

TSAGHKADZOR OPEN CHESS TOURNAMENT

“Tsaghkadzor Open” INTERNATIONAL OPEN CHESS TOURNAMENT REGULATION

19 – 28 September, 2023

Chess Academy of Armenia is organizing “**Tsaghkadzor Open**” International Open Chess Tournament from September 19 /arrival/ to September 28 /departure/, 2023 at 5-star Tsaghkadzor Marriott Hotel, Tsaghkadzor, Republic of Armenia.



The venue will host two different events accordingly: **A Group Tournament** and **B Group Tournament**

- **A Group** Tournament is open to players with 2000 and above international rating.
* The tournament administration may allow a restricted number of young chess players with international rating below 2000 to compete in Group A tournament.
- **B Group** Tournament is open to players with below 2000 international rating and limited number of unrated players.

The tournaments will be held in 9-round Swiss system in accordance with FIDE Laws of Chess.

Time control:

A Group Tournament: 90 minutes for the first 40 moves, plus 30 minutes till the end of the game with 30 seconds increment starting from move one.

B Group Tournament: 90 minutes for the whole game with 30 seconds increment starting from move one.

The default time for the tournament is 30 min from the start of the round.

The total prize fund of the tournament is 10 550 000 Armenian drams (400 AMD ≈ 1 USD as of 20.03.2023).

A tournament					
Main prizes			Special prizes		
I	2 500 000	≈ \$ 6250	U2400	140 000	≈ \$ 350
II	1 750 000	≈ \$ 4375	U2200	100 000	≈ \$ 250
III	1 250 000	≈ \$ 3125	Senior 50+	120 000	≈ \$ 300
IV	750 000	≈ \$ 1875	Women 1st place	140 000	≈ \$ 350
V	500 000	≈ \$ 1250	Women 2nd place	120 000	≈ \$ 300
VI	350 000	≈ \$ 875	Under 18	120 000	≈ \$ 300
VII	250 000	≈ \$ 625			
VIII-X	150 000 x 3	≈ \$ 375x3			
B tournament					
Main prizes			Special prizes		
I	400 000	≈ \$ 1000	Under 14	40 000	≈ \$ 100
II	250 000	≈ \$ 625	Under 10	40 000	≈ \$ 100
III	200 000	≈ \$ 500	Senior 50+	40 000	≈ \$ 100
IV	150 000	≈ \$ 375	Women 1st place	40 000	≈ \$ 100
V	100 000	≈ \$ 250			
VI	80 000	≈ \$ 200			
VII	50 000	≈ \$ 125			
VIII	50 000	≈ \$ 125			
Blitz tournament					
Main prizes			Special prizes		
I	150 000	≈ \$ 375	Women 1st place	20 000	≈ \$ 50
II	120 000	≈ \$ 300	Under 14		
III	90 000	≈ \$ 225	Under 12		
IV	60 000	≈ \$ 150	Under 10		
V	40 000	≈ \$ 100	Best result among foreign participants		
VI- VIII	30 000 x 3	≈ \$ 75x3			

*All prizes are subject to income tax implications according to the laws of the Republic of Armenia.

Tie-Breaks:

Tie-breaks will be carried out according to the following order:

- a) Cut Buchholz-1,
- b) Buchholz,
- c) Results of direct encounters between the tied players (if all the tied players have met each other),
- d) The greater number of games played with black
- e) The greater number of victories.

The monetary prizes will not be shared and are distributed according to the final ranking. Each prize holder can win only one prize. In case the category prize is the same as the main prize, the player receives the main prize.

Our partner ChessMood Inc. has established special prizes for the participants of the tournament. The winners will receive 20 Bundle Pro Memberships, which can be used at www.chessmood.com .

A tournament		B tournament	
I	For 1 year	I	For 6 months
II	For 6 months	II	For 3 months
III	For 3 months	III	For 1 month
Best Woman	For 6 months	Women 1st place	For 3 months
Under 16B&G	For 3 months	Under 14B&G	For 1 month
Under 14B&G	For 3 months	Under 12B&G	For 1 month
64th place	For 1 month	Under 10B&G	For 1 month
		64th place	For 1 month

Moreover, our partner Chessify Company has established special prizes for the participants of the tournament. The winners will receive a \$3 000 "ChessifyCoin", which they can use at www.chessify.me.

A tournament		B tournament	
I	700	I	200
II	600	II	100
III	500	III	50
IV	400	Women 1st place	50
V	200		
Women 1st place	200		

Schedule

Event	A and B Tournaments
Arrival	September 19
Opening Ceremony	September 19, 18:00
Blitz Tournament	September 19, 18:00

Deadline of participants' confirmation	September 20, 12:00
Round 1	September 20, 15:00
Round 2	September 21, 15:00
Round 3	September 22, 10:30
Round 4	September 22, 16:30
Round 5	September 23, 15:00
Round 6	September 24, 15:00
Round 7	September 25, 15:00
Round 8	September 26, 15:00
Round 9	September 27, 11:00
Closing Ceremony	September 27, 17:00
Departure	September 28

Entry fees:

Participants		A tournament Until 31.07.23	A tournament 01.08.2023-11.09.2023
GM, WGM		Free of charge	Free of charge
With the rating 2450 and/or above		Free of charge	Free of charge
With the ratings 2301-2450	IM, WIM	15 000 AMD	20 000 AMD
	FM	20 000 AMD	25 000 AMD
	Untitled	25 000 AMD	30 000 AMD
With the ratings 2201-2300	IM, WIM	20 000 AMD	25 000 AMD
	FM	25 000 AMD	30 000 AMD
	Untitled	30 000 AMD	35 000 AMD
With the ratings 2001-2200	IM, WIM	30 000 AMD	35 000 AMD
	FM	35 000 AMD	40 000 AMD
	Untitled	45 000 AMD	50 000 AMD
Participants		B tournament Until 31.07.23	B tournament 01.08.2023-11.09.2023
With the ratings 1800-2000		20 000 AMD	25 000 AMD
With the ratings Under 1800		25 000 AMD	30 000 AMD
Unrated players /limited/		30 000 AMD	35 000 AMD
Participants		Blitz tournament	
GM, IM, WGM, WIM		Free	
With the ratings 2000 and above		3 000 AMD	
With the ratings Under 2000		4 000 AMD	

In case of cancellation the participation, 20% of the participation fee will not be refunded.

Accommodation:

The organizer has provided special conditions for players with a rating of over 2600 rating points. The number of these places is limited!

Hotel	Room type	Price with breakfast per person		Price with full board per person	
<u>Tsaghkadzor Marriot</u>	Cottage / double	30 000	≈ \$ 75	-	-
	Standard Single	40 000	≈ \$ 100	-	-
	Standard Double	20 000	≈ \$ 50	-	-
	Deluxe Single	50 000	≈ \$ 125	-	-
	Deluxe Twin	25 000	≈ \$ 62	-	-
<u>Elegant</u>	Single	20 000	≈ \$ 50	Those who choose to stay at Elegant Hotel can have lunch and dinner /8000 AMD per person/	
	Double	11 500	≈ \$ 29		
<u>Alpina</u>	Single	-	-	16 000	≈ \$ 40
	Double	-	-	13 000	≈ \$ 32
	Triple	-	-	10 000	≈ \$ 25
	Cottage / 8 person	-	-	9 000	≈ \$ 22
<u>Tsaghkadzor University Hotel</u>	Single	-	-	10 000	≈ \$ 25
	Double	-	-	10 000	≈ \$ 25
	Under-13	-	-	8 000	≈ \$ 20
<u>Writer's House</u>	Standard / single	-	-	9 000	≈ \$ 22
	Standard / double	-	-	8 000	≈ \$ 20

* Room rates are for 1 person per night. The number of rooms is strictly limited.

Transfer:

It is possible to organize transfer for players from the airport to Tsaghkadzor. Price is 10 000 AMD per person.

Visa:

For all the requirements of VISA purposes, please click [here](#).

Low cost flights:

www.wizzair.com provides cheap direct flights from Austria (Vienna), Bulgaria (Sofia), Cyprus (Larnaca), Czech Republic (Prague), German (Dortmund), Italy (Milan Rome, Venice, Lithuania (Vilnius), Poland (Katowice) , UAE (Abu Dhabi).

www.Flyone.com provides cheap direct flights from Brussels (BRU), France (Lyon), Georgia (Tbilisi).

Health protocol and anti-cheating:

Health protection measures will be applied in accordance to valid instructions from Armenian government institutions. Following FIDE Fair-Play Rules, the organizer will implement anti-cheating measures.

Registration:

The deadline of registration is September 11, 18:00.

The registration of the participants should be done online by clicking on the REGISTRATION button on the tournament's official website www.tsaghkadzoropen.chessacademy.am (choosing the subgroup), then filling all the fields and making payment. In case of encountering any difficulty, it is required to transfer the entry fee to the Chess Academy bank account (it's obligatory to mention the participant's information – tournament, name, surname, date of birth, rating and telephone number).

Bank details:

Entry fees must be paid to the following Bank account of the Chess Academy:

INTERMEDIARY BANK CITIBANK NA, NEW YORK, SWIFT: CITIUS33

BENEFICIARY'S BANK NAME: AMERIABANK, SWIFT: ARMIAM22

BENEFICIARY NAME: Chess Academy of Armenia Fund

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 15700-18417800101 USD, TIN:02560522

For all administrative issues reach to the Tournament office:

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