



Jan 30 – Feb 1, 2026 (Weekend before Super Bowl)
50 Grand Prix Points, Junior Grand Prix, Heritage Event

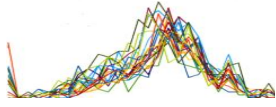


Land of the Sky XXXVIII

The People's Chess Tournament

Crowne Plaza Resort Asheville, One Resort Dr, Asheville NC 28806

\$13,800 guaranteed 100%



6 Sections: **Open, Senior, U1900, U1500, U1100, U700**

5 Rounds Swiss: **G/115;+5 (U1100, U700 are G/85;+5)**

Open (FIDE-rated)	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	1999-1800	Under 1800
	\$1,000	\$400	\$200	\$175	\$150	\$75	\$400 \$200	\$200 \$100

Senior (Age 50+, all ratings)	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	1799-1600	1599-1400	Under 1400
	\$1,000	\$400	\$200	\$200 \$100	\$200 \$100	\$200 \$100

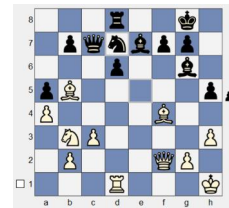
U1900 (Under 1900)	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	1799-1700	1699-1600	1599-1500	Under 1500
	\$1,000	\$400	\$200	\$400 \$200	\$400 \$200	\$400 \$200	\$200 \$100

U1500 (Under 1500)	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	1399-1300	1299-1200	Under 1200
	\$1,000	\$400	\$200	\$400 \$200	\$400 \$200	\$400 \$200

U1100 (Under 1100)	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	Under 900	Unrated
	\$400	\$150	\$100	\$100 \$50	\$70

U700 (Under 700)	1 st	2 nd	Under 500	Unrated
	\$200	\$100	\$50	\$70

Biggest Upset \$10



Entry Fee (Open, Senior, U1900, U1500): \$96 early

Entry Fee (U1100): \$48 early

Entry Fee (U700): \$24 early

Unrated Entry Fee in U1100, U700: \$24 early (eligible for unrated prizes only)

"No-prize" Entry Fee for under age 18 in U1900, U1500, U1100: \$24 early (any prize donated to scholastics)

Players under age 18 may also pay full entry to be prize eligible.

Visa, Mastercard, Discover, American Express accepted (add 3.5% to EF), refunds will have 3.5% deducted.

All sections: Mailed entries should be postmarked by Jan 23. Entries after Jan 28 including on-site cost 12.5% more (please pre-register!)

USCF membership required. NCCA membership required for NC residents.

No extra charge to play 1 section above your rating (must pay that section's entry fee)

Sets and clocks are not provided ... please bring your own

Fri	Sat	Sun
	9am	9am
	2pm	2pm
	7pm	7pm

Byes: one ½-pt bye available any round, declare by round 2

Registration: Fri 5-6pm for Friday round; Saturday by 8am for 1st round, by 1pm for 2nd round

Rounds: 1st rd either Fri 7pm or Sat 9am, then Sat 2pm – 7pm, Sun 9am – 2pm

Saturday morning round is FIDE-rated

"Default Time" is 30 minutes (forfeit when 30 minutes late). Cell phones may be kept in bag in playing room if powered off.

Hotel: \$116. Reserve early at 828-254-3211 or 800-733-3211 and mention "Land of the Sky chess tournament"

Block of rooms for tournament will be released to general public on January 9 so availability may be limited afterwards

After January 9, contact info@landofthesky.us for possibility of still getting chess rate

Rated Blitz: Saturday morning 10am; Entry Fee: \$20; Sections determined after entries; 95% of entry fees paid in prizes

Re-entry available in all sections except Open: \$12 after 1st round

*Pairings – February USCF ratings used – Open: FIDE Dutch with Baku Acceleration
Senior, U1900, U1500, U1100, U700: Accelerated with cuts at 1600, 1600, 1300, 900, 500
Class pairings possible. Submit roster of club members to avoid intra-club pairings.*

Chief Organizer Wilder Wadford, Chief Arbiter Kevin Hyde

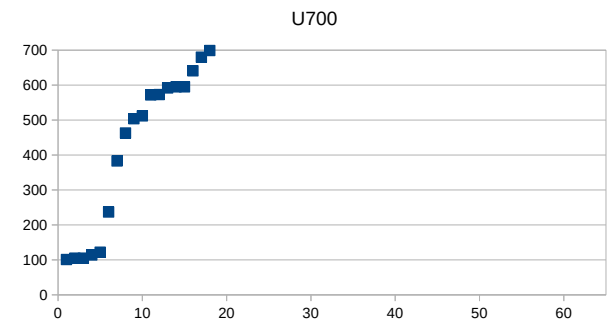
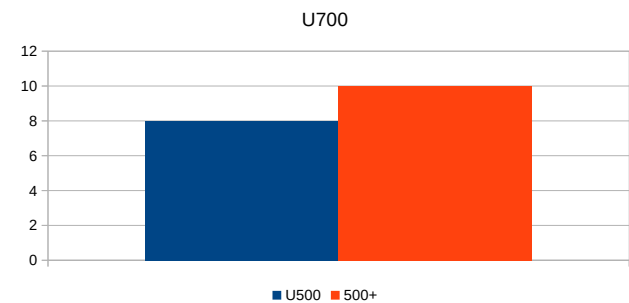
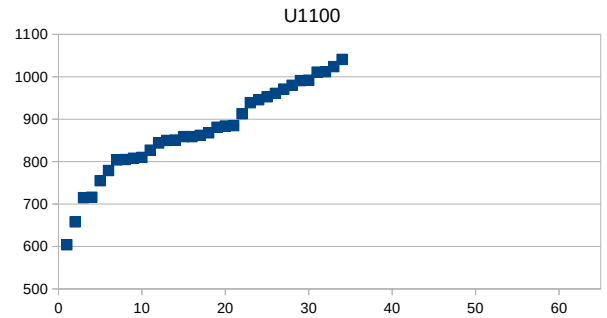
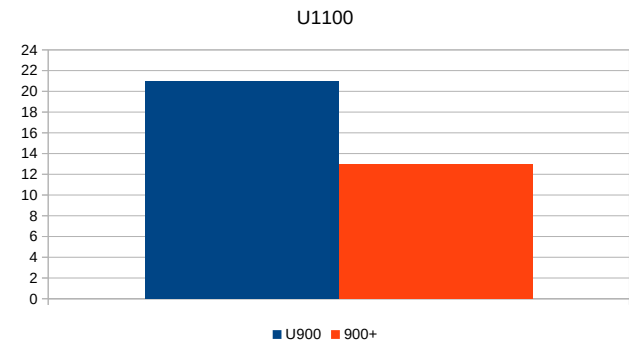
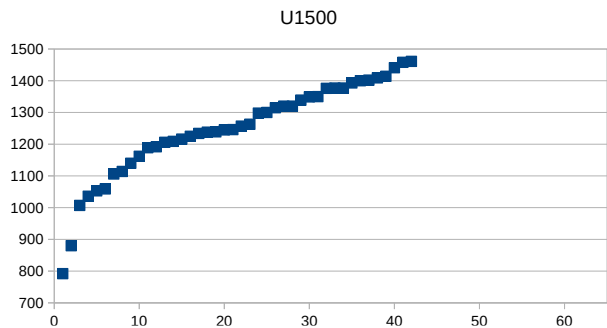
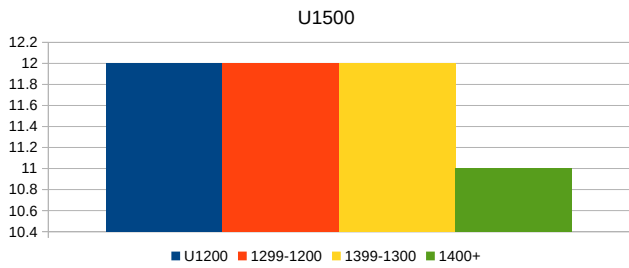
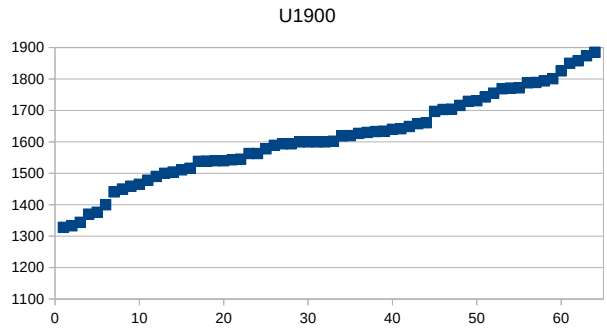
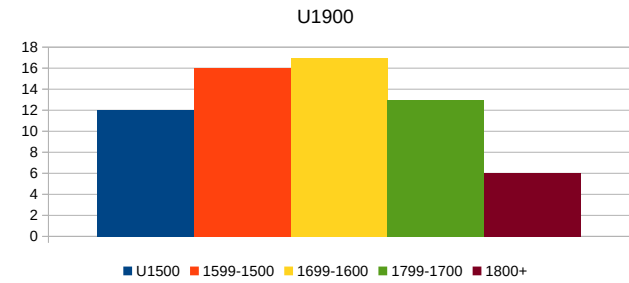
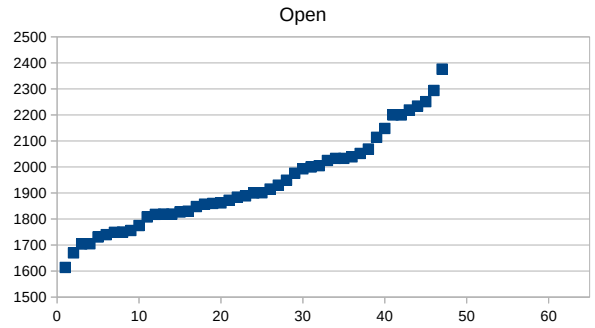
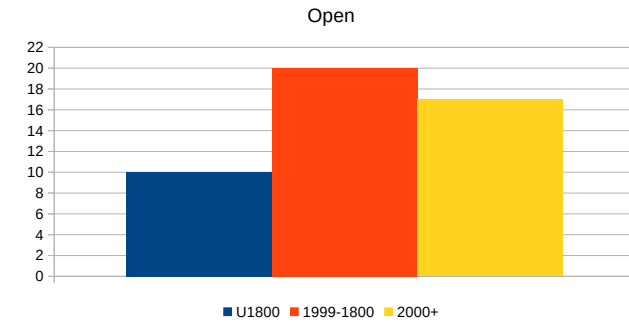
Enter: Checks payable to WW, 705 Old Mountain Page Rd, Saluda NC 28773

Website: <https://landofthesky.us> for information, registration, pairings, and standings

Email: info@landofthesky.us

Coronavirus Policy: Layered mitigation strategy includes physical distancing, ventilation, and hand hygiene. Masks optional. (subject to change)

2025 player ratings with 2026 prize groups



+ 11 Unrated players in 2025; A senior section for ages 50+ is added for 2026