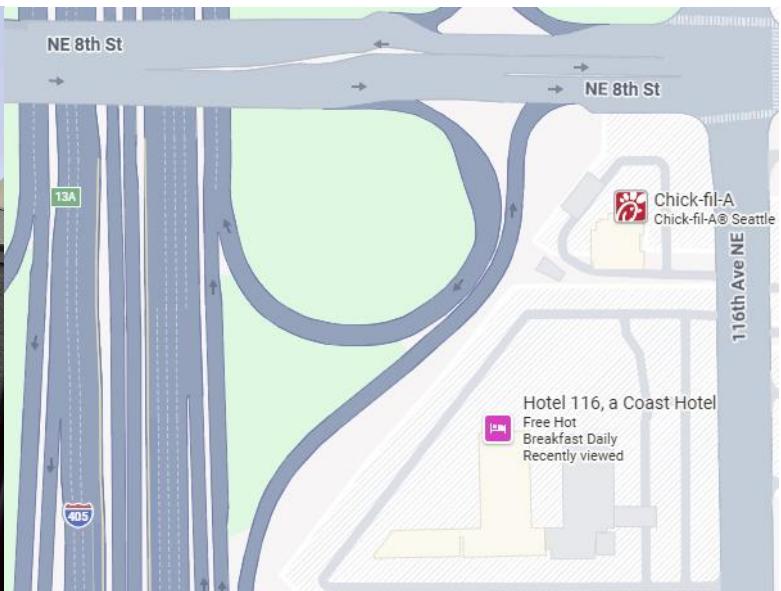
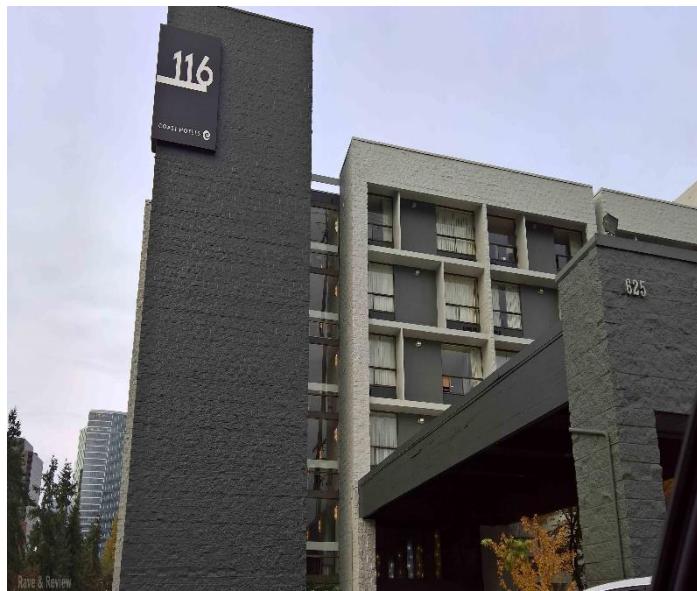


# Washington vs British Columbia International Scholastic Chess Match

**Saturday, May 9, 2026**



**Hotel 116 Bellevue**  
**625 116<sup>th</sup> Ave NE**  
**Bellevue, WA 98004**



**Format:** The top two qualified WA players from each grade, K-12, compete against the top two BC players from the same grades.

## Organizing Teams:

- Washington Chess Federation (WCF President Josh Sinanan, WCF Women and Girls Director Chouchan Airapetian)
- British Columbia Organizing Committee (BCCF President Paul Leblanc, BCCF Junior Coordinator Penny Pham, Stephen Wright, Michael Lo)
- WA Team Captains: NM Josh Sinanan, WFM Chouchan Airapetian
- BC Team Captains: WIM Penny Pham, IM Long Le.

## **Eligibility:**

WA Players - The two highest finishers in each grade from the Intermat Candidates tournament on March 7-8 will be selected as the two honored players who will make up Team Washington. If a qualified player is unavailable, the invitation will pass to the next highest finisher for that grade level, followed by the highest rated available WA player in that grade.

BC Players – see Intermat site: <http://chess2inspire.org/2026-intermat-bc-vs-wa>.

## **Schedule:**

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| <b>9:30am</b>         | Check-in, Pickup team wear, Team Photos, Opening Ceremony, and Tournament Rules Announcement  |
| <b>10:00am</b>        | Round 1   |
| <b>1:30pm</b>         | Lunch break; light refreshments provided.   |
| <b>2:30pm</b>         | Round 2 (players finished late in round 1 may postpone the start of round 2 with TD approval) |
| <b>6:30pm or asap</b> | Closing Ceremony  |

**Equipment:** Boards/sets, clocks, scoresheets, and pens will be provided. Recording of moves is required.

**Entry Fee:** FREE, by invitation – it is an honor to represent your state or province in this international match.

**Time Control & Rating:** Game in 90 minutes with a 30-second increment per move. Two games, unrated. FIDE rules apply.

**Swag:** Commemorative team wear will be supplied by Team WA for all players.

**Awards:** Rotating Team Trophy engraved with the winning state/province for the year.

**Registration:** Please register via online registration at [nwchess.com/OnlineRegistration/](http://nwchess.com/OnlineRegistration/). The deadline for accepting the invitation is Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Tournament Director:** FA Mani Atikankhotchasee.

**Concessions:** Many food options are available near the playing site. Complimentary light snacks and refreshments will be provided for all players.

**Parking:** Complimentary parking can be found in the Hotel 116 parking lot and on the nearby residential streets.

## **Questions?**

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