

TSAGHKADZOR OPEN

International Chess Tournament



Tsaghkadzor, Armenia

21 September – 28 September, 2025

Chess Academy of Armenia in collaboration with Chess Academy Club, is organizing **“Tsaghkadzor Open”** International Chess Tournament from September 21 /arrival/ to September 28 /departure/, 2025 at “EightyEight Hotel and Spa” in Tsaghkadzor (Tandzaghybur 34/1, Kotayk region, Republic of Armenia).



The **“Tsaghkadzor Open”** international chess tournament is open to players with 1900 and above international rating. The tournament will be held in 9-round Swiss system in accordance with FIDE Laws of Chess.

The total prize fund of the tournament is 6 000 000 AMD ($\approx$ 15,585 USD as of 18.06.2025).

Prizes					
Main prizes			Special prizes		
I	1 500 000	$\approx$ \$ 3900	Participant with an international rating U2300	150 000	$\approx$ \$ 390
II	1 200 000	$\approx$ \$ 3120	Participant with an international rating U2000	100 000	$\approx$ \$ 260
III	900 000	$\approx$ \$ 2340	Women’s 1 st place	100 000	$\approx$ \$ 260
IV	600 000	$\approx$ \$ 1560	50+ senior	75 000	$\approx$ \$ 195
V	400 000	$\approx$ \$ 1040	Best result among under 16	55 000	$\approx$ \$ 145
VI	250 000	$\approx$ \$ 650	Best result among under 14	50 000	$\approx$ \$ 130
VII	150 000	$\approx$ \$ 390	Best result among female participants under 16	50 000	$\approx$ \$ 130
VIII - X	100 000	$\approx$ \$ 260	Best result among participants from Kotayk Province	60 000	$\approx$ \$ 156
			Best result among participants from the Academy	60 000	$\approx$ \$ 156

****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 special prize is the same as the main prize, the player receives the main prize.

Time control:

90 minutes for the whole game, with a 30-second increment per move starting from move one.

Default time is 30 minutes.

Schedule:

Opening Ceremony	21 September, 14:00
1 st round	21 September, 15:00
2 nd round	22 September, 15:00
3 rd round	23 September, 10:30
4 th round	23 September, 16:00
5 th round	24 September, 15:00
6 th round	25 September, 10:30
Blitz tournament	25 September, 17:00
7 th round	26 September, 15:00
8 th round	27 September, 15:00
9 th round	28 September, 10:30
Closing ceremony	28 September, 17:00

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

Prizes	
I	For 1 year
II	For 6 months
III	For 3 months
Best result among women	For 6 months
Under 16B&G	For 3 months
Under 14B&G	For 3 months
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 1000\$ worth of "ChessifyCoin", which they can use at www.chessify.me.

Prizes	
I	350
II	200
III	150
IV	120
V	80
Women's 1st place	100

Entry fees:

Participants		Until 31.08.2025	01.09.2025 - 15.09.2025	16.09.2025- 20.09.2025
GM, WGM, IM /2401 and above/		Free of charge	Free of charge	Free of charge
Players with an international rating above 2450		Free of charge	Free of charge	Free of charge
Players with an international rating between 2401–2450	WIM	15 000	20 000	35 000
	FM	20 000	25 000	45 000
	Untitled	25 000	30 000	50 000
Players with an international rating between 2301–2400	IM, WIM	20 000	25 000	45 000
	FM	25 000	30 000	50 000
	Untitled	30 000	35 000	60 000
Players with an international rating between 2201–2300	IM, WIM	30 000	35 000	60 000
	FM	35 000	40 000	70 000
	Untitled	40 000	45 000	80 000
Players with an international rating between 2001–2200	IM, WIM	35 000	40 000	70 000
	FM	40 000	45 000	80 000
	Untitled	45 000	50 000	85 000
Players with an international rating between 1900–2000		50 000	55 000	95 000

**All the students and coaches of the Academy will receive a 20% discount for the entry fee.*

**Academy student who placed 1st to 3rd in the Armenian Boys and Girls Championships will receive a 50% discount on the entry fee.*

**The tournament organizer may allow a restricted number of young chess players with international rating below 1900 to compete in the tournament with additional fee.*

**In case of entry fee refunds, a 20% administrative fee will be withheld.*

Hotels:

Hotel	Room Type	Price with breakfast per person	Price with full board per person
<u>University Hotel</u>	Single	-	10 000
	Double	-	10 000
	Under 12	-	8 000
<u>Elegant Hotel</u>	Single	20 000	Those who wish to stay at Elegant Hotel can have lunch and dinner (8,000 AMD per person)
	Double	11 500	

<u>“Eighty-Eight” Hotel</u>	Economy Queen Single	31 000	Those who wish to stay at Eighty Eight hotel can have lunch and dinner (12,000 AMD per person)
	Economy Queen Double	15 500	
	Standard Queen Single	34 000	
	Standard Queen Double	17 000	
	Standard King Single	40 000	
	Standard King Double	20 000	

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

Registration:

To register, please visit the official tournament website, click the **REGISTER** button, fill in all required fields, and proceed with the payment.

If you do not have a bank card, you can transfer the participation fee to the bank account listed below.

When making the transfer, please indicate in the “**Purpose**” field the tournament name, participant’s full name, date of birth, rating, and contact phone number.

Bank details:

Beneficiary: "Chess Academy Club" LLC
Bank: Ameriabank CJSC
Account Number: 1570091773770100
TIN: 02308854

For all administrative issues/registration, hotel, transport/ contact the Chess Academy of Armenia:

Address: 34 Shevchenko, 0050, Yerevan, RA

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****All expenses of the participants and coaches are covered by the sending organization.***

Tournament director:

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