

Northwest Scholastic Rating System

2025 - 2026: The Top Ten in Each Grade in WA

No changes to the rules or format of the Top Ten this year. A couple of things have changed with the system, however. This year when I advanced all of the graduating Washington seniors to adult status, I did change their school codes to ADU and you will see that reflected in the table below. Although we now rate very few Oregon events, I also advanced graduating Oregon seniors to ADO. Finally, I changed all players in the system who have not played in the NWSRS since 2009 or before to "Archived" status. This only affects the reduced dataset used with the registration program since the full database currently exceeds its array bounds.

To reiterate, I am limiting this top ten listing as follows:

- 1. Anyone not having the minimum of 15 games played in the NWSRS this past year will not appear on this list.*
- 2. Anyone with a school code of XXX or UNK (unknown) or other school codes that have no definition (are not on the "Allcodes" list) will not appear on this list.*
- 3. Anyone without the state of residence as "WA" will not appear on this list.*

(Total Games) = career games. (Games Year) = games played in 2024-2025 season. (Ratings for this list were closed September 1, 2025.)

Congratulations to the fine young players who made this list! We honor you. And congratulations to the many others who missed the list narrowly, and the many, many others who competed last year in this great game we all enjoy!

THIS IS A FULLY RESET LISTING FOR 2024-2025 done in preparation for the 2025-2026 season. ALL PLAYERS ARE LISTED WITH THEIR NEW 2025-2026 GRADES. There almost certainly some kindergartners who started competitive chess as pre-schoolers whose grades need to be reset back to kindergarten. Please communicate with Kirk Winges concerning any issues with grade coding (kirk.winges@gmail.com). Also provide any school changes, grade changes or updated/new USCF information to Kirk.

SENIORS

Top 10 rank	Last Name	First Name	School	Grade	ID#	Rating	Total Games	Games Year
1	WONG-GODFREY	EMERSON	BUS	M	H83E	1971	556	34
2	XUAN	OWEN	LSS	M	5792	1962	301	15
3	GARINE	UJWAL	TST	M	B99A	1873	269	24
4	WIRKKALA	ZANE	HSC	M	C64H	1801	70	16
5	HETAMSARIA	AADI	NPR	M	888H	1797	204	25
6	BOULIS	CHRISTOS	NWS	M	C84T	1783	646	19
7	YUODELIS	KENNETH	NPR	M	3681	1761	497	39
8	DENG	LILY	HHS	M	5007	1720	386	20
9	BHATIA	TANUSH	SKN	M	5224	1699	378	23
10	MARCELAIS	KAI	RED	M	A64J	1626	188	16

JUNIORS

Top 10 rank	Last Name	First Name	School	Grade	ID#	Rating	Total Games	Games Year
1	LIU	AUSTIN	SKN	L	530J	2217	386	35
2	MIN	RYAN	INT	L	5430	2145	460	39
3	EKSAREVSKLY	ALBERT	LSS	L	530Y	1939	165	37
4	NEDUMPURAKKAL THAHIR	IHSAN MOHAMED	RHJ	L	K46Y	1891	99	95
5	PATANKAR	VIJAY	KMN	L	C78Y	1889	316	25
6	SHI	GAVIN	LCO	L	H855	1803	499	92
7	NAM	JINMO	GRR	L	C101	1724	240	40
8	ANANDKUMAR	HAITUKA	LWA	L	238P	1656	441	43
9	KANG	DANNY	NPR	L	H30U	1571	97	19
10	SHINKAREV	SLAVA	KAM	L	J77F	1564	65	40

SOPHOMORES

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1	WILLY	STEPHEN	HSC	K	H17K	2301	612	28
2	VEMPARALA	NIKASH	OVL	K	I078	2231	445	17
3	BIAN	ERIN	LSS	K	I91Y	2216	216	20
4	KARTHIKEYAN	HARISHKUMAR	RED	K	J81A	2081	248	22
5	RAZMOV	GABRIEL	LSS	K	C26K	1998	402	53
6	SUMMERFIELD	WILLIAM	MCR	K	G77R	1988	197	37
7	NALLAPPA	VIJAY	RED	K	D40S	1870	459	46
8	AYALEW	BROOK	DCC	K	J71Q	1857	66	45
9	MISHRA	ABHINAV	RED	K	B02W	1842	184	40
10	SCOLLON	OWEN	SHM	K	734D	1800	592	74

FROSH

<i>Top 10 rank</i>	<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>School</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>ID#</i>	<i>Rating</i>	<i>Total Games</i>	<i>Games Year</i>
1	ZHU	JAMIE	EVJ	J	558E	2005	382	20
2	HAN	SHUYI	TYE	J	K47W	1941	371	25
3	VERMA	DARSH	WON	J	B52K	1927	243	19
4	WANG	LEONARDO	CKN	J	233K	1916	172	54
5	LIU	BICHEN	KKN	J	K00D	1781	158	20
6	CHEN	WILLIAM	ING	J	550N	1711	306	100
7	FRIEDENSON	ISAAC	VVM	J	K21N	1537	75	20
8	SEELA	SHASHANK	EVJ	J	I74N	1537	232	19
9	DHAWAN	VIRAJ	OVL	J	I96U	1505	122	21
10	INFORZATO	ANDREW	HAB	J	H09C	1499	37	37

GRADE 8

<i>Top 10 rank</i>	<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>School</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>ID#</i>	<i>Rating</i>	<i>Total Games</i>	<i>Games Year</i>
1	JAMMALAMADAKA	VIHAAN	WPP	I	J90F	2164	413	31
2	RAMKUMAR	NIKHIL	RBR	I	115E	2001	303	39
3	FREDERICK	BENJAMIN	EMS	I	S57X	1773	285	18
4	CHENG	SELINA	TLM	I	413R	1698	617	63
5	RAJA	RIAN	SKW	I	786E	1616	239	84
6	GUPTA	KRISHANG	GTM	I	E37V	1583	106	44
7	CHA	SAMUEL	BAS	I	K18Z	1566	253	15
8	RASTOGI	ATHARV	PFC	I	377H	1508	130	21
9	SINGH	RUSHIL	TWF	I	B52N	1446	180	38
10	DESHPANDE	KESHAV	CHO	I	420G	1385	135	29

GRADE 7

<i>Top 10 rank</i>	<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>School</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>ID#</i>	<i>Rating</i>	<i>Total Games</i>	<i>Games Year</i>
1	KONA	VIDIP	TIM	H	I26J	2243	420	69
2	YONDON	ODBAYAR	ING	H	K97T	1921	325	79
3	BHARATHY MOHAN	AARAV	SKI	H	C98B	1799	441	69
4	MOHAN	VISHNU	SKI	H	F41R	1750	199	51
5	GADDE	ARNAV	GTM	H	J39D	1704	251	59
6	SYAL	YASH	PFC	H	C10R	1703	255	78
7	SHANKARANAND	DEEKSHA	EBS	H	I74Y	1691	355	65
8	DENG	STANLEY	LLM	H	K22E	1691	389	59
9	GANESAN	VIDUR	SKW	H	940K	1618	362	121
10	SANKRITHI	SARANG	HSC	H	B11D	1587	344	87

GRADE 6

<i>Top 10 rank</i>	<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>School</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>ID#</i>	<i>Rating</i>	<i>Total Games</i>	<i>Games Year</i>
1	WANG	TED	STT	G	K13D	2313	329	30
2	PALATHINGAL	RAFAEL	KKN	G	196R	2132	212	47
3	XU	OWEN	SOM	G	896M	2039	211	15
4	PIKH	AKIM	BLW	G	H64N	1981	66	60
5	SADDI	NEEVAN REDDY	GRR	G	H87M	1975	309	50
6	WEI	JEFFREY	SCD	G	H64M	1958	44	38
7	LIN	MICHAEL	BAS	G	C97F	1925	359	15
8	JOSEPH	VERONIQUE	SJO	G	J04S	1895	241	73
9	ZHOU	YUCHEN	CHR	G	J42H	1858	648	54
10	GAO	ZIQIAN	BLW	G	K10U	1786	117	77

GRADE 5

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1	WU	SHANNA	CNH	F	J72M	1645	83	60
2	MAHARAJA	IMAI	HMN	F	K34K	1615	329	111
3	CHEN	ANDY	SOM	F	K05J	1610	135	62
4	HE	OLIVER	END	F	K71V	1541	438	65
5	BABBAR	RIAN	END	F	J98D	1535	164	72
6	DAS	SAMBUDDHA SEKHAR	END	F	K47S	1473	230	75
7	ZHU	AIDEN	LMS	F	C77X	1431	203	60
8	SABARISH	ANANYA	BCA	F	G02Z	1388	216	52
9	THANIKONDA	KRUTI	CMC	F	K84W	1384	195	51
10	WADHWANI	REN	ORA	F	K13K	1353	96	42

GRADE 4

<i>Top 10 rank</i>	<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>School</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>ID#</i>	<i>Rating</i>	<i>Total Games</i>	<i>Games Year</i>
1	LI	SHAWN	SOM	E	J11N	1858	117	76
2	YUAN	CHEN	ETS	E	J15Z	1555	185	55
3	MA	LEWIS	SOM	E	587M	1531	241	72
4	EVIN	TERRICK	EBS	E	C54L	1529	267	62
5	ROY CHOWDHURY	AVYAAN	THR	E	H82M	1428	65	45
6	NARKHEDE	KSHITIJ	CRK	E	A27K	1418	151	41
7	YUN	DANIEL D	LAV	E	K87Z	1401	384	39
8	LUM	BOAZ	LIB	E	J62C	1350	87	51
9	DHARAMSHI	ANAY	CBR	E	K42U	1329	233	111
10	ZANDANOV	LEONID	ENA	E	K31Q	1291	195	63

GRADE 3

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1	RAJ	SKANDHA	EVG	D	K55U	1449	190	55
2	WANG	HARVEY	OPW	D	J68G	1439	179	51
3	GE	JEREMY	SOM	D	J88K	1408	341	163
4	ZHANG	PATRICK	SSS	D	K01J	1380	356	237
5	JIANG	KYLE	MED	D	K35B	1356	180	66
6	CHEN	JULIAN	CNH	D	K32C	1284	137	77
7	AGRAWAL	AYAANSH	WON	D	J99W	1230	60	15
8	GE	EMMA	SSM	D	J56J	1228	166	97
9	BYELASHOVA	SOFIA	SGH	D	K01K	1226	202	122
10	KHUDYEV	ELINA	EPI	D	J97Q	1222	99	61

GRADE 2

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1	LAI	RYAN	SHS	C	H70N	1437	135	116
2	SANKRITHI	VIVAAN	HSC	C	K61R	1418	178	80
3	QIN	SKYLER	OPW	C	J97T	1380	190	113
4	REN	EASTON	CMC	C	H68Z	1356	126	115
5	CHEN	EASON	SOM	C	J59F	1268	139	88
6	KULKARNI	SAMIK	KKN	C	H67M	1266	82	73
7	GRACE	LEO	HSC	C	H68U	1164	34	29
8	SRINIVASAN	ATUL	TBK	C	K65P	1051	87	38
9	PANDE	ARYAN	DCS	C	493M	1042	67	56
10	GU	VINCENT	OPW	C	K00L	1019	125	69

GRADE 1*

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1	JIANG	CALLIE	UCD	B	H47C	806	61	61
2	ZHAO	JERRY	EVG	B	H97K	752	78	68
3	SANKAR	DEETHYA R	RLE	B	H63X	739	37	34
4	LEE	ZACHARY	STT	B	H63W	733	58	55
5	CHIN	KHEIRON	HSC	B	J19P	708	127	77
6	ZENG	LIAM	SHS	B	H05U	696	61	61
7	CHANDA	RISHABH	BCA	B	H72X	695	69	66
8	MATHEW	REUBEN	MRI	B	G33B	683	30	30
9	RAGNO	XANDER	HSC	B	H59U	672	15	15
10	XU	LOUIS	MED	B	H34T	663	39	39

*Note: all students coded as kindergarten last year were automatically advanced to first grade by the rating system. Accordingly, this first grade list may include some students that will ultimately be re-coded to kindergarten because they were actually pre-kindergarten last year. The NWSRS makes no distinction between kindergarten and pre-kindergarten students.

WASHINGTON'S TOP TEN OVERALL

<i>Top 10 rank</i>	<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>School</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>ID#</i>	<i>Rating</i>	<i>Total Games</i>	<i>Games Year</i>
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9	PALATHINGAL	RAFAEL	KKN	G	196R	2132	212	47
10	KARTHIKEYAN	HARISHKUMAR	RED	K	J81A	2081	248	22

HONORING OUR TOP GRADUATED SENIORS

<i>Top 10 rank</i>	<i>Last Name</i>	<i>First Name</i>	<i>School</i>	<i>Grade</i>	<i>ID#</i>	<i>Rating</i>	<i>Total Games</i>	<i>Games Year</i>
1	VIJAYAKUMAR	ADVAITH	ADU	N	6655	2262	332	24
2	KUIPERS	MILES	ADU	N	6766	2006	602	30
3	CHENG	EDWARD	ADU	N	C74W	1935	476	17
4	ROESCH	CARSON	ADU	N	120K	1883	324	39
5	LEE	JAE-YOON	ADU	N	C734	1683	149	23
6	BUSHFIELD	STUART	ADU	N	F350	1569	376	16
7	KOLENSKI	DREW	ADU	N	I420	1499	204	30
8	DAVIS	CAIAN	ADU	N	K67M	1484	59	21
9	SCHMIDT-WARNECKE	MAX	ADU	N	6188	1477	217	33
10	KUZIN	ETHAN	ADU	N	7567	1436	354	28

NWSRS RATING SYSTEM STATS AND ACTIVITY

This September the Northwest Scholastic Rating System was reset as follows: (1) Graduated seniors were advanced to “adult” status and Washington players’ school codes were changed to ADU while Oregon players’ school codes were changed to ADO. (2) All grades were advanced one level. (3) The "this year" games field was emptied. All USCF ratings were updated on August 25, 2025. For the last several years I tried something different and did not remove any “inactive” players. My reason was that we had several instances in earlier years with players coming back after being inactive and removed and it has caused problems with duplicate IDs. Three years ago, the ID system was expanded to allow for an additional alpha-numeric character. This should allow the system to grow without the need to remove any inactive players for many years. However, to keep the files from expanding too much, I have

now added the additional field “active” or “archived” and only include active players in the distributed rating list (the TDdata.zip file) now defined as having played at least one game in the NWSRS since 2010. All players, including archived players still appear in the excel version of the ratings database and in the online rating list at <https://ratingsnw.com/ratings.html>.

We start the new season with 51,733 rated scholastic and adult players, 6,107 in grades K-6, 14,069 in grades 7-12 and 31,557 adults. This past year we rated 486 events and approximately 48,030 games. This reflects a significant increase in the activity from last year when we rated 406 events and approximately 40,883 games. Washington Chess is alive and well. It is interesting to compare this past year to a pre-pandemic year such as 2018-2019 when we rated approximately 569 events. Although we rated more events back then, the number of rated games was actually slightly smaller, at around 47,500 and perhaps more importantly the number of rated games played in Washington this past year was 42,000, while in 2018-2019 we only rated 38,000 Washington games. While it’s true, we have lost the participation of Oregon in the NWSRS, and they made up roughly 9,300 rated games in 2018-2019, we have added, some games in South Dakota, some in Florida and some in Connecticut, totaling roughly 5400 games.

Thus, I am very optimistic about the future of chess in Washington State. I am also optimistic that the NWSRS will find new leadership in the future as I eventually have to step down in my role (starting its 24th year). Don’t worry, there is no urgency here. I am turning 76 next month and still ride my bicycle 100 miles a week and have excellent health, but the WCF and others have come forward with a plan to modernize the NWSRS and I am fully supportive of their efforts.

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