

Bughouse Chess Tournament



May 30th, 2026 (Saturday)

Location: Squalicum High School, 3773 East McLeod Road, Bellingham, WA

When: May 30th, 2026. One teammate needs to check-in by 10:45am, games start at 11:00am. Estimated end time is 2:15pm.

Entry Fee: Free, just bring a white elephant gift to exchange. White elephant rules are defined below.

Registration: Please [RSVP online here](#) or by scanning the QR code below. The day of, please check in at the Squalicum lower floor Commons by 10:45am. Team names are required. Bring your own teammate. Decide who will play what color for the first game of each round when signing up.

Prizes: White elephants! For everyone!

Time control: G/5, d0.

Format: One section, grades 6-12th may sign up. We'll play five double-rounds. Each round will consist of two games between the same 2 teams. For the first game, the piece colors of each player will be determined based on tournament sign up. For the second game of the round players will swap opponents, and the piece colors will be chosen by the team that lost the first round.

Rules: Touch-move will be enforced. You may place check as well as checkmate. Placing pawns on the 1st and 8th rank is not allowed. Illegal moves can be claimed as a win by immediately stopping the clock and calling out the illegal move or by taking the opposing king. If a move has been made in response then it is too late to claim a win for an illegal move, and play continues. You may discuss moves and suggest moves to your teammate, but you must not touch pieces on your teammate's board.

https://new.uschess.org/sites/default/files/media/documents/scholregs_2025-26-v-1.0a.pdf#page=38

White Elephant Rules: "White Elephant" means the price of admission is ... a white elephant gift! So every player will get a white elephant prize! First place team gets first pick, second placers gets second picks, etc.

What is a white elephant gift? Any clean knick knack sitting in your attic, garage, kitchen or room that you no longer want, but just maybe, someone else might appreciate or find fun. Examples: Old mug, breath mints, a toy you no longer use, hat that's now too small, pack of gum, book you've read, new spare toothbrush, stickers, funky socks, stuffed animal, rubber pickle, bacon flavored toothpaste, fidget

spinner, funky mask, Bertie Bott's Jelly Beans, licorice, comic book, deck of cards, pretty much anything, search the attic! Does not need to be wrapped. (If you forget a white elephant, we'll have extras.)

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