

Washington State High School Individual Championship

Jan 27-28, 2017

Site: Lakeside Upper School, 14050 1st Avenue NE, Seattle, WA 98125



Directions: From I-5, take exit 175 and head west on NE 145th St. Turn left onto 1st Ave NE. Lakeside School will be on the left.

Eligibility: Open to any student registered in grades 9-12 in Washington State.

Format: A swiss-style tournament in three sections using NWSRS ratings published at <http://chess.ratingsnw.com/ratings.html>

- **CHAMPIONSHIP:** 5 Round Swiss. Rated 1500 and over, and any other player desiring to play for the title of State Champion. Dual NWSRS and USCF rated, USCF membership required.
Time Control: G/90 d/10.
- **PREMIER:** 5 Round Double Swiss – Play 10 games – white and black vs each opponent. Rated 1000 - 1499, and any other player rated less than 1000 desiring the tougher competition. NWSRS rated. Time Control: G/45 d/10.
- **RESERVE:** 5 Round Double Swiss – Play 10 games – white and black vs each opponent. Rated 999 and under only, for new, unrated, or inexperienced players. NWSRS rated. Time Control: G/45 d/10.

Note: Players who may have received high first time and provisional ratings may request to play in the Reserve section. These requests will be granted or refused on an individual basis.

Schedule: Arrival: 3:15-3:45pm on Friday January 27. All players are required to check in by 3:45pm. Players checking in after 3:45pm may risk forfeiting the first round.

Rounds: Friday: 4:15pm, 7:45pm Saturday: 10am, 2pm, 6pm Awards Ceremony: 9:30pm or asap.

Concessions: Snacks, drinks, and sandwiches will be available for purchase Friday night. Many options available close by.

Bring: Chess clocks, writing utensils, and chess sets for the skittles area.

Awards: Winner of the Championship Section receives the title of *Washington State High School Champion*. The state champion will receive \$250 of monetary support from the Washington High School Chess Association and \$750 of monetary support from the Washington Chess Federation to attend the Denker Tournament of High School Champions to be held in conjunction with the 2017 US Open in Norfolk, VA.

An appropriate number of trophies will be awarded to individuals in each section. Players that score at least 3.5/5 in the Championship or 7/10 in the Premier/Reserve, but do not place high enough to earn a trophy, will be awarded a chess medal.

Note: Ties for first place in the Championship Section will be resolved later in the year by a G/90 playoff game. If there is a tie for first place in the Premier or Reserve Section, it will be resolved in a speed chess playoff (game in 5 minutes with a 3-second delay).

Entry Fee: \$40 for the Championship section if postmarked or online by 1/20, \$50 after or at site. Half-off entry fee for National Masters or higher.
\$20 for the Premier and Reserve sections if postmarked or online by 1/20, \$25 after or at site.

Registration: All players must enter in advance via online registration at <http://nwchess.com/OnlineRegistration/> or email by Thursday, January 26 at 5:00 pm. 100% advance entry only. No phone, fax, or postal mail entries.

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

Tournament Directors: Ben Radin and Dan Mathews.

Make Checks Payable To: Washington Chess Federation (WCF).

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