! GM Troff, originally from Utah and now based in Charlotte, North Carolina, is a popular grandmaster and streamer on his Twitch Channel 'Chess Sharkz'. Some footage of GM Troff's games with the kids can be found on the CEA Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Chess-Enrichment-Association-103012328212247>.

The intrepid Tacoma Convention Center staff oversaw securing the entrance to the playing hall, which only players and designated personnel wearing badges were permitted to enter after the start of each round. Chess photographer and videographer extraordinaire Meiling Cheng was once again our official photographer and took many phenomenal videos and photos over the course of the day, all of which can be seen on the CEA Facebook page mentioned above. Our only vendor this year was Northwest Designs Ink, a customized apparel company based in Bellevue, who were selling t-shirts and other customized chess-themed apparel.

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Two players engage in an imbalanced middlegame position in the 6th grade section of the 2025 WSECC. Photo Credit: Meiling Cheng.

Based on the never-ending line in front of their booth on the fifth floor, it seemed like sales were quite strong! Unfortunately, our beloved chess book and equipment vendor John Dill from Spokane couldn't make it out to State this year due to health issues, but we sincerely hope John will be back in future years. On the third floor just outside the parent waiting room, several chess teaching outfits including Chess4Life, Excel with Chess, and Grand Knights Academy set up tables for complimentary game review, analysis, and practice games.

Due to the large number of players, chess clocks were not used from the start of the game but were introduced after

30-40 minutes of play into unfinished games and set for 10-minutes per player with no delay or increment. Per WSECC tournament policy, in grades four and above, if one player brought a clock and wanted to use it from the start, then the clock was used. Most players opted to notate their games with the score sheets and pencils provided, much to the delight of many coaches. During the games, the pace of play was generally wild and fast-paced amongst the younger players, but more deliberate and measured amongst the older ones.

As usual, the Kindergarten section, which took place on the fourth floor of the convention center, was run on an

accelerated schedule and wrapped up just after 1:30 PM, much to the delight of many happy parents and youngsters who got to leave early with their well-deserved trophy or medal award. The organizers and volunteers were immensely impressed by the respectful behavior and sportsmanship on behalf of the players throughout the day, despite a couple of mishaps on the part of the parents!

When the dust settled after 3,000+ games of chess over the course of eight hours, a brief awards ceremony was held around 5:30 PM to honor the top-scoring players and teams. Those with a "plus" score of 3.0, 3.5, or 4.0 points picked up their point-based trophies immediately following the final round at the scoring tables. Participation medals were awarded to all players who did not earn a trophy. Special congratulations to the winners!

Kindergarten: Liam Pham (5.0, 741→840) and Liam Zeng (5.0, 868→913).

First Grade Championship: Ryan Lai (5.0, 1404→1441).

First Grade Premier: Vedanth Raghavendran (5.0, 669→854) and Austin Chiang (5.0, 669→849).

Second Grade Championship: Ayaansh Agrawal (5.0, 932→1230) and Harvey Wang (5.0, 1403→1451).

Second Grade Premier: Vikram Leon (5.0, 768→867), Josephine Armstrong (5.0, 673→816), Sebastian Lam (5.0, 769→846), Elke Johnson (5.0, 438→738).

Third Grade Championship: Shawn Li (5.0, 1572→1610) and Lewis Ma (5.0, 1495→1540).

Third Grade Premier: Alex Chen (5.0, 672→866) and Pranav Sankapal (5.0, 656→868).

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Fourth Grade Championship: Oliver He (5.0, 1489→1585).

Fourth Grade Premier: Leo Luo (5.0, 948→1072), Weiai Fang (5.0, 971→1060), Farhan Mohammed (5.0, 967→1049).

Fifth Grade Championship: Neevan Reddy Saddi (5.0, 1956→1974).

Fifth Grade Premier: Quinton Lu (5.0, 722→1022) and Mateo Campos (5.0, 763→1012).

Sixth Grade Championship: Arnav Gadde (5.0, 1705→1764).

Sixth Grade Premier: Eli Casino (5.0, 967→1086) and Arnav Kannapiran (5.0, 946→1056).

Middle School Open: Rian Raja (3.5, 1642→1658), William Chen (3.5, 1522→1556), Isaac Friedenson (3.5, 1456→1537), Atharv Rastogi (3.5, 1465→1508), Zikrain Salal (3.5, 1388→1487), Bei Shih (3.5, 1440→1484).

Middle School U1100: Mason Melius (5.0, 958→1144) and Sreeshan Sathyamurthy (5.0, 910→1152).

High School Open: Dayton Burtram (3.5, 1435→1466) and Brook Ayalew (3.5, 1811→1806).

High School U1100: Marcelo Hernandez (5.0, 1096→1239).

Adult U1500: Ian Bigelow (5.0, 1275→1503).

In addition to the individual trophies, plaques were awarded to the top scoring teams across grades K-6 for both the Championship and Premier sections. Team score consisted of the top five scores from players attending the same school. Three levels of tiebreaks based on strength of opposition were used to break ties between teams with the same score.

Congratulations to the top scoring teams!

Top Ten Championship Teams

First—Somerset Elementary
(18.0, Bellevue)

Second—Endeavor Elementary
(16.0, Issaquah)

Third—Open Window School
(15.5, Bellevue)

Fourth—Bellevue Children's Academy
(15.5, Bellevue)

Fifth—Medina Elementary
(15.5, Bellevue)

Sixth—Chestnut Hill Academy
(15.0, Bellevue)

Seventh—Ben Franklin Elementary
(15.0, Kirkland)

Eighth—Sunny Hills Elementary
(15.0, Sammamish)

Ninth—Evergreen School
(14.0, Shoreline)

Tenth—Samantha Smith Elementary
(14.0, Sammamish)

Top Ten Premier Teams

First—Samantha Smith Elementary
(16.5, Sammamish)

Second—Endeavor Elementary
(16.5, Issaquah)

Third—Ella Baker Elementary
(16.5, Redmond)

Fourth—Somerset Elementary
(16.5, Bellevue)

Fifth—Evergreen School
(16.0, Shoreline)

Sixth—Forest View Elementary
(16.0, Everett)



A young participant sports his chess-themed attire that would be equally appropriate for a Nascar race. Photo Credit: Meiling Cheng.

Seventh—Lakeview Elementary
(16.0, Kirkland)

Eighth—Wedgwood Elementary
(16.0, Seattle)

Ninth—Creekside Elementary
(15.5, Issaquah)

Tenth—Medina Elementary
(15.5, Bellevue)

Congratulations to the amazing chess warriors who competed and many thanks to all who contributed to this fantastic event!



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K-3 U700

4-12 U900

K-3 Open

4-12 Open

SCHEDULE

Rd 1 – 9:00am

Rd 2 - 10:30am

Rd 3 - 11:45am

Lunch

Rd 4 - 1:30pm

Rd 5 - 2:45pm

Rd 6 - 4:00pm

Rd 7 – 5:15pm

Awards ~ 6:30pm

ELIGIBILITY

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CLOCKS + NOTATION

Chess clocks set to G/25; +5 will be used
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notation required in all sections except
for K-3 U700. All equipment is provided
courtesy of WCF.

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SCC's Third Annual Friday Night Championship Invitational Tournament

John Selsky

The Seattle Chess Club (SCC) successfully landed the third annual Friday Night Championship Invitational tournament during the spring. Matthew van Eerde, a dedicated player in SCC's Friday night tournaments over the past four years, emerged as the 2024 Friday Night Champion with a perfect score of four wins in the four games played. It was a four-round tournament played on March 28, April 11, April 25 and May 9, 2025.

Van Eerde was also a candidate in the Championship tournaments of 2022 and 2023, losing to Chad Boey and Jason Loving respectively. His performance in the 2024 tournament earned him a \$100 cash prize, a fabulous trophy, and bragging rights for one year.

Last year's winner, Jason Loving, and rapidly improving young player Mike Tie, tied for second place with 2.5 points and split a modest cash prize.

SCC's Friday Night Championship is played concurrently with the regular Friday night game, with the same time control: 40 moves in 90 minutes, followed by sudden death in 60 minutes,

with a ten-second increment throughout. Winners and co-winners of each four-round monthly tournament are invited to participate in the Championship. For the 2024 Championship, invitations were extended to the ten (co-)winners and eight took up the challenge.

Games annotated by the Champion:

Matthew van Eerde (1787) – Jason Loving (2044) [B08]
2024 SCC Friday Night Championship
Seattle, WA (R2), April 11, 2025
[Matthew van Eerde]

Jason is the highest-rated regular in the Friday night tournaments, a good 300 points above me. But I've had better positions against him occasionally, and even nicked him for a draw once, so I am somewhat relaxed.

1.d4 d6

Jason chooses the Pirc! I love playing against the Pirc. So far so good.

2.e4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.Be2 0-0 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 c6 8.0-0 Bg4 9.h3 Bxf3

The first big decision. I retake with the pawn to open the g-file. The computer microscopically prefers retaking with the bishop.

10.gxf3 Nh5 11.Kh2 g5 12.Bg3 e5 13.d5 c5 14.Rg1 Nd7 15.Nb5 Qe7 16.a4 a6 17.Na3 f5 18.exf5 Rxf5 19.Nc4 Ra8

Jason's attack on the kingside is gathering steam. I need to make more progress with my queenside counterplay. I found a rook maneuver that combines attack and defense.

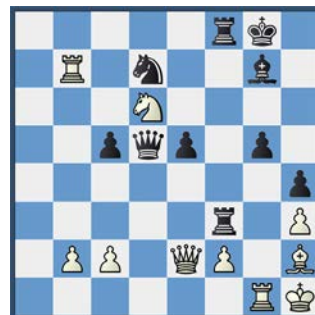
20.Ra3 Nf4 21.Rb3 Nxe2

22.Qxe2 h5

Black's attack is visually scary, but White's counterplay on the b- and g-files is adequate. The position is equal.

23.Kh1 b5 24.axb5 axb5 25.Rxb5 h4 26.Bh2 Rxf3 27.Rb7 Qf7 28.Nxd6 Qxd5?

Jason succumbs to the siren's call. He takes an important pawn; the knight on d6 is hanging; if it moves the rook on b7 hangs; he is threatening twelve nasty discovered checks; and the pawn on f2 is going to fall. And yet, ...Qxd5 is a serious error. White has one move to secure an advantage—everything else loses. Can you find it?



Position after 28...Qxd5

29.Qc4!

The Black queen is pinned! Trading is forced, and White has a better endgame.

29...Qxc4 30.Nxc4

A key moment. Jason's best try is 30...Rxb3! Perhaps I will blunder 31.Rxd7? Rxf2 32.Rg2 Rf1+ with a perpetual. Even if I find 31.Kg2 Rhf3 32.Rxd7 Rxf2+ 33.Kh1 then Jason's rook is a cat among the pigeons, and the win is hard to prove.

30...R8f7?

The last mistake. Now my knight gets to e4, and Jason's pawn islands fall.

SCC 3rd Annual Friday Night Championship Invitational

| ## | Name | Pre- | Post | Score |
|--|-------------------|------|------|-------|
| 1 | Matthew van Eerde | 1787 | 1860 | 4.0/4 |
| 2 | Jason Loving | 2044 | 2022 | 2.5/4 |
| 3 | Mike Tie | 1229 | 1337 | 2.5/4 |
| 4 | Prasanna Desai | 1767 | 1763 | 2.0/4 |
| 5 | Jonathan Nakagawa | 1730 | 1711 | 2.0/4 |
| 6 | Pavan Nagaraja | 1604 | 1602 | 1.5/4 |
| 7 | Austin Wentz | 1590 | 1594 | 1.0/4 |
| 8 | Aiyl Dulurkha | 1650 | 1609 | 0.0/4 |
| Not participating: Stella Cluff, Dan Yates | | | | |

30...Rxb3! 31.Kg2 (31.Rxd7? Rxf2 32.Rg2 Rf1+=) 31...Rh3 32.Rxd7 Rxf2+ 33.Kh1±

31.Nd6 Re7 32.Ne4 Nf6!?

An exchange sacrifice for activity. The rook, knight, and g- and h-pawns are scary, but fortunately the Bg7 is hemmed in by its own pawns.

33.Rxe7 Nxe4 34.Re1 Nxf2+ 35.Kg2 Rxh3

Now I can liquidate, and my b- and c-pawns will win the day.

36.Re2 g4 37.Rxf2 Rxh2+ 38.Kxh2 g3+ 39.Kg2 gxf2 40.Kxf2 Kh7 41.Rc7 e4

Jason tries one last swindle. I put on my best poker face and hover my hand over the rook, as if to take the pawn on c4... and then I push the c2-pawn instead.

42.c3 Kg6 43.Rxc5 Bh6 44.Re5 e3+ 45.Rxe3

After 45...Bxe3 46.Kxe3 my king can still stop Jason's h-pawn, even if his king tries to help it; and if Jason runs his king to the queenside to stop the b- and c-pawns then my king can take the h-pawn first and then wander lazily back over to the queenside. So, Jason resigns.

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**Jonathan Nakagawa (1730) –
Matthew van Eerde (1787) [C02]**
2024 SCC Fright Night Championship
Seattle, WA (R4), May 9, 2025
[Matthew van Eerde]

Going into the final round I was on 3.0/3. There were three people on 2.0/3, but I had played two of them already, so I knew I would be playing Jonathan. In our previous games we had always played the Najdorf, but this time I wanted to change things up. All I need is a draw to clinch the championship—Jonathan needs a win to force a tiebreak. If he does, both Jason and Mike can win their games to join in the tiebreak (they are not playing each other.)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5

Darn. I was hoping for 3.Nc3 or 3.Nd2, when I would have captured on e4 and played into the Rubinstein. That's okay, I can work with this.

3...c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6 6.Bd3 Bd7 7.0-0 cxd4 8.Re1 Nge7 9.h4 h5 10.Nbd2 dxc3 11.bxc3 Nf5 12.Nb3

The battle lines are drawn; Black has

an extra pawn, but White has better development. The position is equal.

12...Be7?! 13.Rb1?! Nxb4 14.Nxb4 Bxb4 15.Nd4 Qa5 16.Rxb7 Qxc3??

A horrible blunder. Jonathan, two pawns down, is now completely winning because the knight gets to d6.

17.Nb5 Qc5 18.Qd2 a6?! 19.Nd6+?! Ke7 20.Qf4 Nxe5?! 21.Nf5+ Kf8 22.Be3 Qc6 23.Qxe5 exf5

The computer finds a killer blow here.



Position after 23...exf5

24.Rb6?

24.Rb8+! Rxb8 25.Qxb8+ Qc8 26.Bc5+ Kg8 27.Qxc8+ Bxc8 28.Re8+ Kh7 29.Rxc8 My extra pawns are no match for Jonathan's extra bishop.

24...Bf6? 25.Qf4?? Qc3?? 26.Re1?? Qe5

After trading blunders, I have blocked the lines leading to my king. The position is equal again, but Jonathan is still forced by the tournament position to play for the win.

27.Bc5+!? Kg8 28.Qd2 Rh6

An echo of 20.Ra3 in my game against Jason.

29.Bd6!? Qd4 30.Bc5 Qg4?! 31.Rb4? d4 32.Be2 Qg5 33.f4 Qg6

Somewhere around here I accidentally brushed my clock while picking up my water glass, so the clock was a move off, which becomes important later.

34.Bf3 Re8?! 35.Bxd4 Bxd4+ 36.Rxd4

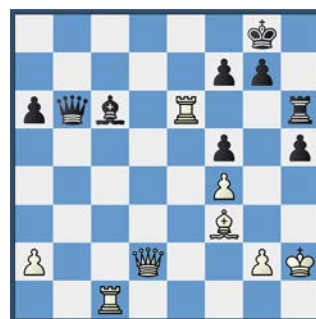


L-R: Mike Tie, Matthew van Eerde, Jason Loving.
Photo credit: Kyle Boddy.

Qb6 37.Kh2 Bc6?! 38.Rd6??

The time pressure gets to Jonathan, who is now playing on the 30-second increment. 38.Rb4! was necessary. Now Black has a big advantage. 38.Rb4!±

38...Ree6?! 39.Rxe6



Position after 39.Rxe6

Jonathan offered a draw, played this move, and pressed the clock, which now incorrectly indicated that he had made the time control, and that I had six minutes remaining to make one move. I declined.

39...Rxe6 40.Be2?? Be4?

40...Qf2! wins on the spot. I had ample time to spot this, even if the clock knew what move it was. Still, 40...Be4 is very solid. 40...Qf2! 41.Qd8+ Kh7 42.Qg5 Rg6!

41.Rc8+ Kh7 42.Bc4!? Rg6 43.Bf1 Rg4 44.Qd8 Qf2

Eventually I get the idea. Jonathan resigned here as mate cannot be stopped, only delayed.

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SEATTLE CHESS CLASSIC



SAT-SUN, AUGUST 16-17, 2025

HOTEL 116 BELLEVUE

625 116TH AVE NE, BELLEVUE, WA 98004

Format: A 6-round Swiss in two sections:

Tiglon Open & Seirawan U1600.

Maximum of 110 players, please register early to guarantee your spot.

Schedule: Rounds (6): Sat/Sun @ 9am, 1:30pm, 6pm. Players whose games run long may request a late start for the next round.

Time Control: G/90; +30 sec increment.

Late default: 30 minutes.

Prize Fund: \$6,500 (based on 100 paid entries)

Tiglon Open:

1st – 3rd: \$730 - 640 – 550.

1st U2100/U1900/U1700: \$400.

Seirawan U1600:

1st – 3rd: \$500 - 425 – 375.

1st U1500/U1300/U1100: \$300.

1st Unrated: \$200.

Special Prizes (per section):

Biggest Upset Win: \$40 per round

Best Female Player (by TPR): \$100.

Best Senior Player (by TPR): \$100.

Best Dressed: \$25/day.

Entry Fee: \$125 by Aug 9, \$150 after. \$50 play-up fee if rated 1500-1599 USCF and playing in Tiglon Open. Free entry for GMs, IMs, WGMs, WIMs, or US Chess 2300+. 50% discount for Seniors (50+).

Byes: Two half-point byes available. If interested, request before end of round 2.

Memberships: Current US Chess and WCF membership required, other states accepted. Memberships must be paid at time of registration.

Rating: Triple Rated NWSRS, US Chess, and FIDE. Highest of August 2025 US Chess Regular or current NWSRS rating will be used to determine section, pairings, and prizes. Foreign ratings used for players with no US Chess rating. Higher of US Chess or foreign ratings used at TD discretion.

Registration: Online at nwchess.com/OnlineRegistration. Payment also available via SettleKing, Zelle (ID: WashingtonChessFederation@gmail.com) or Venmo (ID: @WACheSS). **Payment due upon registration; players listed as unpaid for more than 3 days after registering will be withdrawn from the tournament. Registration + payment deadline: Fri, Aug 15 @ 5pm.** No registrations accepted or refunds offered after the deadline. Unpaid players will be removed from the roster after the deadline.

Info: Josh Sinanan, WCF President, 206.769.3757, washingtonchessfederation@gmail.com

SEATTLE CLASSIC SCHOLASTIC CHESS TOURNAMENT

Sunday, August 17, 2025

Hotel 116 Bellevue

625 116th Ave NE, Bellevue, WA 98004



FORMAT

A 4-round G/45; +5 Swiss in four sections:

K-3 U800

K-3 Open

4-12 U1000

4-12 Open

SCHEDULE

Rd 1 - 9am

Rd 2 - 11am

Lunch

Rd 3 - 2pm

Rd 4 - 4pm

Awards ceremony ~ 6pm.

RATING

Dual US & NWSRS Rated.
US Chess membership and clocks required in all sections. Notation required in all sections except for K-3 U800. All equipment is provided courtesy of WCF.

ENTRY FEE

\$45 by August 10, \$55 after. Room for 80 players; please register early to reserve your spot.

AWARDS

Amazon Gift Cards awarded in each section:

1st \$75

2nd \$65

3rd \$55

4th \$45

Special Prizes (per section):
Medals for first timers, best female player, and biggest upset win.

RATING

Highest of US Chess Regular August 2025 supplement, or current NWSRS rating used to determine section and pairings.

ELIGIBILITY

Open to all students in grades K-12 as of the 2024-25 school year.
Out-of-state players welcome!

THE DETAILS

Online Registration:

NWchess.com/OnlineRegistration/

Pay by

Credit/Debit/PayPal/SettleKing.

100% pre-registered, no on-site entries or payments.
Entry + payment deadline Sat. Aug 16 @ 5pm.

No registrations accepted or refunds offered after the deadline. Unpaid players will be removed from the roster and waitlisted players will be offered a spot.

Highest finishing player in the K-3 Open and 4-12 Open sections will earn free entry into the 2025 Susan Polgar Foundation National Open for Girls and Boys, set to take place November 22-23 in Bellevue.

Questions?

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2025 Washington Girls Championship

Josh Sinanan

The 2025 Washington Girls Championship took place at the Orlov Chess Academy in Greenlake on May 17-18.

Female chess warriors from throughout the Pacific Northwest were represented in the 28-player field, including the towns of Redmond, Sherwood (Oregon), Portland, Gig Harbor, Bellevue, Seattle, Bothell, Sammamish, Mercer Island, University Place, Kirkland, Woodinville, and Issaquah. The event was hosted by the Washington Chess Federation directed by FIDE Arbiter Mani Atikankhotchasee.

The tournament featured 12 players in the five-round Swiss Elena Donaldson Championship section, eight in the four-round Swiss Katerina Rohonyan U1400

section, and eight in the brand new one-day, five-round Naomi Bashkansky U800 section, which were named in honor of Washington female chess legends.

Emel Bayrambeyli, a tenth grader attending Lincoln High School in Portland, topped the Elena Donaldson Championship section with an undefeated 4.5 points from five games, allowing just one draw against Shankaranand in the second round. Elena Donaldson-Akhmilovskaya was a Woman Grandmaster and former challenger for the Women's World Championship in the 1980's who later relocated to Seattle and ran a successful chess academy with her husband, IM Georgi Orlov, for many years.

As the highest finishing Washington resident with 3.5 points from five games, Deeksha Shankaranand was crowned the 2025 Washington State Girls Champion. Deeksha's careful approach paid off, as she finished the tournament with two wins, two draws, and one half-point bye in the third round. For her victory, Deeksha becomes the Washington State rep at the 2025 Haring National Girls Tournament of Champions, taking place concurrently with the US Open in late July in Madison, Wisconsin. Deeksha also receives a \$750 travel stipend from the WCF to offset her travel costs. Congratulations Deeksha!

Four chess queens—Selina Cheng of Seattle, Iris Zhang of Redmond, Alisa Rachiba of University Place, and Proud Tulsukchuentanat of Bellevue—shared third/fourth place honors a half-point back. Proud, a sixth grader from Woodridge Elementary and the eldest of three chess-playing sisters, scored the best upset win with a 402-point upset during her run. Anyi Li arrived dressed to the nines and was awarded the Best Dressed Prize for her fleek fashion sense. Alisa Rachiba, a fourth grader from Evergreen Primary School in Tacoma, was always jovial and earned the Kindness and Spreading Joy prize for her unconditional warmth and kindness.

In the eight-player Katerina Rohonyan U1400 section, Sruti Viswanatha, a seventh grader from Redmond Middle School, emerged victorious with 3.5 points from four games, allowing only a single draw against Prakrithi Balasubramanian in the second round. The Katerina Rohonyan U1400 section, which was named in honor of Google software engineer WGM Katerina Rohonyan, was run as four-round, G/40; +10 Swiss over one day (Saturday). Timberline Middle School sixth grader Lakshana Anand claimed second place honors a half-point back with three points. Prakrithi Balasubramanian, a sixth grader from Archer Glen Elementary School in Sherwood, Oregon, finished in third place



2025 Washington State Girls Champion Deeksha Shankaranand.
Photo credit: Meiling Cheng.

with a solid “plus one” score of 2.5 points. Emily Cai, a second grader from Chestnut Hill Academy in Bellevue, earned the fourth-place prize on tiebreaks with two points. Kokanee Elementary third grader Ishana Datta scored the biggest upset win thanks to a 261-point drubbing in the final round. The classy Yuwen Qu, a second grader from Rosa Parks Elementary in Redmond, was awarded the Best Dressed Prize for her colorful attire. Open Window School second grade phenom Joyce Gui, who always seems happy regardless of the outcome of her game, claimed the Kindness + Spreading Joy prize.

The new Naomi Bashkansky U800 section was conducted as a five-round, G/25; +5 Swiss over one day (Sunday) to encourage the younger

and less experienced girls to come out and play. Woman International Master Naomi Bashkansky was a many-time Washington State Girls Champion active from 2008 to 2018 who attained a peak rating US Chess rating of 2150 and went on to attend Harvard University after graduating from Newport High School in Bellevue. Amalia Cauich-Miller, a home-schooled fourth grader based in Seattle, topped the eight-player field with a perfect five points from five games! Along the way, Amalia scored the full point against Tricia Thomas and Callie Jiang, her closest rivals, in the first and second rounds, respectively. Kindergarten powerhouse Callie Jiang, who attends University Child Development school in Seattle, earned second place honors with 3.5 points.

Wilder Elementary third grader Tricia Thomas from Woodinville captured the third-place prize with three points and scored the biggest upset win (525 points). Anna Spataro, a third grader from St. Thomas School in Medina, finished in fourth place with an even 2.5-point score. Young Lakshana Venkatesan, the other Kindergartner in her section, won the best dressed prize for her stylish efforts. Thornton Creek Elementary third grader Alice Kolodeznaia, who always maintained her positive attitude, was awarded the Kindness + Spreading Joy prize.

Congratulations to all the amazing chess ladies who contributed to this fun event!

| 2025 Washington Girls Championship: Elena Donaldson Championship | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-------|---------------------------|--------|------|------|------|------|-------|------------|--------------------------|
| # | Place | Name | Rating | Rd 1 | Rd 2 | Rd 3 | Rd 4 | Rd 5 | Total | |
| 1 | 1 | Emel Bayrambeyli | 1836 | W7 | D2 | W12 | W3 | W4 | 4.5 | 1st Place |
| 2 | 2 | Deeksha Shankaranand | 1607 | W5 | D1 | H--- | W9 | D3 | 3.5 | 2nd Place |
| 3 | 3-6 | Selina Cheng | 1677 | W9 | W12 | D4 | L1 | D2 | 3 | 3rd Place |
| 4 | | Iris Zhang | 1579 | W11 | D7 | D3 | W5 | L1 | 3 | |
| 5 | | Alisa Rachiba | 1210 | L2 | W8 | W11 | L4 | W7 | 3 | |
| 6 | | Proud Tulsukchuantanat | 820 | U--- | H--- | H--- | W8 | W11 | 3 | |
| 7 | 7-10 | Aarya Patel | 1482 | L1 | D4 | H--- | W10 | L5 | 2 | |
| 8 | | Darya Byelashova | 1222 | L12 | L5 | B--- | L6 | W9 | 2 | |
| 9 | | Anyi Li | 1326 | L3 | W11 | W10 | L2 | L8 | 2 | Best Dressed |
| 10 | | Elina Khudiyev | 1174 | H--- | H--- | L9 | L7 | B--- | 2 | |
| 11 | 11-12 | Sofia Byelashova | 1047 | L4 | L9 | L5 | B--- | L6 | 1 | |
| 12 | | Shanna Wu | 1670 | W8 | L3 | L1 | U--- | U--- | 1 | |
| 2025 Washington Girls Championship: Katerina Rohonyan U1400 | | | | | | | | | | |
| # | Place | Name | Rating | Rd 1 | Rd 2 | Rd 3 | Rd 4 | Total | T-Mod. Med | |
| 1 | 1 | Sruti Viswanatha | 933 | W4 | D3 | W7 | W5 | 3.5 | 6.5 | 1st Place |
| 2 | 2 | Lakshana Anand | 1182 | L3 | W4 | W6 | W8 | 3 | 6.5 | 2nd Place |
| 3 | 3 | Prakrithi Balasubramanian | 1015 | W2 | D1 | W5 | L4 | 2.5 | 8.5 | 3rd Place |
| 4 | 4-6 | Emily Cai | 1041 | L1 | L2 | W8 | W3 | 2 | 5.5 | 4th Place |
| 5 | | Siana Razmov | 943 | W7 | W6 | L3 | L1 | 2 | 4.5 | |
| 6 | | Ishana Datta | 825 | W8 | L5 | L2 | W7 | 2 | 3 | Biggest Upset Win |
| 7 | 7 | Yuwen Qu | 1086 | L5 | W8 | L1 | L6 | 1 | 4 | Best Dressed |
| 8 | 8 | Joyce Gui | 1010 | L6 | L7 | L4 | L2 | 0 | 5 | Kindness + Spreading Joy |
| 2025 Washington Girls Championship: Naomi Bashkansky U800 | | | | | | | | | | |
| # | Place | Name | Rating | Rd 1 | Rd 2 | Rd 3 | Rd 4 | Rd 5 | Total | |
| 1 | 1 | Amalia Cauich-Miller | 652 | W3 | W2 | W4 | W5 | W6 | 5 | 1st Place |
| 2 | 2 | Callie Jiang | 625 | W7 | L1 | W6 | D4 | W5 | 3.5 | 2nd Place |
| 3 | 3 | Tricia Thomas | 185 | L1 | 7 | L5 | W8 | W4 | 3 | 3rd Place+ Upset Win |
| 4 | 4 | Anna Spataro | 710 | W6 | W5 | L1 | D2 | L3 | 2.5 | 4th Place |
| 5 | 5-7 | Pearl Tulsukchuantanat | 441 | W8 | L4 | W3 | L1 | L2 | 2 | |
| 6 | | Alice Kolodeznaia | 281 | L4 | W8 | L2 | W7 | L1 | 2 | Kindness + Spreading Joy |
| 7 | | Preme Tulsukchuantanat | 105 | L2 | 3 | W8 | L6 | B--- | 2 | |
| 8 | 8 | Lakshana Venkatesan | unr. | L5 | L6 | L7 | L3 | U--- | 0 | Best Dressed |

2nd Annual Snohomish County Open



CHESSTOURNAMENT

Saturday, August 23rd, 2025

PRIZES W/ 50
PLAYERS
REGISTERED

OPEN
PRIZES

1ST \$260

2ND \$160

3RD \$105

U1500
PRIZES

1ST \$160

2ND \$90

3RD \$65

UNRATED
PRIZES

1ST \$100

2ND \$65

3RD \$45

SCHEDULE

REGISTRATION: 9-9:30 AM

RD 1 - 9:45 AM

RD 5 - 4:45 PM

RD 2 - 11:15 AM

LUNCH

CLOSING
CEREMONY

RD 3 - 1:45 PM

~6:15 PM OR
ASAP

RD 4 - 3:15 PM

REGISTRATION



FORMAT: 5-ROUND SWISS (OPEN, U1500, UNRATED)

TIME CONTROL: G/25 + 5 SECOND INCREMENT

ENTRY FEE: OPEN \$50 | U1500 \$40 | UNRATED \$30

MAXIMUM OF 100 PLAYERS, PLEASE REGISTER EARLY!

MISC: PLEASE BRING A CLOCK AND A CHESS SET!

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75th Oregon Open Chess Tournament

August 30-September 1, 2025, Labor Day Weekend

Sponsored by the Oregon Chess Federation (OCF) and Portland Chess Club (PCC)

FORMAT: The tournament is a 6-round Swiss paired event with two rounds per day and is open to everyone, regardless of residency or age. Up to two half point byes are available if requested before round one.

SECTIONS: There are five sections: 2000+, U2000, U1700, U1400, and U1100. **Players may play up one section for a \$25 play-up fee (can't play up more than one section).** The official August US Chess over-the-board regular ratings are generally used for section eligibility, pairings, and prize eligibility. Unofficial US Chess over-the-board regular ratings, US Chess online regular ratings, or converted foreign ratings are generally used for players with no official US Chess over-the-board regular rating.

TIME CONTROL: G/100;inc30 (one-hour forty minutes per player with thirty seconds added for each move).

SUPPLIES: PLAYERS MUST SUPPLY THEIR OWN BOARD, SET, AND INCREMENT CAPABLE DIGITAL CLOCK FOR TOURNAMENT PLAY. A limited number of sets and boards will be available to purchase at the tournament for \$20 each. Players are responsible for knowing how to set their clock. Notation sheets and pencils provided.

SCHEDULE: A players meeting is at 9:45am on Saturday. There is no need for registered players to "check-in" prior to round 1. The rounds start at 10am and 3:30pm each day.

RATED: All the sections are US Chess regular rated. The 2000+ and U2000 sections are also FIDE standard rated.

ENTRY FEE: \$130 if registered by Friday, August 8; \$140 from August 9 until Friday, August 29 at noon. Free entry for GM's and IM's with up to \$130 deducted from any prize won. US Chess membership is required for all players. Oregon Chess Federation membership is required for Oregon residents.

PRIZES: \$13,000 total prize fund based on 150 players. The prize fund is adjusted proportionally if there are a different number of players, but \$6500 is guaranteed.

2000+ Section: 1st-\$1550, 2nd-\$1250, 3rd-\$900
U2150: 1st-\$400, 2nd-\$300, 3rd-\$200

U2000 Section: 1st-\$500, 2nd-\$400, 3rd-\$300
U1850: 1st-\$400, 2nd-\$300, 3rd-\$200

U1700 Section: 1st-\$500, 2nd-\$400, 3rd-\$300
U1550: 1st-\$400, 2nd-\$300, 3rd-\$200

U1400 Section: 1st-\$500, 2nd-\$400, 3rd-\$300
U1250: 1st-\$400, 2nd-\$300, 3rd-\$200

U1100 Section: 1st-\$500, 2nd-\$400, 3rd-\$300
U950: 1st-\$400, 2nd-\$300, 3rd-\$200

Unrated players are eligible for all prizes in their section except the U950 prizes in the U1100 section. Prizes are combined and/or split if there is a tie. Players winning \$600

or more must complete an IRS form with their Social Security number before receiving their prize. Foreign players may be subject to withholding taxes. Prizes are paid via check or PayPal.

QUALIFIERS: The 2000+ section is a qualifier for both the Championship and Challengers sections of the Oregon Closed. All the sections are qualifiers for the Oregon Scholastic Chess Federation (OSCF) State Championship.

(NEW!) LOCATION: Holiday Inn Portland Airport, 8439 Columbia Blvd, Portland, OR 97220. There is free parking in the hotel parking area. Hotel rooms for any of the nights of August 29- September 2 are available at a special chess rate of \$79 plus tax per night for single or double rooms. **The hotel chess rate is not guaranteed to be available after July 30, or even earlier if the room block is sold out.** Use [this link](#) or call 1-888-465-4329 to reserve a room. If reserving by phone, use the following group SRP code: CHS.

REGISTRATION: Register online at onlineregistration.cc (no mailed or on-site registrations are allowed). **The deadline to register is Friday, August 29 at noon.** Email support@oregonchessfed.org if you encounter any issues while trying to register online, need to withdraw after having already registered, or are unable to pay the entry fee online via credit card, debit card, or PayPal.

TOURNAMENT RULES: The FIDE rules are used in the 2000+ and U2000 sections while the US Chess rules are used in the U1700, U1400, and U1100 sections. The following applies to all sections: **1) Players are not allowed to have a phone or other electronic device capable of chess analysis or communication on their person during their games.** Any such device a player has with them must be turned off and stored in the player's bag (backpack, chess bag, etc.). The penalty for possessing such a device is at the discretion of the chief tournament director. **2) You must let the tournament staff know at least thirty minutes prior to the start time of the next round if you decide to withdraw from the tournament or skip that round.** If you decide to withdraw or skip a round and are not on-site, send us an email to support@oregonchessfed.org letting us know. Any player who forfeits a game without a valid reason in the judgement of the chief tournament director will not be allowed to play in the Oregon Open next year.

SIDE EVENT: Blitz - starts at 8:30pm on Saturday, August 30. See detailed information at oregonchessfed.org or pdxchess.org.

QUESTIONS: Send an email to support@oregonchessfed.org if you have any questions.

NEW ADVENTURE SCHOLASTIC

CHESS TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2025

HOTEL 116 BELLEVUE

625 116TH AVE NE, BELLEVUE, WA 98004



FORMAT

A 5-round, G/25; +5 Swiss tournament in four sections:

K-3 U700

K-3 Open

4-12 U900

4-12 Open

SCHEDULE

Rd. 1 – 9:00am

Rd. 2 – 10:30am

Lunch

Rd. 3 – 12:30pm

Rd. 4 – 1:45pm

Rd. 5 – 3:00pm

Awards ~ 4:30pm

ELIGIBILITY

Open to all students in grades K-12 as of the 2025-26 school year. Out-of-state players welcome!

ENTRY FEE

\$50 by 9/20, \$60 after.
Room for 80 players.

AWARDS

Section Prizes: Amazon Gift Cards awarded in each section:
1st – 5th: \$60–55–50–45–40.

Special Prizes (per section): Medals for first-time players, best female player, best dressed, and biggest upset win. ***Top player (by TPR) in each of the K-3 Open and 4-12 Open sections wins free entry into the 2025 SPFNO!***

RATING

Dual NWSRS and US Chess rated, with **US Chess membership required in all sections.** Establish or update your national rating! Higher of current NWSRS or US Chess regular rating will be used to determine section and pairings.

CLOCKS + NOTATION

Chess clocks set to G/25; +5 will be used from the beginning in all games. Chess notation required in all sections except for K-3 U700. All equipment is provided courtesy of WCF.

REGISTRATION

Register online at NWchess.com/OnlineRegistration/
Pay by SettleKing/Zelle/Cash/Check.
100% pre-registered, no on-site entries or payments. Entry + payment deadline Fri September 26 @ 5:00pm.
No registrations accepted or refunds offered after the deadline.

PROCEDURE

Pairings will be posted in the hallway near the parent waiting area.

WA State Elementary Qualifier!

Questions?

Contact Josh Sinanan, WCF President, WashingtonChessFederation@gmail.com, 206-769-3757

King County Open



September 27-28, 2025

Hotel 116 Bellevue

625 116th Ave NE, Bellevue, WA 98004



Format: A 5-round Swiss in two sections: **Kenmore Open** and **Kent U1500**.

Entry fee: \$100 by 9/20, \$120 after. \$50 play-up fee if rated 1400-1499 in both NWSRS and USCF and playing in Kenmore Open. 50% discount for Seniors (50+) and free entry for players rated 2200+ USCF. Open to all junior + adult players. Maximum of 110 players, please register early to reserve your spot!

Schedule: Arrival: 8-8:45am. Rounds: Saturday: 9am, 1:30pm, 6pm. Sunday: 10am, 3pm.
Closing Ceremony + Blitz Tournament: ~ 7pm or asap.

Time Control: G/90; +30. Late default: 30 minutes.

Rating: Triple-Rated in NWSRS, US Chess, and FIDE. Higher of current NWSRS or September 2025 US Chess rating will be used to determine section, pairings, and prizes.

Memberships: US Chess and WCF/OCF/ICA memberships required; must be paid at the time of registration.

Prize Fund: **\$5,000** (based on 100 paid entries).

Kenmore Open: 1st-5th: \$550-450-400-350-300. 1st U2200/U2000/U1800/U1600: \$200.

Kent U1500: 1st-4th: \$350-300-250-175. 1st U1400/U1200/U1000: \$150. 1st Unrated: \$120.

Special Prizes (per section):

Biggest Upset Win: \$15/rd., Best Female Player (by TPR): \$50, Best Senior Player (50+, by TPR): \$50.
Best Dressed: \$20/day, Best Attack: \$25 – please submit nominations.

Byes: Up to 2 half-point byes available if requested before the end of round 2.

Registration: Online at nwchess.com/OnlineRegistration. Pay by SettleKing (Washington Chess Federation), Zelle (ID: WashingtonChessFederation@gmail.com), cash, or write a check to Washington Chess Federation. **Payment due upon registration; players listed as unpaid for more than 7 days after registering will be withdrawn from the tournament. Registration + payment deadline: Fri, September 26 @ 5pm.** Unpaid players will be removed from the roster after the deadline.

King County Blitz: Sunday 7-9:30pm (after rd. 5 of main tournament). **Entry Fee:** \$25. **Format:** A 7-Round Single Swiss in one section, 2 half-point byes available. Dual US Chess Blitz + FIDE Blitz rated. **TC:** G/5; +3. **On-site registration:** 6:00-6:45pm. Rds. Sun @ 7pm, 7:20, 7:40, 8, 8:20, 8:40, 9pm. Closing Ceremony ~ 9:30pm or asap. Current US Chess membership required. Higher of current NWSRS, September 2025 US Chess Blitz, or September 2025 US Chess Regular rating used to determine pairings and prizes. **Prize Fund:** **\$400** (based on 30 paid entries)

1st – 3rd: \$100-65-50, 1st U2000/U1800/U1600/U1400/U1200/U1000/Unrated: \$20.

Biggest upset win: \$5/rd.

Questions – Josh Sinanan, WCF President, 206-769-3757, WashingtonChessFederation@gmail.com

King County Scholastic

CHESS TOURNAMENT

Sunday, September 28, 2025

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FORMAT

A 4-round G/45; +5 Swiss
in four sections:

K-3 U800

K-3 Open

4-12 U1000

4-12 Open

SCHEDULE

Rd 1 - 9am

Rd 2 - 11am

Lunch

Rd 3 - 2pm

Rd 4 - 4pm

Awards ceremony ~ 6pm.

RATING

Dual US & NWSRS Rated.
US Chess membership
and clocks required in all
sections. Notation
required in all sections
except for K-3 U800. All
equipment is provided
courtesy of WCF.

ENTRY FEE

\$50 by September 21, \$60 after.
Room for 80 players; please register
early to reserve your spot.

AWARDS

Amazon Gift Cards awarded in each
section:

1st-4th: \$75, 65, 55, 45.

Special Prizes (per section): Medals
for first timers, best female player,
and biggest upset win.

RATING

Highest of US Chess Regular
September 2025 supplement, or
current NWSRS rating used to
determine section and pairings.

ELIGIBILITY

Open to all students in grades K-12
as of the 2025-26 school year. Out-
of-state players welcome!

**Washington State
Elementary Qualifier!**

THE DETAILS

Online Registration:

NWchess.com/OnlineRegistration/

Pay by

SettleKing/Zelle/Cash/Check.

**100% pre-registered, no on-site
entries or payments. Entry +
payment deadline Sat. Aug 16 @
5pm.**

No registrations accepted or
refunds offered after the deadline.
Unpaid players will be removed
from the roster and waitlisted
players will be offered a spot.

*Highest finishing player in the K-3
Open and 4-12 Open sections will
earn free entry into the 2025 Susan
Polgar Foundation National Open
for Girls and Boys, set to take
place November 22-23 in Bellevue.*

Questions?

Contact Josh Sinanan, WCF

President at 206.769.3757 or

WashingtonChessFederation@gmail.com



YOU'RE INVITED

Join us for a special fundraising gala on September 28th, 2025, dedicated to supporting and empowering girls in chess. This elegant evening will include a gourmet dinner, and complimentary parking all to make the night truly memorable. The auction will feature gift cards, Victoria's Secret baskets, stunning paintings, chess lesson vouchers and more.

This gala is not just an event, but a celebration of the potential and talent of young female chess players. By attending, you'll be contributing to scholarships, training, and resources that help girls thrive in the game, building confidence and skill in a traditionally male-dominated field.



DATE: September 28th, 2025

TIME: 6:30pm to 9:30pm

TICKETS: Adult \$125 | Children \$90

LOCATION: Hilton Bellevue Hotel
300 112th Avenue SE | Bellevue, WA



Hello@MyChessWorld.com

42nd Annual Reno Western States Open

An American Classic and Heritage Event

Oct 3-5 or Oct 4-5, 2025, 3 Day or 2 Day Schedule

US Chess
150 GPP (Enhanced)

\$27,500!! (b/275)

\$17,000!! (Guaranteed)

F.I.D.E. Rated
OPEN Section

NEW LOCATION: J Resort Casino Hotel, 345 N. Arlington Avenue, Reno, NV 89501

Downtown Reno, formerly Sands Regency Casino Hotel

6 Rd Swiss ♦ 6 Sections ♦ 40/2, Game/1 - d5 ♦ (Open Section) 40/2, Game/55 - d5 ♦ 2 Day (Rds 1-3) G/1 - d5

Open Section, F.I.D.E. Rated (2200 & above) EF: \$194, (2000-2199) \$250, (1999/below) \$300; GMs and IMs free but must enter by 9/5 or pay late fee at door. Guaranteed Prizes; (1-7 in Open Section plus 1/2 of all other prizes).

Open Section \$2,000 - 1,000 - 900 - 800 - 700 - 600 - 500, (2399/below) \$1,000 - \$500, (2299/below) \$1,000 - \$500 (If there is a tie for 1st then a playoff for \$100 out of prize fund plus trophy).

Section Expert (2000-2199) EF: \$194 (2-day EF: \$190) \$2,000-1,000-500-300-200

Section "A" (1800-1999) EF: \$193 (2-day EF: \$190) \$1,800-900-500-300-200

Section "B" (1600-1799) EF: \$192 (2-day EF: \$190) \$1,700-800-400-300-200

Section "C" (1400-1599) EF: \$191 (2-day EF: \$190) \$1,500-700-400-300-200

Section "D/Under" (1399-below) EF: \$180 (2-day EF: \$190) \$1,000-500-300-200, (1199/below) \$400-200-100

Top Senior (65+) - \$200; Club Championship - \$600 - 300.

Wed. 10/1: 7:00 pm - GM Sergey Kudrin Clock Simul w/ complete analysis of YOUR Game (Only \$30!-bring clock)

Thursday 10/2: 6 - 7:15 pm - Lecture by IM John Donaldson (FREE)

7:30 pm - GM Nick de Firmian Simul (\$20); Blitz (G/5 d0) Tourney \$25 - 80% of entries = Prize Fund

Saturday 10/4: 3 - 4:30 pm - Game/Position Analysis - IM John Donaldson (FREE)

     **Main Tournament**      

Registration: Thursday (10/2) 5 - 8 pm. - Friday (10/3) 9 - 10 am. - Saturday (10/4) 9 - 10 am.

Round Times: (3-day Schedule) Friday - 12 Noon - 7 pm; Saturday - 10 am - 6 pm; Sunday - 9 am - 4 pm
(2-day Schedule) Sat.- Rd 1 - 10:30 am, Rd 2 - 12:45 pm, Rd 3 - 3 pm, Rd 4 merge with regular schedule - 6 pm

For more information: Call, Write or E-mail Organizer and Chief TD, N.T.D. Jerome (Jerry) Weikel,
(H) 775-747-1405 OR (Cell) 775-354-8728 • 6578 Valley Wood Dr., Reno, NV 89523 • wackykykl@aol.com

Room Reservation: Call J Resort Reno, 1-866-386-7829, Group Reservation Code: CHESS102025

Hotel Rates: Sunday-Thursday \$92.66, Friday-Saturday \$138.06, all taxes and fees included. Reserve by 10/1

For TLA and to confirm receipt of entry see player list at: www.renochess.org

ENTRY FORM - 42nd Annual Western States Open - Reno, Nevada - Oct 3-5 OR Oct 4-5, 2025

Mail to: WEIKEL CHESS, LLC, 6578 Valley Wood Drive, Reno NV 89523

PRINT Name _____ Phone# _____ USCF Rating _____

Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

USCF ID# _____ Exp. Date _____ All pre-registered players check in at TD desk on arrival.

ENTRY FEE ENCLOSED: (CIRCLE SECTION AND FEE BELOW) BYE(S) REQUESTED FOR ROUND(S): (circle)

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----- OPEN SECTION -----

EXPERT "A" "B" "C" "D/Under" UNRATED

GM/IM • Masters • 2000-2199 • 1999-Below

2000-2199 1800-1999 1600-1799 1400-1599 1399-Below Free With

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| 3-Day EF | Free • \$194 • \$250 • \$300 | \$194 | \$193 | \$192 | \$191 | \$180 | USCF Dues |
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| 2-Day EF | \$190 | \$190 | \$190 | \$190 | \$190 | USCF Dues |
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FEES ALSO ENCLOSED FOR:

- ☐ \$30 Wed. Clock Simul GM Kudrin
☐ \$20 Thu. Simul GM de Firmian
☐ \$25 Thursday Blitz (G/5 d0)
☐ \$20 Discount - Sr 65+ Age _____

POSTMARK BY September 5, 2025. Add \$11 after 9/5. Add \$22 on site.

Do not mail after 9/26 or email after 9/30. Make check / m.o. payable to WEIKEL CHESS LLC or provide credit card info and signature. \$7 service charge on credit card entries. ☐ Visa ☐ Master Card ☐ Am.Ex
Name on Credit Card _____
Expiration Date _____ ZIP Code _____
Credit Card# _____ CVV Code _____
Signature _____

- ☐ Check Enclosed
☐ Charge My Card

TOTAL FEES: \$ _____

TOURNAMENTS



Venue

7212 Woodlawn Avenue NE, Seattle 98115

[info & events calendar](#)
www.seattlechess.club

[tournament signups & inquiries](#)
contact@seattlechess.club

– or –

SCC Tournament Director, address as above

Entry fees

We accept Venmo, Paypal, cash and check for tournament entry fees. No credit cards. Prepayment preferred!

Paypal: <https://paypal.me/seattlechess>

Venmo: <https://www.venmo.com/u/SeattleChessClub>

August 2

3-round round-robin. 4-player sections by close rating. **Time control:** Game/85 + 10 sec. increment. **Entry fee:** \$15 (+\$10 day membership for non-SCC). **Prizes:** winner of each 4-player quad wins free entry to next Quads played within 3 months. **Check-in:** 9:15-9:45am. **Rounds:** 10am, 2 & 6pm. **Byes:** 0 – must play all 3 rounds! US Chess membership req'd.

August 10

4-round Swiss. **Time Control:** Game/50 + 10 sec. increment. **Entry fee:** \$25 (+\$10 day membership for non-SCC). **Prize fund:** sum of \$14/entry. **Prizes:** 1st (35% of prize fund), 2nd (27%), bottom half (by rating) 1st (22%), 2nd (16%). **Check-in:** 9:15-9:45am. **Rounds:** 10am, 12:20, 2:40, 5pm. **Byes:** 1 half-pt., commit at registration. US Chess membership req'd.

August 1, 8, 15, 22

See below.

August Quads

August Tornado

Dog Days

August 29

4 or 5 rounds depending on turnout, beginning at 7:30pm. **Time control:** Game15, no increment! **Entry:** Free for SCC members, \$5 others. US Chess Quick rated.

Fifth Friday G/15

Coming up (tentative to be confirmed):

- **September Quads** – Saturday September 6
- **September Tornado** – Sunday September 21
- **Seattle Fall Open** – October 4-5

Check our events calendar periodically for confirmed dates.

Wednesdays are for
casual play. Come
anytime 7-11pm.
It's free!

SCC GOES TO A MARINERS GAME!

8/24/25, game time 1:10pm

Join us at T-Mobile Park for a Sunday afternoon baseball game between the Seattle Mariners and the Athletics. We're selling highly discounted tickets for good 100-level seats. This is a fundraiser in partnership with the Mariners. Details at <https://seattlechess.club/events-calendar>



~ SCC Friday Nights ~

One US Chess-rated round per night, 4 rounds per month, at 7:30pm.

Time control: 40 moves in 90 minutes with 10-second increment, followed by sudden death 60 minutes with 10-second increment.

Entry: Free for SCC members, \$5/night others. Drop in for any round!

Dog Days

August 1, 8, 15, 22

*Autumn Leaves**

September 5, 12, 19, 26

Pumpkin Spice

*October 3, 10, 17, 24, (31**)*

November Rains

November 7, 14, 21, 28

* Close ratings pairing

** Fifth Friday G/15 on Halloween? Stay tuned!

Washington Women's Championship



SAT-SUN, OCTOBER 11-12, 2025

HOTEL 116 BELLEVUE

625 116TH AVE NE, BELLEVUE, WA 98004

Highest Finishing WA Resident in the Polgar section becomes WA State Women's Champion and is seeded into 2026 WA State Championship, Invitational section. If there's a tie for 1st place, G/90 playoff games will be played later in the year.

Format: A Swiss-style tournament in four sections. Sections with <6 players may be merged.

Polgar Championship: A 5-Round, G/90; +30 Swiss over two days (Sat-Sun). Tri-rated in NWSRS, US Chess, and FIDE. Rounds: Sat. @ 9am, 1:30pm, 6pm. Sun. @ 10am, 3pm. Awards ~ 7:30pm.

Wenjun U1300: A 6-Round G/75; +10 Swiss over two days (Sat-Sun). NWSRS & US Chess dual rated. Rounds: Sat. @ 9am, 12:30pm, 4pm. Sun. @ 10am, 1:30pm, 5pm. Awards ~ 8pm.

Koneru U700: A 1-day, 5-Round G/25; +5 Swiss. NWSRS & US Chess dual rated. Rounds: Sun. @ 10am, 11am, 12:30pm, 1:30pm, 2:30pm. Awards ~ 3:45pm.

Botez Casual/Unrated: A 1-day, 4-Round G/30; +10 Swiss. Open to players unrated – 999. Unrated; no memberships required. Rounds: Sat. @ 11:30am, 1:30pm, 3pm, 4:30pm. Awards ~ 6pm.

Rating: Highest of October US Chess or current NWSRS rating will be used to determine section, pairings, and prizes.

Entry Fee: \$50 by 10/4, \$60 after. Less \$20 for Koneru U700 & Botez Unrated sections. Free entry for WGMs, WIMs, WFM, or US Chess Queens rated 2000+ USCF. Players rated 1200+ and 600+ in both USCF and NWSRS may play up 1 section into the Polgar and Wenjun sections, respectively. Maximum of 80 players total and 30 players per section, please register early.

Registration: Online at nwchess.com/OnlineRegistration. **Registration and payment deadline Fri. 10/10 @ 5pm.**

Eligibility: Open to all female chess players. Out-of-state players welcome!

Memberships: Current US Chess and WCF membership required for Polgar, Wenjun, and Koneru sections; other states accepted. Membership must be paid at time of registration. No memberships required for Botez section.

Byes: Two half-point byes available. If interested, request before the end of round 2.

WA State Elementary Qualifier!

Prize Fund: \$1,200 (based on 40 paid entries)

Polgar Championship: 1st-2nd: \$150-100. 1st U1800/U1600/U1400: \$75.

Wenjun U1300: 1st-2nd: \$80-60. 1st U1200/U1000/U800: \$50.

Koneru U700: 1st-2nd: \$50-35. 1st U600/U400/U200/Unrated: \$30.

Botez Casual/Unrated: 1st-3rd: \$50-40-30.

Special Prizes (per section): Biggest Upset Win: \$5/round, Best Dressed: \$5/day, Best Etiquette: \$5, Fair Play/Kindness/Spreading Joy: \$5/day, Best Mother/Daughter Team (by avg TPR, across sections): \$15.

Questions? Contact Josh Sinanan, WCF President, WashingtonChessFederation@gmail.com



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