

2026 Western States Regional Chess Championship for Girls & Women



Format

A regional tournament open to all female chess players in three sections:

Megan Lee Championship

A 5-round, G/60; +30 Swiss over two days (Sat-Sun). Tri-rated in NWSRS, USCF, and FIDE. Rounds: Saturday: 9am, 4:45pm. Sunday: 9am, 1pm, 5pm. Awards ~ 7:30pm.

Divya Deshmukh U1300

A 1-day, 5-round, G/40; +5 Swiss. NWSRS & USCF dual rated. Rounds: Saturday: 9am, 10:45am, 1pm, 4:45pm, 6:15pm. Awards ~ 7:45pm.

Carissa Yip U800

A 1-day, 4-round, G/25; +5 Swiss. NWSRS & USCF dual rated. Rounds: Saturday: 9am, 10am, 11am, 1pm. Awards ~ 2pm.

Prize Fund: \$1,500 (Guaranteed, thanks to generous grants and donations from US Chess, WCF & My Chess World.)

Megan Lee Championship

1st - 3rd: \$400, \$300, \$200
1st U1800/U1600/U1400: \$75

Divya Deshmukh U1300

1st - 3rd: \$175, \$125, \$75
Trophies for 1st U1100, 1st U1000, 1st U900

Carissa Yip U800

Trophies for 1st - 10th Overall,
1st U600, 1st U500, 1st Unrated.

Special Prizes (per section):

Medals awarded for Biggest Upset Win, Best Dressed, and Best Mother/Daughter Team.

Sat-Sun, April 4-5, 2026

Country Inn & Suites by Radisson
19333 N Creek Pkwy S, Bothell, WA 98011



Entry Fee: \$55 if postmarked or online by 3/28, \$65 after. Free entry for WGMs, WIMs, WFMs, and USCF rated 2000+. Maximum of 90 players, please register early.

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

Rating: Highest of April USCF or current NWSRS rating will be used to determine section, pairings, and prizes. Higher of US Chess or foreign ratings used at TD discretion.

Memberships: US Chess membership required. Membership must be paid at the time of registration.

WA State Scholastic Championships Qualifier!

Registration: nwchess.com/OnlineRegistration

Pay by Zelle (ID: wa-chess or WashingtonChessFederation@gmail.com), SettleKing (ID: Washington Chess Federation), or write a check to WCF.

Registration and payment deadline: Fri. 4/3 @ 5pm.

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, Suite M, Redmond, WA 98052.

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

Fun Side Events!

Workshop for Girls and Women: Saturday 12-1pm.
Includes complementary pizza lunch!

Women's Champion Simul: Saturday 2:15-3:45pm.
EF: \$25. Max 25 players, please register early.

Puzzle Solving Competition: Saturday 4-4:30pm. EF: \$10.

