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Tacoma Convention Center Tacoma, WA

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## **Game Format & Rules**

A standard Grade Level Tournament will be used. The tournament will be a 5 round Swiss format. The time control will be Game/25 with 5 second time delay. Undefeated players will be designated as co-champions. The standard tiebreak systems will be used to break all other ties (Solkoff, Cumulative score, Cumulative scores of the opposition). Team plaques will be awarded based on the top five players' scores from a team.

Standard USCF rules (5th edition) will be used. The Washington State Elementary Scholastic Chess Policy Board will clarify rules that are specific to the state tournament.

## **Awards**

Rick has a demonstrated history of putting as much “hardware” in the hands of the kids as possible. Our objective is to assure that the award received is meaningful to the child. All participants will receive a trophy. Team Awards will be provided. Participants will only receive one individual award.

## **Side Events**

- BUGHOUSE – Hosted on its traditional Friday Night, we will hold the Bughouse event with awards as usual.
- I Love Chess 2 – Will be hosted on the tournament floor with the rest of the players as done in previous years. Entry Fees will be the same as that for the State Event.

## **Check-in & Schedule**

As in 2011, there will not be any check-in. The partner of any missing players will be paired with other players on the floor immediately after Round 1 starts. Players unpaired after 15 minutes of the start of the round will be offered a full point BYE or the option to wait for another player to come forward. This is similar to 2017. We will use the same Fixed Rounds schedule as in 2017. Registration and Fees We will use a graduated fee schedule: \$45 early fee before March 15th, \$55 after Mar 15th, \$65 after Apr 1st. Deadline to register is 5 days prior to the event. A \$20 late fee will be applied to any player after the deadline.

## **Free Team Tables**

Free Team Tables Team Tables will be free and pre-assigned based on the number of players registered 2 weeks before the event. Team tables will be provided but to sit with your team, you must register by Apr 1st – registrations coming in after that will be seated at overflow tables. Our registration software will be modified to support the ability to request a reasonable number of extra seats.

## **Scholarships**

No child shall be denied participation to this chess event based on financial need. All children will be granted entry to the event upon a prior approved written request from the parent.

## **Team Plaques**

Team Plaques will be based awarded on the Top 5 players of those for a team competing in the Grades 1-3 and 4-6.

## **T-Shirts**

All T-Shirts can be purchased ON SITE –pre-ordering are not expected to be available to provide maximum selection and convenience to the players.

## **Facilities**

The site will be the Tacoma Convention Center – the same site as in 2017.

## **Food**

All food is onsite. No outside food is allowed due to the contract requirements. Special dietary needs food must be requested in advance. As in 2017, quality food (and of course Pizza) shall be fast and plentiful. Free Coffee will be provided to parents that come early as a courtesy.

## **Hotel Accommodations**

There are a number of hotels in the local Greater Tacoma area. Including the Marriot and the Munro (both within walking distance).

## **Parking and Traffic**

There is ample parking at the convention center, surrounding parking lots and a free lot with Light Link service available to the front of the Convention Center. We will pay the City of Tacoma to run the Light Link 1 hour earlier for the convenience of parents and players. This is the same as in 2017.

## **For More Information**

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