

# Woodpushers' Challenge

♠ Saturday: Jan. 6, 2018 ♠

♠ Room 202, Edmonds Community Center (near Edmonds Skytrain Station & FREE Parking)  
@ 7433 Edmonds St. (2 blocks east of Kingsway), Burnaby, BC ♠

**Open:** To adults rated 1300+ (highest of CFC, USCF, CMA or NWSRS) & juniors 500+ & siblings & their parents.  
♠ **Entry Fee:** FREE for juniors 2000+ (paired as adults) & adults 1300+; \$30 for juniors by Dec. 16, 2017, \$35 thereafter. \$20 for parents ineligible for free entry (will only play if maximum capacity not exceeded). **Limit to 38 entries.**

**Prizes:** Open Section Winner: **\$80 Guaranteed**. Book prize for top junior in Open. Assuming >2 competitors in each category, trophies for top junior <1400 in Open & <1200, <1000 & <800 in Junior Section group. Medals for second place in each junior category.

**Format:** Two sections: **Open & Junior**. Pairings based on highest of CFC, FIDE, USCF, CMA or NWSRS. Junior Section will be for juniors rated <1200. Open Section will be for all other players. (Parents <1300 will be paired in Open Section unless otherwise requested.) Sections with all players 700+ will be required to record moves if >5 minutes on clock. **Byes:** Maximum two half-point byes (excluding last round).

**Open Section:** 4 round swiss; accelerated pairings for first 2 rounds. Pairings between adults minimized during first 3 rounds. Regular Swiss pairings will be used in last round to determine overall place prize winners. **TC:** 35 minutes + 10 seconds/move. Lunch after round 2. Round 3 @ 1:15pm. Section finish by 4:15pm.

**Junior Section:** 5 round swiss. **TC:** 30 minutes/ player. Lunch after round 2. Round 3 @ 12:15pm. Section will finish by 3:15pm.

**Parental Supervision:** *Parents of players in grade 4 or below MUST remain in building throughout event to provide support to child. If parents of other juniors choose to be off-site during the event, the safety and well-being of these juniors throughout the event remain with the parents. Organizers are not accepting the transfer of this responsibility. By the junior players' participation in the event, parents/ guardians, whether on-site or off-site, release organizers, officials & other volunteers from any claims, damages or liabilities arising from participation in the event.*

**Rating:** By the [Northwest Scholastic Rating System \(NWSRS\)](#). No membership fees required. ♠ **Equipment:** Clocks, sets & boards provided. **Pizza:** **Three pieces of pizza will be provided free to all adult players 1300+.** Pre-order of \$5 for 2 pieces available for all others.

**Registration:** **No registrations on site.** All players eligible for free entry must pre-register by emailing FIDE Arbiter Henry Chiu at [knightmares64@gmail.com](mailto:knightmares64@gmail.com) with following info by Wednesday before event: Name, Cell Phone #, rating, rating system & grade (for high school students). **Other Juniors:** Please pre-register & pay by Paypal by Wednesday before event on <https://woodpusher.westchess.com/>. Info needed: Player's name, grade, city, school, accompanying parent's name & cell phone #. **All players must check in at site by 9:30 am.** Late arrivals will be considered no-shows & may not be paired for tournament.

**Withdrawals & No-Shows:** Pre-registered players may email their withdrawals for \$2 penalty by Wednesday before event. Withdrawals on Thursday & Friday before event are subject to \$10 and \$15 penalties, respectively. Saturday withdrawals & no-shows will lose entire entry fee. Remaining portions of all approved withdrawals will be refunded upon attendance at one of the next two paid Woodpushers' events.

**Ask not what your tournament director can do for you. Ask what you can do for your tournament director!**