

REGULATIONS

of the International Chess Festival “Baku Open - 2023”

Dedicated to the 100th anniversary of the National Leader Heydar Aliyev

I. Objectives

- Celebration of the 100th anniversary of the National Leader Heydar Aliyev;
- Popularization and development of chess in Azerbaijan.

II. Organizers:

- The Ministry of Youth & Sport of the Republic of Azerbaijan;
- Azerbaijan Chess Federation.

III. Tournament place and date

Festival will be held in Baku Crystal Hall from May 3rd (Arrival) to May 12th (last round and closing ceremony).

Deadline for registration is April 20, 2023.

IV. System and rate of play

The Festival will consist of 3 tournaments (A, B and C) and be organized in 9-round Swiss system in accordance with the FIDE Laws of Chess. The rate of play will be 90 minutes for 40 moves plus 30 minutes for the rest of the game with an increment of 30 seconds per move, starting from move one.

The default time is 15 minutes for each round.

Schedule

Date	Time	Event
04 May	14.30	1 st round
05 May	15.00	2 nd round
06 May	15.00	3 rd round
07 May	15.00	4 th round
08 May	15.00	5 th round
09 May	15.00	6 th round
10 May	15.00	7 th round
11 May	15.00	8 th round
12 May	12.00	9 th round
12 May	18.00	Closing ceremony

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 2011 and earlier.

Participation fee:

	Men		Women	
Tournament A	2250-2450	30 AZN	1900-2100	20 AZN
Tournament B	<2250	40 AZN	<1900	30 AZN
	unrated	80 AZN	unrated	60 AZN

Participation is free of charge for:

- Chess players with international titles GM, WGM, WIM;
- Veterans (60 years +);
- Players with FIDE Elo higher than 2450;
- Players born in 2011 and earlier.

Accommodation:

First ten registered players with FIDE Elo higher than 2650 (on May 1, 2023) and women with FIDE Elo higher than 2450 (on May 1, 2023) will be provided with full board accommodation.

Hotel	Double room		Single room	
	Breakfast included	Breakfasts, lunch & dinner included	Breakfast included	Breakfasts, lunch & dinner included
Sheraton Hotel Intourist *****	170	330	150	230
Riviera Hotel *****	90	150	70	100
Ramada Baku Hotel *****	90	200	80	130
Ibis Hotel ***	90	150	70	100
Park Inn Radisson*****	150	220	130	155

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

VI. Determination and awarding of winners

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

- Average rating of opponents
- Game results between players
- Number of victories
- Buchholz

Tournament C

- Number of victories
- Buchholz
- Game results between players

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

Tournament A

1	12000 \$ +Cup	11	800 \$
2	8000 \$	12	600 \$
3	6000 \$	13	500 \$
4	3000 \$	14	500 \$
5	2500 \$	15	400 \$
6	2000 \$	16	400 \$
7	1600 \$	17	300 \$
8	1400 \$	18	300 \$
9	1200 \$	19	200 \$
10	1000 \$	20	200 \$

Women prizes

1	1500 \$
2	1200 \$
3	1000 \$
4	750 \$
5	500 \$

Tournament B

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

	FIDE Elo 1750-1999	FIDE Elo 0-1749
1	300 \$	250 \$
2	200 \$	150 \$
3	100 \$	100 \$

In case if one player wins in two nominations, prizes are not summarized, the bigger prize or the main prize shall be awarded. The other prize is given to the player next in the standings.

Tournament C

The best three players are awarded with appropriate diplomas and memorable gifts. The winner of the tournament is presented with a competition trophy.

VIII. Appeal

Protests against the decisions of the Chief Arbiter may be lodged before the Appeals Committee. The selection and appointment of the members of the Appeals Committee are made by the Organizing Committee.

The protests shall only be lodged in the written form within 1 hour of the end of the playing session and shall be accompanied with the proof of the appeal fee (200 AZN) payment.

IX. Media

Only accredited media representatives are allowed to take photos during the Festival. Flash photography is possible 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 eligible e-visa countries is on <https://evisa.gov.az/en/countries>.
Non-eligible countries should contact Azerbaijan Embassy in the respective country.
In case of need the Organizing Committee provides assistance in obtaining an entry visa.

XI. COVID-19

For information on the regulations on COVID-19, the following link should be consulted.

<https://www.tourismboard.az/page/314-covid-19-restrictions-advisory>

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