



Washington Class Championships

Fri-Sun, Nov 27-29, 2026

Embassy Suites Seattle North / Lynnwood

20610 44th Avenue West, Lynnwood, WA 98036-7701

\$17,500 Prize Fund

(based on 200 paid entries)

Format: A 6-round Swiss event in 8 class sections. A section with <12 players may be merged w/ the nearest one.

Entry Fees (EF) (by Oct 30 / Nov 13 / Nov 26 / on-site) & **Prizes** per section:

- **Kasparov (2200+)** EF: \$170 / \$185 / \$200 / \$225
Prizes: \$800, \$600, \$400; U2300 \$250, \$200
- **Menchik (2000-2199)** EF: \$160 / \$175 / \$190 / \$215
Prizes: \$600, \$400, \$300; U2100 \$200, \$150
- **Fischer (1800-1999)** EF: \$150 / \$165 / \$180 / \$205
Prizes: \$500, \$350, \$250; U1900 \$170, \$130
- **Gaprindashvili (1600-1799)** EF: \$150 / \$165 / \$180 / \$205
Prizes: \$400, \$300, \$200; U1700 \$170, \$130
- **Capablanca (1400-1599)** EF: \$150 / \$165 / \$180 / \$205
Prizes: \$400, \$300, \$200; U1500 \$170, \$130
- **Chiburidanidze (1200-1399)** EF: \$150 / \$165 / \$180 / \$205
Prizes: \$400, \$300, \$200; U1300 \$170, \$130
- **Lasker (1000-1199)** EF: \$150 / \$165 / \$180 / \$205
Prizes: \$400, \$300, \$200; U1100 \$170, \$130
- **Yifan (under 1000)** EF: \$150 / \$165 / \$180 / \$205
Prizes: \$400, \$300, \$200; U800 \$170, \$130; U600 \$100, \$50; Unrated \$100, \$50

Seeds: Highest finishing WA resident in Kasparov, Menchik, Fischer, Gaprindashvili, and Capablanca sections seeded in the 2027 WA State Championship: Championship, Premier, Invitational, Challengers, and Rising Stars sections, respectively. Ties for a seed to be resolved by post-event playoff games.

Mixed Doubles Prizes: Best mixed gender (including male-female) two-player team's combined score: 1st \$230, 2nd \$180, 3rd \$120. Average team rating must be under 2000; may play in different sections. Register (no extra fee) before the start of round 3. Awarded in addition to other prizes.

Special Prizes (per class section):

- **Best Female Player***** (by TPR): \$75.
- **Best Senior (50+) Player***** (by TPR): \$75.
- **Highest (USCF) Rating Gain***: 1st \$60, 2nd \$30.
Requires an established (non-provisional) rating. May not be combined with Biggest Upset Win.
- **Biggest Upset Win (per round)*****: \$30.
- **Fair-Play, Kindness, Spreading Joy**: \$30.
- **Best Dressed (per day)*****: \$25.
- **Best Annotated Game**: 1st \$75, 2nd \$50, 3rd \$25.

Notes: * = May not combine with higher prizes.

** = Requires a minimum of 3 eligible players.

*** = Player may not win this prize repeatedly.

Hotel Info: 2 Room Suite: 1 King Bed (\$149) or 2 Queen Beds (\$159), incl. buffet breakfast and evening reception. Call 425-775-2500 to request the Washington Chess Federation block, or reserve [online](#). Cut-off date for reservations at the above rates is Fri, Oct 30.

Main Event

Note: We encourage you to play in the Main Event *and* to take part in some side events (see next page). Our schedule allows this w/ minimum or no half-point byes!

Info: Josh Sinanan, WCF President, 206-769-3757,
WashingtonChessFederation@gmail.com

Registration & Payment:

Before event: (by Thu, Nov 26 @ 5pm) NWchess.com/OnlineRegistration (pay by Zelle / SettleKing) or write a check to Washington Chess Federation.
On-site (payment by cash possible too): Fri 8:30-9:30am for 3-day schedule, or 4:30-5:15pm if entering with 1 half-point bye. Sat 8-8:30am for 2-day schedule, or 9-9:30am if entering 3-day schedule with 2 half-point byes. *Late registrations receive a half-point bye for round 1.*

Byes: Two half-point byes available; if interested, request before the end of round 2. (You may play on any two of the 3 days and take a full day off, if using 2 half-point byes.)

Rating: Dual rated USCF and NWSRS. Kasparov / Menchik / Fischer / Gaprindashvili sections also FIDE rated (except any G/55 games). Nov 2026 USCF rating used to determine class sections, pairings, and prizes. Higher of USCF and CFC ratings used for Canadian players. Other foreign ratings used at TD discretion; foreign ratings also used for players with no USCF rating. Unrated players are eligible only for 1st / 2nd / 3rd prizes in the Kasparov (2200+) section or for the Unrated prizes in the Yifan (U1000) section.

Entry Fee Adjustments: Playing up into a higher section is allowed (for \$90 extra) if the player's Nov 2026 USCF rating is within 200 points of that section's lower limit (e.g., min USCF 1600 for the 1800-1999 section). Seniors (age 50+) may subtract \$50. Free entry to GMs, IMs, WGMs, and WIMs. Reentry for ½ of original entry fee. Canadians may pay CAD\$ at par for entry fees only.

Rounds:

3-day schedule: Fri @ 10am & 6pm; Sat @ 10am & 6pm; Sun @ 10am & 4:30pm.
2-day schedule: Sat @ 9am, 11:45am, 2:45pm, then join the 3-day schedule from round 4 @ 6pm.

Time Controls:

3-day schedule: 30/90, SD/30; +30. Late default: 60 minutes.
2-day schedule: G/55; +15 (rounds 1-3); rounds 4-6 same as in the 3-day schedule.

Miscellaneous: Current US Chess membership and WCF / OCF / ICA membership required. Other states accepted. Memberships may be paid at the time of registration. All equipment is provided courtesy of WCF. Wheelchair accessible.

Procedures: Pairings posted near the playing hall and online ~20 minutes before each round. If withdrawing or skipping a round, please inform organizers at least 30 minutes before the start of the round. Forfeiting a game without good reason carries a penalty of not being allowed to participate in the event the following year.

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Fun Side Events!

(many run between rounds of the Main Event)

WA Class Woodward Thanksgiving Scholastic

Fri, 11/27 @ 9 AM – 4 PM (during round 1)

Open to K-12 students. Dual sections: Open and Challengers:

• **Open:** A 4-round G/40;+5 Swiss in two sections: **K-3 Open** and **4-12 Open**. For intermediate to advanced players. Dual NWSRS and USCF rated. US Chess membership req'd. Clocks & notation req'd. Rounds: 9:15am, 10:45, lunch, 12:45, 2:15pm. Awards: ~4pm.

• **Challengers:** A 5-round G/25;+5 Swiss in two sections: **K-3 U800** and **4-12 U900**. For novice to low-intermediate players. Dual NWSRS and USCF rated. US Chess membership req'd. Clocks req'd from the start. Notation req'd in 4-12 U900, and optional in K-3 U800. Rounds: 9:15am, 10:30, lunch, 12, 1:15, 2:30pm. Awards: ~4pm.

Entry fee: \$60 by Fri, 11/20; \$70 after. Room for 150 players.

Awards (per section):

- 1st-5th place: \$70-\$65-\$60-\$55-\$50 (in Amazon e-gift cards).
 - Medals for first-timers, best female player, & biggest upset win.
 - Top performing player (by TPR) in Open sections earns free entry into the 2-day Washington Class (Main Event) (see previous page).
- Rating: Higher of Nov 2026 USCF or current NWSRS ratings used for sections & pairings.

Registration: NWchess.com/OnlineRegistration/ - pay by Zelle / SettleKing / check); no on-site entries or payments. Registration & payment deadline: Thu, 11/26 @ 5pm.

WA Class Dorfner Memorial Adult Novice Swiss

Fri, 11/27 @ 11 AM – 4 PM (during round 1)

A 4-round Swiss in one section. For U1200 or unrated adults (18+). 1 half-point bye available. Unrated. TC: G/30;+5. EF: \$30. No memberships req'd. Register: 10-10:45am. Rounds: 11am, 12:15, 1:30, 2:45pm. Prizes: \$400/b20. 1st-3rd \$150 / \$100 / \$60, 1st U900 / U700 / Unrated \$30.

WA Class Chess960 Freestyle Fischer Rapid

Fri, 11/27 @ 2:15 PM – 4:30 PM (between rounds 1 & 2)

A 4-round Swiss in one section, 1 half-point bye available. Unrated. TC: G/12;+3. EF: \$25. No memberships req'd. Register: 1:30-2pm. Rounds: 2:15pm, 2:50, 3:25, 4pm. Nov 2026 USCF rating used for pairings & prizes. A new (randomized) opening position in each round. Players have 2 minutes before clocks start to examine initial positions. Prize fund: \$300/b20: 1st-3rd \$80 / \$60 / \$40, 1st U2000 / U1700 / U1400 / Unrated \$30.

WA Class Robson Puzzle Solving

Fri, 11/27 @ 4:45 PM – 5:30 PM (between rounds 1 & 2)

Solving 16 chess puzzles in 45 minutes, on paper. Evaluation based on both accuracy and completeness. EF: \$20. Register: 3:45-4:30pm. No memberships req'd. Prize fund: \$250/b30. 1st \$60, 2nd \$45, 3rd \$25, 1st U2000 / U1700 / U1400 / U1100 / U800 / Unr. \$20.

WA Class Girls' & Women's Workshop

Fri, 11/27 @ 5:30 PM – 6 PM & 6 PM – 8 PM (during round 2)

A workshop led by WFM Chouchan Airapetian (chornyaa@msn.com, 206-799-6087), experienced chess coach, organizer, promoter, former US Women's Championship contender and 3rd placed at 2026 US Senior Women's Championship, WCF Girls' & Women's Chess Director. Register: 4:45-5:15pm. EF: Free! Schedule: 5:30-6pm: "How to develop & cultivate girls' and women's chess." 6-8 pm: Q&A, complimentary pizza & refreshments, and ladies' bughouse.

WA Class Piper Memorial Adult Swiss

Sat-Sun, 11/28-11/29 @ 11 AM and 4:30 PM (during rounds 3-6)

Sponsored by *Seattle Chess Club* in memory of Dr. August Piper (1944-2024), with generous support from Gerald Larsen & Henry Yan. A 4-round Swiss in two sections: Botvinnik (Open) and Korchnoi (U1500); may be merged based on entries. 1 half point

bye available. USCF rated only. TC: G/120;+30. EF: \$60 online (by Fri, 11/27) or \$70 on-site; \$20 discount for SCC members. EF waived for unrated players who purchase memberships. Register: Sat, 11/28 @ 10-10:30am (unless starting with a half-point bye). US Chess and WCF/OCF/ICA memberships req'd. Nov 2026 USCF ratings used for sections, pairings, & prizes. Gtd. prize fund: \$1,000. Botvinnik (Open): 1st \$240, 2nd \$150, 3rd \$120, 1st U1650 \$80; Korchnoi (U1500): 1st \$120, 2nd \$100, 3rd \$80, 1st U1300 \$60, 1st Unrated \$50.

WA Class Casablanca Rapid

Sat, 11/28 @ 2 PM – 4 PM (between rounds 3 & 4)

A 4-round Swiss in one section. 1 half-point bye available. Unrated. TC: G/8;+3. EF: \$30. No memberships. Register: 1-1:45pm. Rounds: 2pm, 2:30, 3, 3:30pm. Nov 2026 USCF rating used for pairings & prizes. Each round starts in a new *middlegame* position from a historical game. Players have 2 minutes before clocks start to examine initial positions. Prize fund: \$400/b20. 1st \$110, 2nd \$85, 3rd \$60, 1st U2100 \$50, 1st U1800 \$40, 1st U1500 \$30, Biggest Upset Win: \$25.

WA Class Naroditsky Memorial Bullet

Sat, 11/28 @ 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM (between rounds 3 & 4)

A 6-round Swiss in one section. 2 half-point byes available. Unrated. TC: G/2;+1. EF: \$20. No memberships. Register: 3:15-4:15pm. Rounds: 4:30pm, 4:40, 4:50, 5, 5:10, 5:20pm. Nov 2026 USCF rating used for pairings & prizes. Prize fund: \$250/b20. 1st \$75, 2nd \$55, 3rd \$40, 1st U2000 / U1600 / U1200 / Unrated \$20.

WA Class Carlsen Rapid Championship

Sun, 11/29 @ 2 PM – 4:15 PM (between rounds 5 & 6)

A 4-round Swiss in two sections: Kasparov (1600+) and Anand (U1600); may be merged based on entries. 1 half-point bye available. USCF Quick rated; Kasparov section is FIDE Rapid rated too. TC: G/12;+3. EF: \$35 (online, by Sat, 11/28 @ 5pm) or \$40 (on-site). Players rated 1500+ may play up (\$20 fee). Current US Chess and WCF/OCF/ICA memberships req'd. Register: 1-1:45pm. Rounds: 2pm, 2:35, 3:10, 3:45pm. Nov 2026 USCF regular rating used for sections, pairings, & prizes. Prize fund: \$1,000/b50. Kasparov (1600+): 1st-3rd \$140 / \$110 / \$80, 1st U2100 / U1900 / U1700 \$60; Anand (U1600): 1st-3rd \$100 / \$80 / \$60, 1st U1400 / U1200 / U1000 / Unrated \$40. Biggest Upset Win (in each section): \$25.

WA Class Aronian Bughouse

Sun, 11/29 @ 3 PM – 4:15 PM (between rounds 5 & 6)

A 7-round Single Swiss in one section. 2 half-point byes available. Max avg team rating: 1800. Unrated. TC: G/3;+0. EF: \$25/player. No memberships req'd. Register: 2:15-2:45pm. Rounds: 3pm, 3:10, 3:20, 3:30, 3:40, 3:50, 4pm. Nov 2026 USCF rating (if unrated, up to 1300 based on age) used for pairings & prizes. Team prizes: \$400 (based on 20 teams): 1st-3rd \$100-\$70-\$50; 1st-3rd K-6 \$50-\$40-\$30; Biggest Upset Win: \$30; Best Sportsmanship: \$30.

WA Class "Knight-Time" Blitz

Sun, 11/29 @ 8:30 PM – 10:15 PM (after round 6)

A 7-round Swiss in two sections: Nakamura (1600+) and Tal (U1600); may be merged based on entries. 2 half-point byes available. USCF Blitz rated; Nakamura section is also FIDE Blitz rated. TC: G/3;+2. EF: \$35 (online, by Sat, 11/28 @ 5pm) or \$40 (on-site). Players rated 1500+ may play up (\$20 fee). Current US Chess and WCF/OCF/ICA memberships req'd. Register: 7:30-8:15pm. Rounds: 8:30pm, 8:45, 9, 9:15, 9:30, 9:45, 10pm. Nov 2026 USCF rating used for sections, pairings, & prizes. Prize fund: \$1,000/b50. Nakamura (1600+): 1st-3rd \$140 / \$110 / \$80, 1st U2100 / U1900 / U1700 \$60; Tal (U1600): 1st-3rd \$90 / \$75 / \$60, 1st U1400 / U1200 / U1000 / Unrated \$40.