

**Mountlake Terrace
Community Chess Club**

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

April 29th, 2017

**Tacoma Convention Center
Tacoma, WA**

Venue

A bid has not been submitted to the Board in the specified time frame. According to the ByLaws, bids from other Regions can be presented 30 days prior to the event. We are submitting this bid for the Tacoma Convention Center.

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.

It is our intention to hold the event on April 21st; however, since SuperNationals has not been established so the date may need to change. Easter is on April 16th 2017. In the event the date needs to be moved, we will seek concurrence with the WSECC Board.

Registration and Fees

We will use a graduated fee schedule: \$45 early fee before March 1st, \$55 before March 21st, \$65 before Apr 17th. Deadline to register is 5 days prior to the event. Requests after that date will be considered on a case-by-case basis after the deadline and are subject to a late fee.

To sit with your team, you must register by Apr 9th (2 weeks before the Event)– 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. Scholarships are intended to provide support for parents - not as subsidies for collective clubs that proxy for parents.

Free Team Tables

Team Tables will be free and pre-assigned based on the number of players registered 2 weeks before the event.

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.

Facilities

The site will be the Tacoma Convention Center – the same site as in 2011 and 2016.

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 2011, 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 2011.

For More Information

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