

Harmon Memorial Chess Tournament



MARCH 2-3, 2024

LAKESIDE UPPER SCHOOL

14050 1ST AVE NE, SEATTLE, WA 98125

Highest performing WA players (by TPR) in the Open and Reserve sections seeded into the 2025 Washington State Premier + Challengers sections, respectively.

Format: A 5-round Swiss in two sections:

Open: NWSRS, US Chess & FIDE Tri-Rated (except for rd. 1, which is not FIDE rated)

Reserve U1700: NWSRS & US Chess Dual-Rated.

In case of a tie for 1st place, follow-up playoff games will determine the seed for the Premier or Challengers section of the 2025 Washington State Championship.

Schedule: Saturday 9 AM, 12:30 PM, 6 PM; Sunday 10 AM, 3:30 PM. Closing Ceremony: Sunday ~ 8 PM or asap. Players whose games run long may request a late start for the next round.

Time Control: Rd. 1: G/60; +15.

Rds. 2-5: 30/90, SD/30; +30. Late default: 60 min.

Prize Fund: \$3,600 (based on 90 paid entries)

Open: 1st-6th: \$450-375-300-225-150-125.

1st U2100/U1900: \$100

Reserve: 1st-4th: \$325-250-175-125.

1st U1500/U1300/U1100: \$100; 1st Unrated: \$70

Special Prizes (per section): **Biggest Upset Win:** \$10/round, **Best Female Player** (by TPR): \$50, **Best Dressed:** \$20/day, **Best Senior Players** (50+ & 65+, by TPR): \$50, **Biggest USCF Rating Gain:** \$25, **Best Annotated game:** \$25. Minimum of 3 qualifying players required per section in contention for each best female/senior prize to be awarded.

Entry Fee: \$80 by 2/24, \$95 after. Free entry for GMs, IMs, WGMs & WIMs. Players rated 1500+ (in both NWSRS + USCF) may pay an extra \$40 play-up fee to play in Open section. Maximum of 100 players – please register early to reserve your spot.

Memberships: Current US Chess and WCF membership/Northwest Chess subscription required. Memberships must be paid at time of registration.

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

Rating: US Chess and NWSRS Rated. Open section is also FIDE Rated (except for rd. 1). Highest of March FIDE, March US Chess Regular, or current NWSRS rating used to determine section, pairings, and prizes. If ratings differ by >200 pts., the avg. of current NWSRS and March. US Chess regular rating will be used.

Registration: Online at nwchess.com/OnlineRegistration
Pay by Credit/Debit/PayPal/SettleKing.

Registration and payment deadline: Fri. 3/1 @ 5pm. No registrations accepted or refunds offered after the deadline. Payment also available via Zelle (ID: WashingtonChessFederation@gmail.com) or Venmo (ID: @WACHess).

Questions?

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