

Gary Younker Foundation and
Inland Chess Academy
with support from
Spokane Regional Sports Commission

Bid Proposal
2015 Washington State Elementary
Chess Championships
April 25, 2015



Spokane Convention Center

Preface

The Gary Younker Foundation and the Inland Chess Academy are pleased to present this proposal for the 2015 Washington State Elementary Chess Championships. The same facility and much of the same staff responsible for the success of the 2009 championships will succeed in 2015 if the coaches and parents accept this proposal.

Date

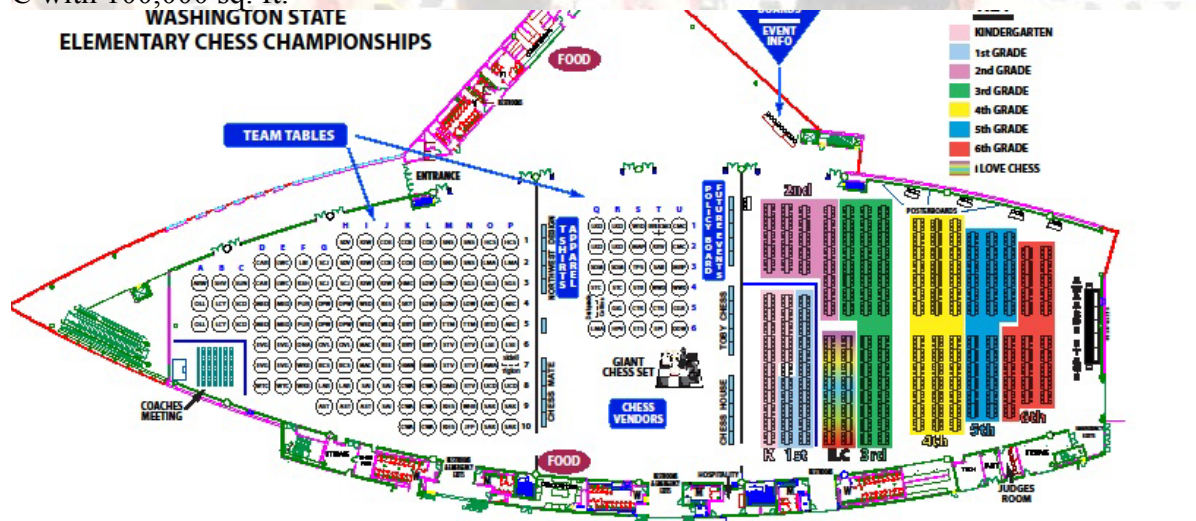
Saturday, April 25, 2015 does not conflict with nationals or religious holidays. Qualifying events will be possible as late as April 11, 2015.

Facilities

The Spokane Convention Center's Group Health Exhibit Halls offer more than 100,000 sq. ft. of space. There will be abundant space under one roof for as many as 1400 players, their families, and coaches. We plan to use Hall A (see image) as the playing room, Hall B for food service and vendors, and Hall C for team tables and skittles. Additional food service will be available in the adjoining Riverside Hall.



The Spokane Convention Center is undergoing expansion in 2013 that will leave Halls A, B, and C with 100,000 sq. ft.



2009 Floor Plan; 2015 will be similar

Game Format and Rules

The tournament will be a five round Swiss format. The time control will be Game/30 (maximum one hour for each game) or Game/25 with 5-second time delay. Standard USCF rules (latest edition) will be enforced. The Washington State Elementary Chess Championship (WSECC) Policy Board will clarify rules that are specific to the state tournament.

Grade-level divisions will be used in accord with current WSECC rules. We will implement accelerated pairings through the first two rounds.

Players with perfect 5.0 scores will be designated co-champions. The traditional Washington scholastic tiebreak scheme will break all other ties (Solkoff, Cumulative score, Cumulative scores of the opposition). The top five players' cumulative scores from each team will determine team trophies.

Awards

Trophies will be awarded to the top twenty-five in each grade (section), and the top twenty-five teams in each of K-3 and 4-6. All participants scoring 3.0 points or more will receive an award. (Participants will only receive one individual award.)

Players Fees

The entry fee for the tournament will be kept as low a possible.

Concessions

Centerplate, a nationally acclaimed full-service catering and concessions company, operates all kitchen facilities in the Spokane Convention Center. They will provide lunch, beverage, and snack services. No outside food and drink is permitted in the Spokane Convention Center.

Schedule

All registered players will be paired in round one (there will be no check-in). Players who fail to show up for round one will be removed.

Anticipated schedule:

8:15-8:30am – seating for round 1

8:30-8:45am – welcome and introductory comments

8:45am – round 1 start

10:15am – round 2 start

11:45am – round 3 start

(additional time between rounds 3 and 4 to accommodate lunch if on schedule)

1:15pm – round 4 start

2:45pm – round 5 start

4:30pm – Awards

Team Tables

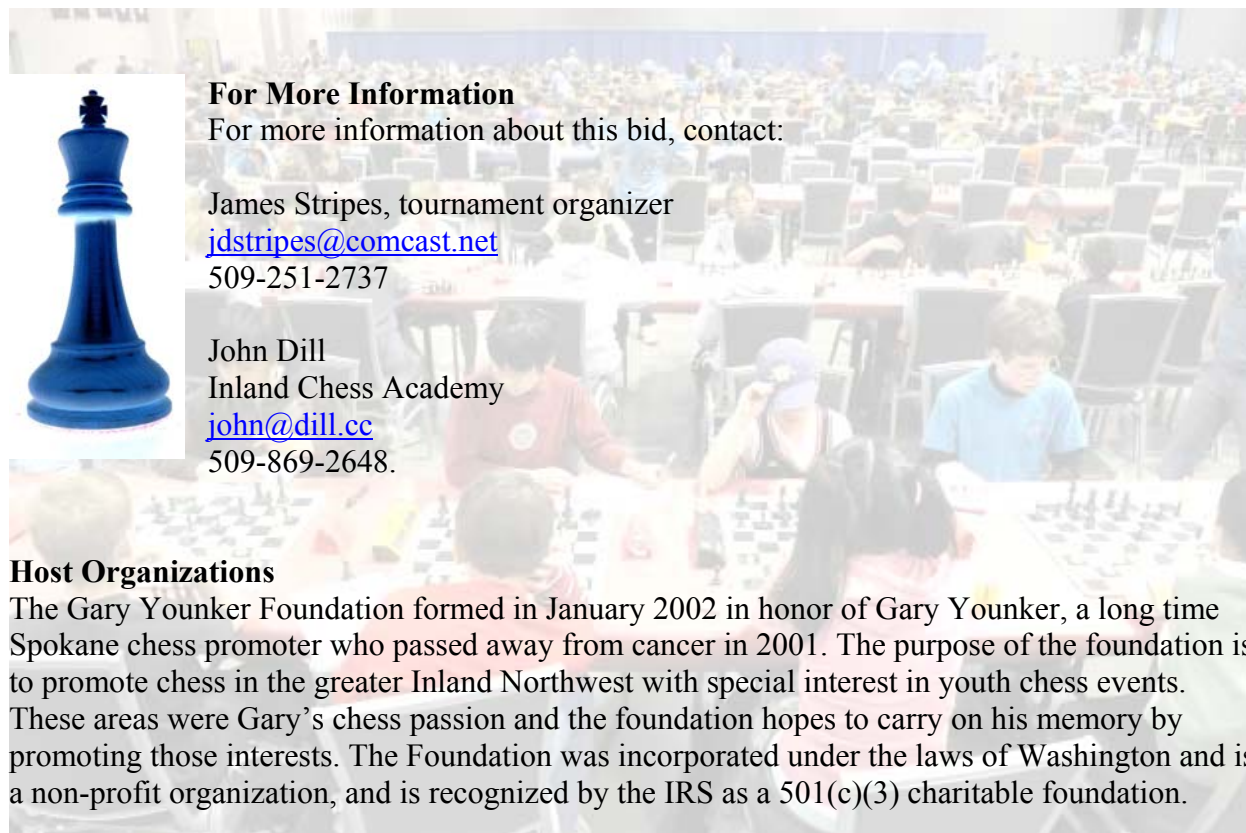
Team Tables will be offered for a modest fee.

Shirts and Commemorative Boards

Commemorative t-shirts will be available. We will hold a statewide contest to determine the t-shirt design. We anticipate printing commemorative chessboards, which will be available for purchase.

Hotel Accommodations

We are negotiating special rates with local hotels within easy walking distance of the Spokane Convention Center. There are many additional hotels within a short driving distance, and ample downtown parking.



For More Information

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Host Organizations

The Gary Younker Foundation formed in January 2002 in honor of Gary Younker, a long time Spokane chess promoter who passed away from cancer in 2001. The purpose of the foundation is to promote chess in the greater Inland Northwest with special interest in youth chess events. These areas were Gary's chess passion and the foundation hopes to carry on his memory by promoting those interests. The Foundation was incorporated under the laws of Washington and is a non-profit organization, and is recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) charitable foundation.

The Inland Chess Academy provides instruction, coaching, and tournaments for school children, adults, and families in the greater Spokane region

As an economic and community development non-profit organization, the Spokane Sports Commission is a coalition of regional government, business, and volunteers supporting and managing the efforts to recruit new sporting events and build on their associated benefits for the betterment of the Spokane region. <http://www.spokanesports.org>

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