

REGULATIONS

International Chess Festival “Baku Open - 2025”

These Regulations have been drawn up in accordance with the rules of the International Chess Federation and the Technical Regulations approved by the Board Decision No. 33 of the Ministry of Youth and Sports of the Republic of Azerbaijan dated December 21, 2022 regarding the rules for holding country competitions.

I. Objectives

- Promotion and development of chess in Azerbaijan;
- Fulfillment of the international norms by chessplayers;
- Preparation of young chess players for European and world championships;
- Fulfillment of the international norms by Azerbaijani arbiters.

II. Organizers

- Ministry of Youth and Sports of the Republic of Azerbaijan;
- Azerbaijan Chess Federation.

III. Playing venue, date and registration

Festival will be held in Baku Crystall Hall from April 27th (Arrival) to May 6th (last round and closing ceremony).

Deadline for registration is April 17, 2025.

Registration is done online at www.chess.az or tournament webpage www.bakuopen2025.chess.az webpages. Baku Open 2025 includes the “Chess Tour Azerbaijan” project (www.chess.az)

IV. Festival Rules

Tournaments are organized within the festival in 3 groups (A, B and C).

Each of the three groups is held according to the Swiss system, consisting of 9 rounds.

Schedule

| Date | Time | Event |
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| | Group A, B, C | |
| 28 April | 14.30 | Opening ceremony |
| 28 April | 15:00 | 1 st round |
| 29 April | 15:00 | 2 nd round |
| 30 April | 15:00 | 3 rd round |
| 01 May | 15:00 | 4 th round |
| 02 May | 15:00 | 5 th round |
| 03 May | 15:00 | 6 th round |
| 04 May | 15:00 | 7 th round |
| 05 May | 15:00 | 8 th round |
| 06 May | 14:00 | 9 th round |
| 06 May | 20:00 | Closing ceremony |

Delay Time: 15-minutes delay will apply.

Time control: 90 minutes+30 seconds increment per move for the whole game.

V. Requirements for participation

Tournament A

Open for players with FIDE Elo higher than 2250 (Women – higher than 2100).

Tournament B

Open for players with FIDE Elo lower than 2249 (Women – lower than 2099).

Tournament C

Open for young players with FIDE Elo and born in 2013 and earlier. Unrated chess players may be accepted by decision of the ACF.

Participation fee:

| | Men | | Women | |
|--------------|-----------|--------|-----------|--------|
| Tournament A | 2400-2450 | 30 AZN | | |
| | 2301-2399 | 40 AZN | 2201-2250 | 20 AZN |
| | 2250-2300 | 50 AZN | 2101-2200 | 30 AZN |
| Tournament B | <2250 | 40 AZN | <2100 | 40 AZN |
| | unrated | 60 AZN | unrated | 50 AZN |

Participation is free of charge for:

- International Grandmasters (men and women);
- International Masters (women);
- Veterans (60 years and older);
- Chess players with an international Elo of 2450 (woman-2250) or more;
- Children under 12 years of age.

Accommodation:

First ten registered players with FIDE Elo higher than 2650 (on April 1, 2025) and women with FIDE Elo higher than 2450 (on April 1, 2025) will be provided with full board accommodation.

The official hotel of the festival is Ibis Hotel.

| Hotel | Double room | | Single room | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|
| | Breakfast included | Breakfats, lunch & dinner included | Breakfast included | Breakfats, lunch & dinner included |
| Sheraton Hotel İntourist ***** | 175 | - | 150 | - |
| Riviera Hotel ***** | 100 | - | 80 | - |
| Ibis Hotel *** | 138 | 210 | 115 | 175 |

Note: Prices are shown in AZN and VAT and Municipal tax (1.30 AZN) are not included.

VI. Ranking and tie-break criteria

In cases if two or more players score the same number of points – the following criteria shall be decisive for the tie-break:

Tournament A & B

- Direct encounter (the results of the players in the same point group);
- Average rating of opponents;
- Number of victories;
- Buchholz

Tournament C

- Direct encounter (the results of the players in the same point group);
- Number of victories;
- Buchholz
- Buchholz (cut 1)

VII. Prizes:

The total prize fund of the Tournament is 55000 (fifty-five thousand) USD.

The prize fund will be provided by Azerbaijan Chess Federation.

The amount is net and cleared of any taxes applicable in the Republic of Azerbaijan.

The prizes are paid through bank transfer.

The money prizes shall be allocated as follows (in USD):

Tournament A

| | | | |
|------------|--------------|------------|--------|
| 1st place | 12000 \$+Cup | 11th place | 800 \$ |
| 2nd place | 8000 \$ | 12th place | 500 \$ |
| 3rd place | 6000 \$ | 13th place | 300 \$ |
| 4th place | 3000 \$ | 14th place | 300 \$ |
| 5th place | 2500 \$ | 15th place | 300 \$ |
| 6th place | 2000 \$ | 16th place | 200 \$ |
| 7th place | 1600 \$ | 17th place | 200 \$ |
| 8th place | 1400 \$ | 18th place | 200 \$ |
| 9th place | 1200 \$ | 19th place | 200 \$ |
| 10th place | 1000 \$ | 20th place | 200 \$ |

Best female players:

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| 1st place | 1500\$ |
| 2nd place | 1200\$ |
| 3rd place | 1000\$ |

Best player of category U16:

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| 1st place | 600\$ |
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Tournament B

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|-----------|---------------|------------|--------|
| 1st place | 1500 \$ + Cup | 9th place | 200 \$ |
| 2nd place | 1000 \$ | 10th place | 200 \$ |
| 3rd place | 700 \$ | 11th place | 150 \$ |
| 4th place | 500 \$ | 12th place | 150 \$ |
| 5th place | 400 \$ | 13th place | 100 \$ |
| 6th place | 300 \$ | 14th place | 100 \$ |
| 7th place | 250 \$ | 15th place | 100 \$ |
| 8th place | 250 \$ | 16th place | 100 \$ |

| | FIDE Elo 1750-1999 | FIDE Elo 0-1749 |
|-----------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 1st place | 300 \$ | 250 \$ |
| 2nd place | 200 \$ | 150 \$ |
| 3rd place | 150 \$ | 100 \$ |

Best female players:

| | |
|-----------|--------|
| 1st place | 300 \$ |
| 2nd place | 200 \$ |
| 3rd place | 150 \$ |

Note: If a participant wins more than one prize, then he/she will receive the higher prize. The other prize will be awarded to the next place winner. If two or more chess players score the same number of points, the prize is not divided, and the additional prize is awarded to the participant with the higher tie-break criteria.

Tournament C

The chess players who took 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places will be awarded with diplomas from the Ministry of Youth and Sports and gifts from the Azerbaijan Chess Federation. The winner of the tournament will be presented with the competition cup.

VIII. Appeal

The selection and appointment of the members of the Appeals Committee are made by the Organizing Committee. Appeals against decisions of the Chief Arbiter and/or the Arbiters must be submitted in written and signed form to the Chairman of the Appeals Committee within one hour after the completion of the playing session.

An Appeal shall be submitted with an accompanying fee of USD 200 or its equivalent in the local currency. If the Appeal is accepted, the above fee will be returned; otherwise, it shall be forfeited to the Organizing Committee.

IX. Media

Only accredited media representatives are allowed to take photos during the Festival. Flash photography is allowed only during the first 10 (ten) minutes after the start of the round.

X. Visa

E-visas can be easily obtained on the following link: <https://evisa.gov.az/en/>. List on eligibile e-visa countries is on <https://evisa.gov.az/en/countries>. Non-eligibile countries should contact Azerbaijan Embassy in the respective country. In case of need the Organizing Committee provides assistance in obtaining an entry visa.

Contacts:

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“Chess Tour Azerbaijan” project: www.chess.az