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Chess Enrichment Association

WASHINGTON STATE ELEMENTARY

**Chess Championships
Bid Proposal**

LOCATION

Redmond, WA

Overlake Christian Church



**2008 WASHINGTON STATE ELEMENTARY
CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS PROPOSAL**

Bellevue, WA

March 23, 2006

Preface

Chess Enrichment Association (CEA), host of the 2005 WA State Elementary Chess Championships in Lynden, WA is pleased to present this proposal for the 2008 WA State Elementary Chess Championships (WSECC). CEA is a non-profit 501(c)3 corporation dedicated helping kids in chess, including the following stated corporate purposes:

- 3.1 To engage in, assist and contribute to the support of exclusively charitable, scientific or educational activities and projects, within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended;
- 3.2 To support and host chess tournaments, camps, programs, and other events that promote chess for children, primarily focusing on elementary scholastic chess programs;
- 3.3 To make the benefits of chess participation and education available as broadly as possible, without regard to means;

Our goal in offering to host the 2008 WSECC is to continue the upwards trend of chess in the NW, bringing good playing conditions and ample space to accommodate all players at the proposed location.

Facilities

Overlake Christian Church (OCC) is a large building with plenty of space for this event. (Recently, it hosted over 3,000 children for a weekend event.)

The benefits of this space include the following:

- Plenty of playing space, divided into multiple rooms, thereby allowing better noise control.
- Ample room for team tables, concessions, and play area for kids between rounds.
- Plenty of free parking, with a shuttle service to help bus attendees to the front door.
- Full support for hosting such a large event, including security, traffic control, etc.

Date — Saturday, April 26, 2008

Check-in and T-shirt pick-up will be available Friday evening the 25th. This date was chosen for several reasons:

- 1) It does not conflict with Nationals, which is held a couple weeks later in early May.
- 2) It does not conflict with Passover as has happened in the past.
- 3) It is late enough in the season that there is plenty of time for qualifying events, with the last date to qualify being April 12, 2008.

Game Format and Rules

The tournament will be a 5 round Swiss format. The time control will be Game/30 (maximum one hour for each game) or 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 utilized. The Washington State Elementary Scholastic Chess Policy Board will clarify rules that are specific to the state tournament.

Grade-level format will be used, with accelerated pairings implemented in any section with over 120 players in that section; if a section has fewer players than 120, regular Swiss pairings will be used.

Awards

Awards will be 25 deep for each grade and there will be 25 team trophies for the 1-3 teams and 25 team trophies for the 4-6 teams. All participants scoring 3.0 points or more will receive an award. (Participants will only receive one individual award.)

Concessions

Lunches will be available for pre-order through the online registration system. Concessions including snacks, chips, drinks, breakfast muffins, etc. will be available on-site.

Players Fees

The entry fee for the tournament will be \$30, a small increase to help cover the increasing cost of renting the facility.

Check-In and Schedule

Check-in via the internet will be provided, utilizing the same system that was developed for the 2005 WSECC. In addition, players may check in Friday evening by 9 PM at the tournament site (an 'emergency only' phone # will be provided for last-minute drops, etc.) Check-in the night before is required to help the tournament run smoothly on Saturday. Players that have failed to check in will be given a half-point bye for round one, and if still not checked in by the end of round 1, will be deleted from the tournament.

Anticipated schedule:

8:15-8:30am – seating for round 1

8:30-8:45am – introductory comments by host and chief TD

8:45am – round 1 start

10:05am – round 2 start

11:25am – round 3 start

(extra time for lunch unless running behind schedule)

1pm – round 4 start

2:20pm – round 5 start

4pm – Awards

NOTE: Kindergarten schedule will run separately, with rounds starting ASAP after the previous round finishes — awards for K will be done as soon as their round 5 concludes.

Team Tables

Team tables and/or team rooms will be offered.

Shirts

Commemorative t-shirts will be available for purchase when registering for the tournament. A contest (open to any kid grades K-6) will be held to select the shirt design.

Host

CEA, it's board of directors and board of advisors, are experienced tournament directors/coordinators (including Elliott Neff, Randy Kaech, Alan Svehaug) and are all dedicated to doing their best to helping kids through chess. This is the same group that hosted the 2005 WSECC with over 1100 participants in attendance!

Hotel Accommodations

Special rates will be negotiated with surrounding hotels. There is plenty of space, with Overlake being located very close to Bellevue.

For More Information

For more information on this 2008 bid, please contact Elliott Neff, president of CEA, at elliott@chess4life.com or call 425-283-0549 (Chess4Life offices).

