

Co-hosted by Western WA University & WA Chess Federation



# Bellingham Open



April 22, 2023

Western WA University-- Viking Union Building: Room 565  
516 High Street, Bellingham, WA 98225

***Highest finishing WA resident in the Open Section seeded into the 2024 WA State Championship – Premier section.***

**Format:** A 5-round Swiss tournament in two sections: Open and Reserve U1700.

**Entry fee:** \$35 by 4/15, \$40 after. \$20 play-up fee if rated under 1700 and playing in Open section. Free entry for Western students. Maximum of 100 players, please register early to reserve your spot!

**Schedule:** Registration & Check-in: 9-9:45am. Rounds (5): 10am, 11:30am, 1:30pm, 3:00pm, 4:30pm. Closing Ceremony ~ 6pm or asap.

**Time Control:** G/30; +10 sec. increment per move starting from move 1.

**Rating:** NWSRS Rated. Open section also US Chess Rated. Higher of current NWSRS or April 2023 US Chess Regular Rating will be used to determine section, pairings, and prizes.

**Memberships:** US Chess membership required for Open section; no memberships required for Reserve section.

**Prize Fund:** \$1,200 (based on 60 paid entries)

**Open:** 1<sup>st</sup> \$200 2<sup>nd</sup> \$130 3<sup>rd</sup> \$100, 1<sup>st</sup> U2000/U1800: \$50

**Reserve U1700:** 1<sup>st</sup> \$120 2<sup>nd</sup> \$100 3<sup>rd</sup> \$80, 1<sup>st</sup> U1600/U1400/U1200/U1000: \$50, 1<sup>st</sup> Unrated: \$50

**Special Prizes (per section):** Best Upset: \$25, Best Female Player (by TPR): \$25, Best Dressed: \$10.

**Byes:** Up to 2 half-point byes available if requested before the end of round 2.

**Registration:** Online at [nwchess.com/OnlineRegistration](http://nwchess.com/OnlineRegistration). **Online registration + payment deadline: Fri, April 21 @ 5pm.** Unpaid players will be removed from the roster after the deadline, and players from the Waitlist will be offered a spot. At-site registration: 9-9:45am. On-site payment available by cash, check made out to "WCF", or Venmo (@WACHess).

**Health/Safety Protocols:** Face masks optional for players and spectators. If interested, please bring your own mask.

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