

Co-hosted by Western WA University & WA Chess Federation



# Bellingham Open

Sunday, April 20, 2025



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

***Highest finishing WA resident in the Whatcom Open seeded into the 2026 WA State Championship – Challengers section.***

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

**Entry fee:** \$35 by 4/13, \$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:** At-site registration & check-in: 9:15-10:15am. Rounds (5): 10:30am, 12pm, 2pm, 3:30pm, 5pm. Closing Ceremony ~ 6:30pm or asap. Players whose games run long may request a late start for the next round.

**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 2025 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)

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

Fairhaven U1700: 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>: \$140-\$100-\$80, 1<sup>st</sup> U1500/U1300/U1100/U900: \$50, 1<sup>st</sup> 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](https://nwchess.com/OnlineRegistration). **Online registration + payment deadline:**

**Saturday, April 19 @ 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: 9:15-10:15am. On-site payment available by cash, check made out to "WCF", SettleKing, Zelle (ID: WashingtonChessFederation@gmail.com) or Venmo (@WACHess).

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