

A Northwest Chess Grand Prix Event



Washington Class Championships

Fri-Sun, November 26-28, 2021

\$10,000 Prize Fund
(based on 150 paid entries)

Format: A 6-round Swiss event across 7 class sections. Sections may be combined if less than 12 players in a section.

Per-Section Entry Fees (by Oct 29 / Nov 12 / on-site) **and Prizes:**

- **Master (2200+)** EF \$150 / \$160 / \$170
Prizes: \$700, \$450, \$350; U2300 \$250, \$200
- **Expert (2000-2199)** EF \$140 / \$150 / \$160
Prizes: \$600, \$350, \$250; U2100 \$200, \$150
- **Class A (1800-1999)** EF \$130 / \$140 / \$150
Prizes: \$500, \$300, \$200; U1900 \$150, \$100
- **Class B (1600-1799)** EF \$130 / \$140 / \$150
Prizes: \$500, \$300, \$200; U1700 \$150, \$100
- **Class C (1400-1599)** EF \$130 / \$140 / \$150
Prizes: \$500, \$300, \$200; U1500 \$150, \$100
- **Class D (1200-1399)** EF \$130 / \$140 / \$150
Prizes: \$500, \$300, \$200; U1300 \$150, \$100
- **Class E (1199 & Under)** EF \$130 / \$140 / \$150
Prizes: \$500, \$300, \$200; U1000 \$150, \$100; U800 \$100, \$50; Unrated \$100

Special Female Prize:

Top female (in each class) \$50
Awarded to the highest finishing female per class who does not win any other cash prize. Requires min 3 qualifying players per class for the prize to be awarded.

Medal-Only Entry Fees and Prizes: EF \$80 / \$90 / \$100 (for Juniors under age 21 or Seniors age 50+)
Prizes: Medals awarded to top-2 finishers in each class.

Rated players add \$85 if wanting to play up one class only. (Playing up two classes is not permitted.)

Free entry to GMs, IMs, and WGMs.
Reentry for ½ of original entry fee.
Canadians may pay C\$ at par for entry fee.

Health/Safety Protocols: Face masks required for all participants and supporters. Please bring your own mask, limited number available. Chess equipment sanitized between rounds. All players and parents (if U18) are required to sign the [WCF Health /Safety Protocols & Waiver of Liability](#) form prior to the start of the tournament.

Hilton Bellevue

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Information/Entries:

Info - Josh Sinanan, WCF President, (206) 769-3757, WashingtonChessFederation@gmail.com
Entries - Valentin Razmov, WCF Tournament Coordinator, (206) 985-2277, VRazmov@gmail.com

Main Event:

Note: You can play in the main event *and* take part in several side events with minimum half-point byes!

Registration & Payment:

* **Before event:** nwchess.com/OnlineRegistration/ (pay by credit/debit/PayPal) or make checks payable to Washington Chess Federation.

* **On-site:** Fri 9-10 AM for 3-day schedule, or 4-5 PM if entering with 1 half-point bye. Sat 8-8:30 AM for 2-day schedule, or 9-10 AM if entering 3-day schedule with 2 half-point byes. *Late registrations may receive a half-point bye for first round.* Two half-point byes available; request before end of round 2. Play any two days, if taking 2 half-point byes.

Rating: Dual rated US Chess and NWSRS. Master/Expert/Class A/Class B sections also FIDE rated (except G/60 games). Higher of US Chess, FIDE, and NWSRS ratings used to determine class sections, pairings, and prizes. Higher of US Chess and foreign ratings used at TD discretion; foreign ratings used for players with no US Chess rating. Unrated players may only win 1st / 2nd / 3rd prizes in Master section or unrated prize in Class E section. Medal-only registered players may not win cash prizes, including the special female prize.

Rounds: 3-day schedule: Fri 11 AM & 6 PM, Sat 11 AM & 6 PM, Sun 9 AM & 3:30 PM.
2-day schedule: Sat 9 AM, 11:45 AM, 2:30 PM, then join 3-day schedule from round 4 at 6 PM.

Time Controls: 3-day schedule: 40/120 and SD/30 with a 10-second delay.
2-day schedule: G/60 with 10-second delay (rounds 1-3), rounds 4-6 same as 3-day schedule.
Please bring tournament chess set, board, and digital clock.

Miscellaneous: Current US Chess membership and WCF/OCF/ICA membership required in all sections. Other states accepted. Memberships may be paid at time of registration. US Chess Grand Prix Points: 40. US Chess Junior Grand Prix. No Smoking. No Computers. Wheelchair accessible.

Hotel Info/Rates: Hilton Bellevue, \$89 one King or two Queen Beds, single or double occupancy. Call (425) 455-1300 to request the Washington Chess Federation block. Group Code: WACFCL. Cut-off date for [discounted reservations](#) is Nov 8, 2021 at 5 PM PST.

Fun Side Events:

Washington Class Puzzle Solving Championship: Fri, 11/26 at 5 PM. Format: Solve 15 chess puzzles in 45 minutes. Solutions to be written on paper. Evaluation based on both accuracy and completeness. Registration: 4-4:45 PM. EF: \$10. Medals awarded to top-3 finishers overall and to the best puzzle solver in each class: U2000, U1700, U1400, and Unrated. No memberships required.

Washington Class 2nd Chess Workshop for Girls & Women: Fri, 11/26 at 6 PM. Details in [this flyer](#).

Washington Class Chess960 (Fischer Random) Championship: Sat, 11/27 at 5 PM. Format: 4-round Swiss in one section. Registration: 4:30-4:45 PM. Rounds: 5 PM, 6:30 PM, 8 PM, 9:30 PM. TC: G/30; d5. 1 half-point bye available; request by end of round 2. EF: \$25 online by 11/26 (or \$30 on-site). Prize Fund: \$400/b20. 1st \$110, 2nd \$80, 3rd \$60, 1st U2000 \$50, 1st U1700 \$50, 1st U1400/Unrated \$50. Unrated. No memberships required.

Washington Class G/45 Championship: Sun, 11/28 at 2 PM. Format: 4-round Swiss in one section. Registration: 1-1:45 PM. Rounds: 2 PM, 3:45 PM, 5:30 PM, 7:15 PM. TC: G/45; d5. 1 half-point bye available; request by end of round 2. EF: \$25 online by 11/27 (or \$30 on-site). Prize Fund: \$400/b20. 1st \$110, 2nd \$80, 3rd \$60, 1st U2000 \$50, 1st U1700 \$50, 1st U1400/Unrated \$50. Dual rated US Chess and NWSRS. Current US Chess and WCF/OCF/ICA memberships required.

Washington Class "Knight Time" Blitz: Sun, 11/28 at 8:45 PM. Format: 7-round Swiss in one section. Registration: 8-8:30 PM. Rounds: 8:45 PM, 9 PM, 9:15 PM, 9:30 PM, 9:45 PM, 10 PM, 10:15 PM. TC: G/5; d0. 2 half-point byes available; request by end of round 2. EF: \$25 online by 11/27 (or \$30 on-site). Prize Fund: \$400/b20. 1st \$110, 2nd \$80, 3rd \$60, 1st U2000 \$50, 1st U1700 \$50, 1st U1400/Unrated \$50. US Chess Blitz rated. Current US Chess and WCF/OCF/ICA memberships required.