

Harmon Memorial Chess Tournament



APRIL 11-12, 2026

HOTEL 116 BELLEVUE

625 116TH AVE NE, BELLEVUE, WA 98004

Highest performing WA players (by TPR) in the Open and U1700 sections seeded into the 2027 Washington State Invitational + Rising Stars sections, respectively.

Format: A five-round Swiss in three sections:

Gondor Open, Rivendell U1700 & Shire U1200

In case of a tie for 1st place, future follow-up playoff matches will determine the seeds for the Invitational and Rising Stars sections, respectively, of the 2027 WA State Championship.

Time Control: Round 1: G/60; +30.

Rounds 2-5: 30/75; SD/30; +30. Late default: 60 minutes.

Schedule: Sat @ 9 AM, 12:30 PM, 6 PM. Sun @ 10 AM, 3:30 PM. Games that go long may request a late start for the next round.

Prize Fund: \$5,500 based on 100 paid entries.

Gondor Open: 1st-4th: \$500-\$400-\$300-\$250,
1st-2nd U2100: \$175-\$150, 1st-2nd U1900: \$175-\$150.

Rivendell U1700: 1st-4th: \$400-\$300-\$200-\$150,
1st-2nd U1600: \$125-\$100, 1st-2nd U1400: \$125-\$100.

Shire U1200: 1st-4th: \$300-\$250-\$200-\$150,
1st-2nd U1000: \$100-\$75, 1st-2nd U800: \$100-\$75.

Special Prizes (per section):

Biggest Frodo Upset Win: \$20/rd., Best Galadriel Female Player (by TPR): \$50, Best Gandalf Senior Player (by TPR): \$50, Best Gimli Dressed: \$20/day.

Entry Fee: \$110 by 4/4, \$140 after. Free entry (pending completion without withdrawals) for GMs, IMs, WGMs, and WIMs. Chess Hobbits rated 2200+ USCF receive a \$50 discount. \$60 play-up fee if rated 1600-1699 or 1100-1199 in both NWSRS and USCF and playing up in Gondor Open or Rivendell U1700, respectively. Maximum of 200 players.

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. Memberships must be paid at time of registration.

Rating: Triple rated in NWSRS, USCF, and FIDE. Higher of April 2026 USCF or current NWSRS rating used to determine section, pairings, and prizes. Higher of USCF or foreign rating used at TD discretion.

Registration: Online at nwchess.com/OnlineRegistration. Pay by SettleKing (Washington Chess Federation), Zelle (wa-chess), or mail a check to WCF. Registration and payment **deadline: Fri. 4/10 @ 5pm**. No registrations accepted or refunds offered after the deadline.

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

Mail To: Washington Chess Federation
c/o Orlov Chess Academy, 4174 148th Ave. NE
Building I, Ste. M, Redmond, WA 98052

Contact: Josh Sinanan, WCF President, 206.769.3757
Email: WashingtonChessFederation@gmail.com

Legolas Blitz: Sunday 8-9:30pm (after rd. 5 of main tournament). **Entry Fee:** \$30. **Format:** A 7-Round Single Swiss in one section, 2 half-point byes available. Dual USCF Blitz + FIDE Blitz rated. **TC:** G/3; +2. **On-site registration:** 7:00-7:45pm. Rds. Sun @ 8pm, 8:15, 8:30, 8:45, 9, 9:15, 9:30. Closing Ceremony ~ 9:45pm or asap. Current US Chess membership required. Higher of April 2026 USCF Blitz or Regular rating used to determine pairings and prizes.

Prize Fund: \$750 (based on 50 paid entries)

1st – 3rd: \$170-120-90,

1st U2000/U1800/U1600/U1400/U1200/U1000/Unrated: \$40.
Biggest upset win: \$10/rd.