

I Love Chess Too

Explanation and background

The Washington State Elementary Chess Championship Tournament is for players who have qualified by playing in a local qualifying tournament and scoring 3 out of 5 points. A list of qualified players is available via a link to <http://chess.ratingsnw.com/qualifiers.html> which is generally updated weekly, and usually takes a week to update after a local tournament.

For the past few years there has been a request for a tournament for the non-qualified players to play chess while their qualified siblings have been in the State tournament. This tournament on the side has been held for at least 3 years now and is called "I Love Chess Too". There are no entrance requirements for this "Tournament on the side", as it has been set up for the entertainment of those wishing to do something while waiting for their siblings, and was intended for those who also love chess but did not qualify for State. Some parents and even grandparents showed an interest, so we have opened it up for them as well this year.

This year our playing floor is large enough to accommodate all players on one floor (K section will be in room 4 so they do not get run over by big kids). So the "I Love Chess Too" tournament will be held in the same room with the state tournament, so that these players may feel the spirit of a big tournament. The trophies and medals for "I Love Chess Too" may not be of the same design, or as big as for State, and in fact we may use some old left over trophies from prior tournaments, so that we can keep the cost down for this tournament on the side. Only 2 people have signed up as of 02/20/12, so if we do not get at least 16 players/section we may consolidate the sections if there is little interest. It is extra work for us, but since it has been a tradition for a few years we thought we would continue to offer it.

The pricing for "I Love Chess Too" will be less than for State and is currently scheduled as follows \$20/\$25/\$30 with pricing end dates of 2/25, 3/31, and final registration closing at 7PM on 4/18/12 (Wednesday before the tournament). If you sign up for State anticipating that you will qualify, and then fail to qualify we will gladly swap you into "I Love Chess Too" and refund you \$10. This will guarantee you a place somewhere in the main playing area.

Please let me know if you have a strong opinion about this "I Love Chess Too" tournament, or just signup on line by selecting "I Love Chess Too" from the drop down box and following the Registration Tutorial.

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