

2026 Washington State Mini-Teams Chess Championship

Saturday, November 14, 2026

All teams and individual players must enter in advance online before Friday, November 13th at 3:00pm. To enter click on the [registration form](#).

Site: Kamiak High School, 10801 Harbour Point Blvd, Mukilteo, WA 98275

Directions

Take these directions with you on tournament day!
From Southbound I-5:

- Take Exit 189 right onto WA-526 for 5.5 miles to Mukilteo
- Turn left onto Mukilteo Speedway WA-525 for .4 miles
- Turn right on Harbour Point Blvd for .6 miles
- Turn left into the north parking lot of Kamiak High School

From Northbound I-5:

- Take Exit 182 right onto WA-525/Mukilteo Speedway for 6 miles to Mukilteo
- Turn left onto Harbour Point Blvd for .6 miles
- Turn left into the north parking lot of Kamiak High School

Eligible

Any Washington High School, Middle School or Junior High School is eligible to enter as many teams as desired.

Extra players or singles are welcome! WHSCA staff will compose teams from the extra players.

All players on a team should be from same school, except for composed teams approved and/or made by WHSCA staff. WHSCA staff will try to keep teams of two together by adding an extra player from another school.

Private school coaches may propose a composed team consisting of high school and middle school players from the same private school. Public school coaches may propose a composed team consisting of high school and middle school players that will feed into that public high school. This should not result in the creation of a super team. For example, if a coach has five high school players and four middle school players. The coach needs to make one all high school mini team and one all middle school mini team. The coach can't have their highest rated high school player and highest rated middle school player on the composed team. WHSCA staff will have final approval for all composed teams in an effort to maintain fairness.

Format

One section. It will be a five round, Swiss system section, pairings by **TEAMS** of three players each.

Schedule

Doors open at **8:20** am. If you arrive before 8:35 a.m. expect to help with setting up the tournament room.

Check-in is from 8:40 am to 9:25 am. All pre-registered teams and individual players must **check in no later than 9:25 a.m.** to play in Round 1. Players' meeting **9:45 am**.

Rounds: **10:00 am, 11:30 am, 1:30 pm, 2:50 pm, 4:20 pm. Awards at 5:40 pm or soon thereafter.**

Be patient with tournament directors – team events are difficult to run.

Time Control

Game/30 with 5 second increment (30 minutes per player per game).

Recording of moves is required until one player has less than 5 minutes on the clock, then both players may stop recording. Touch-move rules apply throughout entire game.

Entries

All teams and individual players must enter online before **Friday, November 13th at 3:00 pm**. To enter your mini team(s) or individual player(s) click on the [registration form](#). No entries will be accepted at the site at check-in.

Entry Fee

\$45.00 per team (\$15.00 individual).

Make Checks Payable To

WHSCA (Washington High School Chess Association).

All payment for entry fees is to be paid at check-in. Only checks or cash will be accepted as payment. **If paying in cash do render the exact amount of money owed.** Do not mail your entry fees.

Rated

Northwest Scholastic Rating System ([NWSRS](#)). No memberships are required.

Bring

Bring your own sets and boards for skittles and your own writing utensils. Bring your digital delay chess clocks!

Awards

An appropriate number of team trophies. Chess medals will be awarded to all players with a perfect score (5 wins).

WHSCA Staff

Tournament Director: Brett Baugh

Floor Judges: Randy Walther and Randy Kaech

Questions or Concerns

Randy Kaech at WHSCA.chess@gmail.com

For the day of the tournament calls concerning possible late arrivals, last moment player/team withdrawals or changes or other info that will impact the pairings and/or starting a round on time, call the TD's cell phone: (360) 941-4590.