

2018 Washington State Championship

February 10-11, 17-19

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 2018 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: \$50, Challengers: \$25.

Schedule: Rounds 1-8: Feb. 10, 11, 17, 18 at 10 AM and 5 PM. Round 9: Feb. 19 (President's Day) at 5 PM.

Drawing of lots: Feb. 3rd at 10 PM at Seattle Chess Club after the Seattle Masters. 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: \$500, Challengers: \$250

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 Nick Raptis (State Champion), IM Georgi Orlov (Open Champion), FM Roland Feng (Championship Runner-up), Joseph Truelson (Challenger's Cup Champion), Alikhan Irgaliyev (Premier Champion), TBD (Junior Closed Champion)

Premier: Vikram Ramasamy (Premier Runner-up), Timothy Moroney (Invitational Champion), WIM Naomi Bashkansky (President's Cup Champion), TBD (Junior Open Champion), Chouchanik Airapetian (Women's Champion)

Invitational: Eric Zhang (Invitational Runner-up), Samuel Deng (Challengers Champion)

Challengers: Anshul Ahluwalia (Challengers Runner-up), TBD (WCF Nominee)

Registration: Please register online via [online registration](#) or reply to this email. If you are on the list of invited players, please confirm your ability to play on the website. See the list of invited players sorted by rating. To confirm or decline, just click on your name, then Modify, enter your password, then select your section. 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 2nd.

Questions?

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