

# 19<sup>th</sup> Annual SPICE Cup Open



November 19-24, 2025

Hilton Bellevue

300 112<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, Bellevue, WA 98004



**Co-hosted by the Susan Polgar Foundation and the WA Chess Federation.**

A 9-round, dual USCF and FIDE-rated Swiss. One section; minimum rating 2000 FIDE or 2200 USCF required.

## Entry fee:

- GMs: Free entry.
- Foreign IMs: \$250 by 9/15, \$300 by 10/15, \$350 after.
- US Flag IMs: \$395 by 9/15, \$445 by 10/15, \$495 after.
- Foreign FIDE-rated players (2000+): \$395 by 9/15, \$445 by 10/15, \$495 after.
- US players 2200+ FIDE: \$595 by 9/15, \$645 by 10/15, \$695 after.
- US players 2000-2199 FIDE: \$895 by 9/15, \$945 by 10/15, \$995 after.

## Schedule:

Wednesday 11/19: Arrival & Check-in – 3:00-4:30 PM, Rd. 1 – 5:00 PM.

Thursday 11/20: Rd. 2 – 10:00 AM, Rd. 3 – 4:00 PM.

Friday 11/21: Rd. 4 – 10:00 AM, Rd. 5 – 4:00 PM.

Saturday 11/22: Rd. 6 – 11:00 AM.

Saturday 11/22: SPICE Cup Blitz Championship (9SS, G/3; +2) – 7:00 PM.

Sunday 11/23: Rd. 7 – 11:00 AM, Rd. 8 – 5:00 PM.

Monday 11/24: SPICE Cup Rapid Championship (5SS, G/15; +5) – 10:00 AM.

Monday 11/24: Rd. 9 – 4:00 PM, Closing Ceremony – 8:00 PM or ASAP.

**Prize Fund: \$12,500 Guaranteed! GM, IM, WGM, and WIM norms are possible.**

**1st – 3rd: \$5000-3000-2000, Top U2450: \$500-250, Top U2300: \$500-250.**

**Special Prizes** (which can be won in addition to a place or class prize):

**Top Female: \$500, Top Senior (50+): \$500, Brilliancy Prize: \$100.**

**Time Control:** G/90; +30. Forfeit time: 60 minutes.

**Byes:** Players may request up to two half-point byes in rounds 1-7 if announced by the start of the tournament. Zero-point byes are available for any round.

**Rating:** Dual USCF and FIDE-rated. November 2025 FIDE ratings will be used to determine pairings and prizes.

**Memberships:** A current US Chess membership is required at the time of the tournament.

**Hotel Rates:** \$199 for a King room or 2 Queens. Complimentary guest room Wi-Fi and event day parking. Discounted overnight parking of \$18 per vehicle per night. Many restaurants are within 1-2 miles of the hotel. For online hotel reservations, use the [booking link](#). Group Code: WACFRL. For phone reservations, call 425-455-1300 and reference the Chess SPICE Cup. Cut-off date for discounted hotel reservations is **October 30, 2025**.

**Registration:** Online at [nwchess.com/OnlineRegistration](http://nwchess.com/OnlineRegistration) or send registration form and payment to: Washington Chess Federation, 4174 148th Avenue NE, Building I, Suite M, Redmond, Washington 98052. Limited space available; please register early. Registration will stay open until capacity is reached or by the **deadline of 11/18** at 12:00 PM (noon) PT. Partial refunds (less PayPal fees + \$20 processing fee) are available until the registration deadline.

**Miscellaneous:** Limited free hotel accommodation available for GMs. Players receiving conditions may not take any byes without express permission from the organizer. All equipment is provided. Anti-cheating measures will be strictly enforced.

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