

Seattle Seafair Open



July 12-13, 2025

Hotel 116 Bellevue

625 116th Ave NE, Bellevue, WA 98004



Co-hosted by Seattle Chess Club and Washington Chess Federation

Format: A 5-round, dual US Chess + FIDE Rated Swiss in two sections: **Open and Premier U1600.**

Entry fee: \$100 by 7/5, \$120 after. \$30 discount for SCC members. \$50 play-up fee if rated 1400-1599 USCF and playing in Open section. Free entry for all Seafarers rated 2200+ USCF. Open to all junior + adult players. Maximum of 190 players, please register early!

Schedule: Arrival: 9-9:45am. Rounds: Saturday: 10am, 2pm, 6pm. Sunday: 10am, 2pm.
Closing Ceremony + Seafair Blitz: ~ 6pm or asap.

Time Control: G/75; +30. Late default: 30 minutes.

Rating: Dual-Rated in US Chess and FIDE. July 2025 US Chess rating will be used to determine section, pairings, and prizes. Accelerated pairings may be used to reduce the number of potential perfect scores.

Memberships: US Chess and WCF/OCF/ICA memberships required; must be paid at the time of registration.

Prize Fund: \$4,500 based on 100 paid entries.

Open: 1st– 4th: \$600-500-400-300, 1st U2100/U1900/U1700: \$160.

Premier U1600: 1st– 4th: \$400-300-230-180, 1st U1500/U1300/U1100: \$160. 1st Unrated: \$100.

Special Prizes (per section):

Biggest Upset Win: \$20/rd. **Best Female Player** (by TPR): \$25. **Best Senior Player** (50+, by TPR): \$25. **Best Dressed:** \$20/day. **Best Annotated game:** 1st \$50, 2nd \$25. Minimum of 3 qualifying players required per section in contention for each best female/senior prize to be awarded.

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

Registration: Online at nwchess.com/OnlineRegistration. Pay by Credit/Debit, PayPal/Zelle (ID: washingtonchessfederation@gmail.com), Venmo (@WACHess), SettleKing (Washington Chess Federation), or write a check to Washington Chess Federation. **Payment due upon registration; players listed as unpaid for more than 3 days after registering will be withdrawn from the tournament. Registration + payment deadline: Fri, July 11 @ 5pm.** Unpaid players will be removed from the roster after the deadline.

Seafair Blitz: Sunday 6-9pm (after rd. 5 of main tournament). **Entry Fee:** \$25. **Format:** A 9-Round Single Swiss in one section, 2 half-point byes available. Dual US Chess Blitz + FIDE Blitz rated. **TC:** G/5; +3. **On-site registration:** 5:00-5:45pm. Rds. Sun @ 6pm, 6:20, 6:40, 7, 7:20, 7:40, 8, 8:20, 8:40pm. Closing Ceremony ~ 9pm or asap. Current US Chess membership required. Higher of July 2025 US Chess Blitz or Regular rating used to determine pairings and prizes. **Prize Fund: \$800** (based on 60 paid entries)

1st – 3rd: \$200-130-100, 1st U2000/U1800/U1600/U1400/U1200/U1000/Unrated: \$40. Biggest upset win: \$10/rd.

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