

Washington State High School Individual Chess Championship



January 22-23, 2021

Online via  Chess.com

Eligibility: Open to any student registered in grades 9-12 in Washington State. A Chess.com account is required.

Format: A Swiss-style tournament in two sections using Northwest chess ratings published at <http://chess.ratingsnw.com/ratings.html>

- **CHAMPIONSHIP:** A 5-Round Swiss. For players rated 1500+, and any other player desiring to play for the title of High School State Champion. Dual NWSRS and US Chess Online Rated, US Chess membership required. Zoom monitoring with webcam required. Time Control: G/70;+5.
- **PREMIER:** A 5-Round Double Swiss – Play 10 games – one as white and one as black vs each opponent. For players rated U1500. NWSRS Rated, US Chess Unrated. US Chess membership not required. Zoom help desk available; Zoom monitoring not required. Time Control: G/35;+5.

Schedule: Zoom Check-in: 3:45-4:00pm on Friday January 22. All players are required to check in. Players checking in after 4pm may risk forfeiting the first round.

Rounds (5): Friday: 4:15pm, 7:15pm Saturday: 10am, 1pm, 4pm (these times are firm).

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

Entry Fee: Championship: \$50 by 1/15, \$60 after. Half-off entry fee for US Chess National Masters or higher.

Premier: \$25 by 1/15, \$30 after.

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Individual Prizes: \$250 in Amazon Gift Cards awarded per section (based on 60 total entries).

1st - \$70

2nd - \$60

3rd - \$50

4th - \$40

5th - \$30

Winner of the Championship section receives the title of *Washington State High School Chess Champion*. The State Champion will receive \$1000 of monetary support from the Washington Chess Federation to attend the Denker Tournament of High School Champions, which is held in conjunction with the 2021 US Open in early August. A tie for first place in the Championship section will be resolved later in the year by a playoff match.

Team Prizes: Amazon Gift Cards awarded to the Top 3 Teams (Team score is comprised of the top 4 scores combined across both sections):

1st Place Team: \$50

2nd Place Team: \$40

3rd Place Team: \$30

Registration: All players must enter in advance via online registration at <https://nwchess.com/OnlineRegistration/> or email by Thursday, January 21st @ 8pm. 100% advance entry only.

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Procedure: Pairings will be released prior to the start of each round. Games will be started automatically by the TD in the [Live Chess](#) area. Players should report their result to the TD via Zoom chat upon completion of the game.

Fair Play Agreement: All players and guardians (if U18) are required to sign the [WCF Fair Play Agreement](#) prior to the start of the tournament. WCF's Fair Play Committee will review any suspicious games on a case-by-case basis. Cheating of any kind is strictly prohibited.

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