



Andranik Margaryan
Memorial

“Andranik Margaryan” 16th Memorial
8-16 January, 2026

REGULATION

The Chess Academy of Armenia in collaboration with the Chess Academy Club (address: Shevchenko 34, Yerevan) is organizing the 16th “Andranik Margaryan Memorial” which will take place from January 8 - 16, 2026. The tournament is open to boys and girls under 18. It will feature different age categories and will be conducted using the Swiss system with 9 rounds.

The total prize fund of the tournament is **2 350 000 AMD**. Participants who place 1st to 3rd will be awarded with medals and certificates.

Boys and girls under 18

1 st place	200 000
2 nd place	170 000
3 rd place	150 000
4 th place	120 000
5 th place	80 000
6 th place	50 000
7 th place	50 000

Boys and girls under 14

1 st place	140 000
2 nd place	110 000
3 rd place	80 000
4 th place	60 000
5 th place	50 000

Boys under 12

1 st place	100 000
2 nd place	70 000
3 rd place	50 000
4 th place	40 000
5 th place	40 000

Boys under 10

1 st place	80 000
2 nd place	60 000
3 rd place	50 000
4 th place	40 000
5 th place	30 000

Boys under 8

1 st place	50 000
2 nd place	30 000
3 rd place	20 000

Girls under 12

1 st place	80 000
2 nd place	60 000
3 rd place	50 000
4 th place	35 000
5 th place	30 000

Special awards

Girl U-18	40 000
Girl U-16	30 000
Girl U-14	30 000
Girl U-10 1 st place	25 000
Girl U-10 2 nd place	20 000
Girl U-8 1 st place	20 000
Girl U-8 2 nd place	10 000

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

Our partner "ChessMood" has established special prizes for all the prize winners of the tournament: \$3000 equivalent membership at www.chessmood.com.

In case of a tie, the monetary prizes will not be distributed. Tie breaks will be carried out based on the following criteria: Cutoff Buchholz, Buchholz and number of games played with black pieces.

If a participant qualifies for both a category prize and the main prize, they will receive the main prize.

Eligibility for Tournaments:

The following chess players can participate in tournaments:

- Under 18 years old: national rating required (for girls and players from regions: at least 1st category)
- Under 14 years old: at least 1st category
- Under 12 years old: at least 2nd category
- Under 10 years old: at least 3rd category (for regional players, 4th category is also allowed)
- Under 8 years old: at least 4th category
- Girls under 12 years old: born in 2014 – at least 2nd category, born in 2015 – at least 3rd category, born in 2016 – at least 4th category

The tournament organizer may allow a limited number of young chess players to participate.

In the Under 18 and Under 14 tournaments, both national and international (FIDE) ratings will be calculated. Participants in these tournaments must have a FIDE ID. If you do not have a FIDE ID, contact the Chess Federation of Armenia by December 26 or visit <https://chessfed.am/am/fide-registration-form>.

In the Under 12, Under 10, Under 8, and Girls Under 12 tournaments, only the national rating will be calculated.

Time Control

Under 10 and Under 8 tournaments: 60 minutes for the game, with a 30-second increment per move
 Under 18, Under 14, Under 12, and Girls Under 12 tournaments: 90 minutes for the game, with a 30-second increment per move

Schedule:

Date	Round	Under 8 and 10	Under 12, 14, 18 boys & 12 girls
8 January	I	11:00	15:00
9 January	II	11:00	15:00
10 January	III	11:00	15:00
11 January	IV	11:00	15:00
12 January	V	11:00	15:00
13 January	VI	11:00	15:00
14 January	VII	11:00	15:00
15 January	VIII	11:00	15:00
16 January	IX	11:00	15:00
16 January	Closing Ceremony	15:00	20:00

Default time of the tournaments is 30 minutes.

ENTRY FEE

Participants	Due 22.12.2025	Due 27.12.2025	29.12.2025-07.01.2026
Participants U12, U10, U8 and girls U12	8 000	10 000	20 000
U18 and U14	10 000	12 000	24 000

U18 and U14 tournaments for players with national rating under 2000	12 000	14 000	28 000
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Participation fees can be transferred to the following account:

INTERMEDIARY	CITIBANK NA, NEW YORK
SWIFT (BIC)	CITIUS33
BENEFICIARY'S BANK:	AMERIABANK, YEREVAN
SWIFT (BIC):	ARMIAM22
BENEFICIARY'S ACCOUNT:	1570091773770101 USD, TIN: 02308854
BENEFICIARY'S NAME:	CHESS ACADEMY CLUB LLC

When making the transfer, please include in the purpose field: participant's full name, phone number, category/rating, "A. Margaryan Memorial Tournament," age group, and coach.

Additional Information

- All expenses for participants and coaches are covered by the sending organization.
- Applies only to students of the Chess Academy of Armenia:
 - All students receive a 20% discount on entry fees.
 - For Academy students who placed 1st–3rd in the Armenian Boys and Girls Championship, participation is free.
- In case of a refund of entry fees, a 20% deduction will be applied.

For more information, call 010-448479, 044-998088, or 043-448473.

Tournament director

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