

Washington State High School Individual Chess Championship



Jan 24-25, 2020

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. The tournament is in the Wright Community Center (WCC), located to the east of the sports field.

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

Format: A Swiss-style tournament in three sections using Northwest chess 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 High School State Champion. Dual Northwest and US Chess rated, US Chess membership required.
Time Control: G/90 d/10.
- **PREMIER:** 5 Round Double Swiss – Play 10 games – one as white and one as black vs each opponent. Rated 1000 - 1499, and any other player rated less than 1000 desiring the tougher competition. Northwest rated. Time Control: G/45 d/5.
- **RESERVE:** 5 Round Double Swiss – Play 10 games – one as white and one as black vs each opponent. Rated 999 and under only, for new, unrated, or inexperienced players. Northwest rated.
Time Control: G/45 d/5.

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 on an individual basis.

Schedule: Arrival: 3:15-4pm on Friday January 24. All players are required to check in by 4pm. Players checking in after 4pm may risk forfeiting the first round.

Rounds (5): Friday: 4:15pm, 7:45pm Saturday: 10am, 2pm, 6pm (these times are firm).
Awards Ceremony: 9:30pm or asap.

Concessions: Snacks and drinks will be available for purchase at site. Many options available close by.

Bring: Digital chess clock and chess set for the skittles area.

Awards: Winner of the Championship section receives the title of *Washington State High School Chess 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, which is held in conjunction with the 2020 US Open in early August.

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 (two games of G/3 min + 2 sec increment).

Entry Fee: \$50 for the Championship section if postmarked or online by 1/17, \$60 after or at site. Half-off entry fee for National Masters or higher.
\$25 for the Premier and Reserve sections if postmarked or online by 1/17, \$30 after or at site.

Registration: All players must enter in advance via online registration at <https://nwchess.com/OnlineRegistration/> or email by Thursday, January 24 @ 10pm. 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.

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