

Co-hosted by Western WA University & WA Chess Federation



Bellingham Open



Sunday, April 21, 2024

Western WA University – Viking Union Building: Multipurpose Room
516 High Street, Bellingham, WA 98225

Highest finishing WA resident in the Open Section seeded into the 2025 WA State Championship – Challengers section.

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

Entry fee: \$35 by 4/14, \$40 after. Free entry for WWU students. Need-based scholarships are available upon request. Maximum of 150 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: Dual US Chess and NWSRS Rated. Higher of current NWSRS or April 2024 US Chess Regular Rating will be used to determine section, pairings, and prizes.

Memberships: US Chess membership required.

Prize Fund: \$1,400 (based on 80 paid entries)

Open: 1st – 3rd: \$240-\$180-\$120. 1st U1900/U1800/U1700: \$50

Reserve U1700: 1st – 3rd: \$140-\$100-\$80, 1st U1500/U1300/U1100/U900: \$50, 1st Unrated: \$50

Special Prizes (per section): Best Upset Win: \$25, Best Female Player (by TPR): \$25, Best Dressed: \$20.

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

Registration: Online at nwchess.com/OnlineRegistration. **Online registration + payment deadline: Sat, April 20 @ 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", SettleKing, PayPal/Zelle (ID: WashingtonChessFederation@gmail.com) or Venmo (@WACHess).

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