

# WASHINGTON CHALLENGERS CUP



SAT-SUN, OCTOBER 11-12, 2025

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*Highest finishing Washington residents in the Gukesh + Praggnanandhaa sections seeded into the 2026 Washington State Championship + Rising Stars sections, respectively.*

**Format:** A 5-round Swiss in two sections:

**Gukesh 1700+ & Praggnanandhaa U1700**

In case of a tie for 1<sup>st</sup> place, a future playoff match will determine the seed for the Championship or Rising Stars section of the 2026 Washington State Championship.

**Schedule:** Saturday 9 AM, 1:30 PM, 6 PM; Sunday 10 AM, 3 PM. Players whose games run long may request a late start for the next round.

**Time Control:** G/90; +30. Late default: 60 min.

**Prize Fund:** \$5,000 (based on 100 paid entries)

**Gukesh 1700+:** 1<sup>st</sup>–4<sup>th</sup>: \$650–550–450–350.

1<sup>st</sup> U2100/U1900: \$300.

**Praggnanandhaa U1700:** 1<sup>st</sup>–4<sup>th</sup>: \$400–350–300–250.

1<sup>st</sup> U1500/U1300/U1100: \$200; 1<sup>st</sup> Unrated: \$150.

**Special Prizes** (per section): Biggest Upset Win: \$10/rd., Best Female Player (by TPR): \$50, Best Senior Player (50+, by TPR): \$50, Best Dressed: \$20/day.

**Entry Fee:** \$100 by 10/4, \$120 after. Free entry for GMs, IMs, WGMs & WIMs and all chess Challengers rated 2300+ USCF. \$50 play-up fee if rated 1500-1700 in both NWSRS + USCF and playing in Gukesh 1700+. Maximum of 100 players – please register early to guarantee your spot.

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

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

**Rating:** Triple-Rated in NWSRS, US Chess, and FIDE. Higher of current NWSRS or October 2025 US Chess rating will be used to determine section, pairings, and prizes.

**Registration:** Online at [nwchess.com/OnlineRegistration](http://nwchess.com/OnlineRegistration). Pay by SettleKing (Washington Chess Federation), Zelle (ID: [WashingtonChessFederation@gmail.com](mailto:WashingtonChessFederation@gmail.com)), cash, 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 **Payment due upon registration; players listed as unpaid for more than 3 days after registering will be withdrawn from the tournament.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, October 10 @ 5pm.** Unpaid players will be removed from the roster after the deadline.

**Info/Entries:** Make checks payable to Washington Chess Federation.

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