

Spokane Regional Sports Commission
Gary Yunker Foundation

Bid Proposal
2009 Washington State Elementary
Chess Championships
April 25, 2009



Spokane Convention Center

Preface

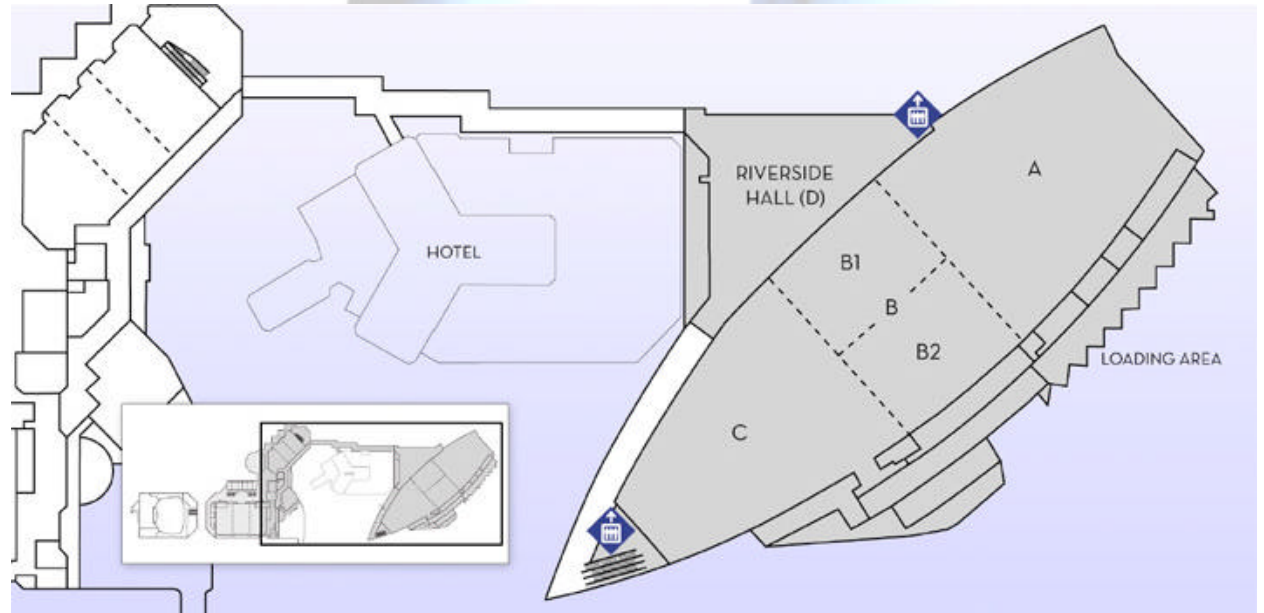
The Spokane Regional Sports Commission and the Gary Younker Foundation are pleased to present this proposal for the 2009 Washington State Elementary Chess Championships.

Date

Saturday, April 25, 2009 does not conflict with Supnationals or religious holidays. Qualifying events will be possible as late as April 11, 2009.

Facilities

The Spokane Convention Center's Group Health Exhibit Halls offer more than 100,000 sq. ft. of space (82,770 in Halls A, B, and C). There will be abundant space under one roof for the 1000+ players, their families, and coaches. We plan to use Hall A (see image) as the playing room, Hall B for food service and vendors, and Hall C for team tables and skittles.



Game Format and Rules

The tournament will be a five round Swiss format. The time control will be Game/30 (maximum one hour for each game) or Game/25 with 5-second time delay. Standard USCF rules (latest edition) will be enforced. The Washington State Elementary Chess Championship (WECC) Policy Board will clarify rules that are specific to the state tournament.

Grade-level divisions will be used in accord with current WECC rules. We will implement accelerated pairings through the first two rounds.

Players with perfect 5.0 scores will be designated co-champions. The traditional Washington scholastic tiebreak scheme will break all other ties (Solkoff, Cumulative score, Cumulative scores of the opposition). Team trophies will be determined by the top five players' cumulative scores from each team.

Awards

Trophies will be awarded to the top twenty-five in each grade (section), and the top twenty-five teams in each of K-3 and 4-6. All participants scoring 3.0 points or more will receive an award. (Participants will only receive one individual award.)

Players Fees

The entry fee for the tournament will be \$30, the same as 2008.

Concessions

Centerplate, a nationally acclaimed full-service catering and concessions company, operates all kitchen facilities in the Spokane Convention Center. They will provide lunch, beverage, and snack services.

Check-In and Schedule

Internet check-in will be preferred, with Friday evening check-in as an option (an 'emergency only' phone number will be provided for last-minute withdrawals, etc.). Players who fail to check-in by Friday, 9:00pm, will not be paired in round one, but will receive a half-point bye. Those still not checked in by the end of round one will be withdrawn from the tournament.

Anticipated schedule:

8:15-8:30am – seating for round 1

8:30-8:45am – welcome and introductory comments

8:45am – round 1 start

10:05am – round 2 start

11:25am – round 3 start

(additional time between rounds 3 and 4 to accommodate lunch if on schedule)

1pm – round 4 start

2:20pm – round 5 start

4pm – Awards

Team Tables

Team Tables will be offered for a modest fee.

Shirts and Commemorative Boards

Commemorative t-shirts will be available for purchase during registration. A limited number may be available on-site as well. We will hold a statewide contest to determine the t-shirt design. We anticipate printing commemorative chessboards, which will be available for purchase.

Hotel Accommodations

We are negotiating special rates with local hotels within easy walking distance of the Spokane Convention Center. There are many additional hotels within a short driving distance, and ample downtown parking.



For More Information

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Host Organizations

The Gary Younker Foundation formed in January 2002 in honor of Gary Younker, a long time Spokane chess promoter who passed away from cancer in 2001. The purpose of the foundation is to promote chess in the greater Inland Northwest with special interest in youth chess events. These areas were Gary's chess passion and the foundation hopes to carry on his memory by promoting those interests.

As an economic and community development non-profit organization, the Spokane Regional Sports Commission (SRSC) is a coalition of regional government, business, and volunteers supporting and managing the efforts to recruit new sporting events and build on their associated benefits for the betterment of the Spokane region. <http://www.spokanesports.org/spokanesports/>