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Bid Proposal



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PREFACE

The Cornerstone Christian Chess Club would like to host the 2007 Washington State Elementary Chess Championships in Vancouver, WA on April 21, 2007. We aim to provide a first-rate tournament that provides an atmosphere conducive to great chess play and convenience for chess families.

This is a bid to hold the state tournament two years from now. Normally the coaches only vote for a tournament one year away, but because the state tournaments are growing in size, and because planning farther in advance can result in better rates for facilities and other resources, we feel it is time to start voting on tournaments two years out. This is in your best interest!

Washington has been divided into three regions. Each year a region is given the opportunity to host the state tournament. For 2007, it is SW Washington's opportunity.

FACILITIES

Vancouver is proud of the new convention center and Hilton Hotel¹ which will be completed in July of 2005. The convention center combines mid-sized meeting facilities with a first-rate Hilton Hotel in one complex. Just two blocks away is the Red Lion Inn at the Quay which is undergoing \$3 million of renovations over the next couple of years. Our goal is for you to park on Friday and not need your car until you leave Saturday or Sunday!

The convention center has a large room for the potential 1000+ field that was present for the 2004 tournament. A separate room for the Kindergarten field will be used, plus space for 100+ team tables and a skittles area. All playing areas are carpeted (quiet!).

Esther Short Park is just across the street from the convention center and provides a place for kids to run off some energy! Ample area for the kids to run around, throw balls, or play on the play structure will be available.

The convention center will be providing catered meals for those who desire a fast grab-as-you-go meal, while there are numerous restaurants within walking distance for those desiring other options. The catered lunch is currently priced at \$10, but we are working on reducing the cost. Our target price will be \$7.

Parking for the tournament is conveniently located. For those staying at the Red Lion Inn at the Quay, complimentary hotel parking is provided and the hotel is within walking distance of the playing area (2 blocks). The Hilton Hotel and convention center has parking in the underground parking facility for \$5. Combined with an overflow lot a short distance away and some on-street parking, plenty of parking will be available.

¹ <http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/hotels/index.jhtml?ctyhocn=PDXVAHH>

FEES

The entry fee for the tournament will be \$25, which is the same as in 2005.

CHECK-IN & SCHEDULE

Player check-in will be Friday night between the hours of 5-9 PM. We will have phone lines available for participants to check in or to cancel. Check-in the night before will help the tournament run much smoother on Saturday. Saturday morning the pairings will be created incorporating the last minute cancellations.

The projected tournament start time will be 8:30 AM, with awards around 5:00 PM. The schedule will be similar to other years.

GAME FORMAT & 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. SwissSys will be used to break all other ties (s, c, o). Team trophies will be awarded based on the top five players' scores from a team.

Standard USCF rules will be utilized. The Washington State Elementary Scholastic Chess Policy Board will clarify rules that are specific to the state tournament.

We can use either the traditional K, 1-3, 4-6 grade sections or a grade level format. I would prefer to take a vote of the coaches at the 2006 state tournament to see which is really preferred. Grade level tournaments do offer more 1st place winners than the traditional format.

CONTRIBUTORS

Thank you to AF4C (America's Foundation for Chess) for providing chess boards for the tournament! After the tournament, these boards are used in the AF4C school program. Schools apply for grants from AF4C to teach chess in the classrooms.

HOST

Cornerstone Christian Chess Club has been running tournaments in Southwest Washington for a number of years. Our tournaments have a reputation for being well-

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run. Our February 2005 tournament had over 200 players, and our wonderful volunteers made the tournament very successful.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Hotel	Rooms	Cost
Hilton Hotel	180	\$109 single/double, \$129 triple, \$149 quad
Red Lion Inn at the Quay	125	\$79 single/double, \$89 triple/quad, \$15 rollaways
Homewood Suites	20	\$99 guest suites
Vintage Inn Bed & Breakfast	4	\$89 single/double, \$95 triple (full breakfast included)
Shilo Inn	41	TBD

The hotels listed here offer a variety of services tailored to family needs. From indoor pools, to full breakfasts and kitchen suites, everyone should be able to find something to meet their needs. And this is just a sampling; many more hotels are available in the area.

AWARDS

Assuming a grade level tournament, 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 who win 3.0 points or more will get an award. Participants will only receive one individual award. Each participant will receive a memento for earning the right to play in the state tournament! No one goes home empty-handed!

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information on this 2007 bid, please contact Norm May at (360) 281-5130.