

**Mountlake Terrace
Community Chess Club**

**2017 Washington State Elementary
Chess Championships
Bid Proposal**

April 22nd, 2017

**Evergreen State Fairgrounds
Monroe, WA**

Venue

The Evergreen State Fairgrounds, located in Monroe WA has recently brought online a large Event Center that, in combination with other existing space, makes it possible to suit our needs. With over 76,000 sq. ft of covered space and acres of open grounds available, the Fairgrounds now has the space needed to house the 3,500 expected attendees.

Team Tables

Due to the low cost of the facility, we will be able to offer the first 250 paid players free seating at team tables. Additional Team Tables are available for our cost of \$30 a table or \$3 a seat. Due to the large outdoor setting, parents are also allowed to bring their own tables, camp chairs, etc, and enjoy the grounds at no charge.

Parking

Free, close and plentiful parking for everyone. ‘Nuff’ said.

Access to the event

Since thousands of people come into the grounds during Fair in a short period of time, this is normal and expected off Highway 2. There is a large parking area that funnel people into rapidly over several paths to prevent connection. Unlike last year’s event at Pier 91, there is a lot of space to move people and cars around and the use of uniformed officers with authority to direct traffic with multiple staff used to event handling will be utilized to minimize delays.

Food

Players and Parents can bring their own food to the event. We will also be providing the standard “Pizza, Pop and Chips” as is customary to State. Because outside food is expected to be the majority of the food offerings (the walk to the car is rather close), selections may be minimized. This can be revisited over the course of the year. You can be assured that there WILL BE LOTS OF PIZZA. We are also looking into a free popcorn station.

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 trophies 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

The MLT Chess Club 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 checkin. 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 an improvement over 2011 in which some players waiting a long period of time to start their first round. We will allow the player to make the decision to accept the BYE or wait (with a limited time control to finish the round with everyone else). We will use the same Fixed Rounds schedule as in 2011.

Registration and Fees

This year is the first year we have been able to **REDUCE** the cost of state from the prior years. We will use a graduated fee schedule: \$35 early fee before March 15th, \$45 after Mar 15th, \$55 after Apr 8th. Deadline to register is 5 days prior to the event. A \$20 late fee will be applied to any player after the deadline. To sit with your team, you must register by Apr 1st – registrations coming in after that will be seated at overflow tables.

Scholarships

It is the expressed policy of the Mountlake Terrace Community Chess Club that no child shall be denied participation to any chess event it sponsors based on financial need. All children will be granted entry to the event upon a prior approved written request from the parent (with the only question being asked - do you want 50% or 100% scholarship?) and are on the honor system. This is not a subsidy to large chess organizations that fund chess out of a pool, rather an opportunity for parents to be relieved of a part of the burden to go to State.

Team Trophies

Team Trophies will be based awarded on the Top 4 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.

Hotel Accommodations

Everett (15 min away) has a number of options available for out of town guests at different price points. In addition, RV sites are available on the premise. In addition, the Guesthouse Inn (Across the street) has 66 rooms available.

Organizer

Rick Jorgensen has been a parent and supporter in every State Tournament since 2001 (when his own child played in Kindergarten). He has been the organizer of the Mountlake Terrace Spring Fling, the largest event in Washington (after the State Championship itself) for 8 years and, with his partner David Hendricks, successfully run the 2011 State Event in Tacoma WA . He is known in part for producing large, well-run, professional chess events. He is a professional Technical Program Manager in various high tech companies and manages projects in excess of \$20 million with hundreds of people making him skilled at business events, planning and operational logistics. While his “over the board” chess skills are still lacking, he makes up for that with an enthusiasm for kids and is fiercely dedicated to providing the best possible environment for kids and parents to play chess and have fun. He also has the poor taste of wearing a Hawaiian Shirt to all events.

In running State, Rick solicits and depends on the skill of all the other Organizers of State from prior years such as James Stripes, John Dill, Elliot Neff, David Hendricks, Shila MacDonald, Norm May and others. It is this collaboration that makes the event successful. The contributions of these people cannot be underestimated.

For More Information

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