

# WASHINGTON PRESIDENT'S CUP



FEBRUARY 14-15, 2026

HOTEL 116 BELLEVUE

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*Highest finishing Washington resident in the Open section seeded into the 2027 Washington State Championship – Invitational section.*

**Format:** A five-round Swiss in three sections:

**Kennedy Open, Johnson U1700 & Nixon U1300**

*In case of a tie for 1<sup>st</sup> place, a future follow-up playoff match will determine the seed for the Invitational section of the 2027 Washington State Championship.*

**Time Control:** G/90; +30 sec. increment.

Late default: 60 minutes.

**Schedule:** Sat @ 9 AM, 2 PM, 7 PM. Sun @ 10 AM, 3 PM. Games that go long may request a late start for the next round.

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

Kennedy Open: 1<sup>st</sup>–4<sup>th</sup>: \$500–\$400–\$300–\$250,  
1<sup>st</sup>–2<sup>nd</sup> U2100: \$175–\$150, 1<sup>st</sup>–2<sup>nd</sup> U1900: \$175–\$150.

Johnson U1700: 1<sup>st</sup>–4<sup>th</sup>: \$400–\$300–\$200–\$150,  
1<sup>st</sup>–2<sup>nd</sup> U1600: \$125–\$100, 1<sup>st</sup>–2<sup>nd</sup> U1400: \$125–\$100.

Nixon U1300: 1<sup>st</sup>–4<sup>th</sup>: \$300–\$250–\$200–\$150,  
1<sup>st</sup>–2<sup>nd</sup> U1100: \$100–\$75, 1<sup>st</sup>–2<sup>nd</sup> U900: \$100–\$75.

Special Prizes (per section):

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

**Entry Fee:** \$110 by 2/7, \$140 after. Free entry (pending completion without withdrawals) for GMs, IMs, WGMs, and WIMs. Chess Senators rated 2200+ USCF receive a \$50 discount. \$60 play-up fee if rated 1600–1699 or 1200–1299 in both NWSRS and USCF and playing up in Kennedy Open or Johnson 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 February 2026 US Chess 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](http://nwchess.com/OnlineRegistration). Pay by SettleKing (Washington Chess Federation), Zelle (ID: see email below), or mail a check to WCF. Registration and payment **deadline: Fri. 2/13 @ 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 148<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE, Building I, Ste. M, Redmond, WA 98052

**Contact:** Josh Sinanan, WCF President, 206.769.3757

**Email:** [WashingtonChessFederation@gmail.com](mailto:WashingtonChessFederation@gmail.com)

**Presidential Blitz:** Sunday 7–9pm (after rd. 5 of main tournament). **Entry Fee:** \$30. **Format:** A 9-Round Single Swiss in one section, 2 half-point byes available. Dual US Chess Blitz + FIDE Blitz rated. **TC:** G/3; +2. **On-site registration:** 6:00–6:45pm. Rds. Sun @ 7pm, 7:15, 7:30, 7:45, 8, 8:15, 8:30, 8:45, 9pm. Closing Ceremony ~ 9:15pm or asap. Current US Chess membership required. Higher of February 2026 US Chess Blitz or Regular rating used to determine pairings and prizes. **Prize Fund:** \$750 (b/o 50 pd. entries)  
1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>: \$170–120–90,  
1<sup>st</sup> U2000/U1800/U1600/U1400/U1200/U1000/Unrated: \$40. Biggest upset win: \$10/rd.