



STEPAN AVAGYAN MEMORIAL REGULATION

May 27 - June 3, 2026



The Chess Academy of Armenia, in collaboration with the Chess Academy Club, is organizing the “Stepan Avagyan Memorial” International Youth Chess Tournament, which will take place from May 27 to June 3, 2026. The tournament will be conducted in a 9 round Swiss system and will be held in different age groups.

The tournament venue is Chess Academy of Armenia (Yerevan, Shevchenko 34).

The total prize fund of the tournament is **2 350 000 AMD**. Participants taking 1-3 places during the tournament will be awarded with medals and diplomas.

Boys and Girls U18

1st place	220 000
2nd place	170 000
3d place	150 000
4th place	120 000
5th place	80 000
6th place	50 000
7th place	50 000

Boys and Girls U10

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

Boys and Girls U14

1st place	140 000
2nd place	110 000
3d place	80 000
4th place	60 000
5th place	50 000
6th place	40 000

Boys and Girls U8

1st place	60 000
2nd place	40 000
3d place	30 000
4th place	25 000
5th place	25 000

Boys and Girls U12

1st place	110 000
2nd place	80 000
3d place	60 000
4th place	50 000
5th place	40 000
6th place	30 000

Special Prizes

U18 girl	40 000
U16 girl	35 000
U14 girl	35 000
U12 girl	25 000
U10 girl	20 000
U8 girl	20 000
Best result among participants from a region in the U12 category	15 000
Best result among participants from a region in the U10 category	15 000
Best result among participants from a region in the U8 category	15 000

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

* In case of equality between the main and special prizes, the participant will receive the main prize.

* The diplomas and medals for special prizes will be awarded to those who achieve the best results, regardless of the prize amount.

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.

PARTICIPATION

In the Under-18 and Under-14 boys' and girls' category, players holding First Category, as well as those with a national or international rating, are eligible to participate. Both national and international ratings will be calculated in these tournaments.

Only players with FIDE ID are eligible to participate in the tournament. In case a player does not have a FIDE ID, they must apply to the **Armenian Chess Federation** by **May 23**, or follow the following link: <https://chessfed.am/en/fide-registration-form>.

Boys and girls under 12 - at least II category (born in 2015 and for participants from the regions - III category).

Boys and girls under 10 - at least III category (born in 2017 and for participants from the regions - IV category).

Boys and girls under 8 - at least IV category (born in 2019 and limited number of unrated participants from the regions).

In the **Under-10 and Under-12** boys' and girls' categories, **national rating** will be calculated.

TIME CONTROL

Boys and girls U18, U14 and U12 groups - 90 minutes for the whole game with 30 seconds increment for each move.

Boys and girls U10 and U8 - 60 minutes for the whole game with 30 seconds increment for each move.

Default time of the tournaments is **30 minutes**.

SCHEDULE

Date	Round	Time
May 27	Opening ceremony	11:00
May 27	I	11:30
May 28	II	11:00
May 28	III	16:00
May 29	IV	11:00
May 30	V	11:00
May 30	Blitz Tournament	16:00
May 31	VI	11:00
June 1	VII	11:00
June 2	VIII	11:00
June 3	IX	11:00
June 3	Closing ceremony	16:00

ENTRY FEE

Participants	Until 30.04.2026	Until 23.05.2026
U18 and U14 /2000 and above international rating/	15 000	20 000
U18 and U14 /I category and below 2000 international rating/	20 000	25 000
U12	10 000	15 000
U10	10 000	15 000
U8	10 000	15 000

REGISTRATION

The registration of the participants should be done online until May 23 by clicking on the REGISTRATION button in the official website of the tournament, then filling in all the required fields and making payment. In case of encountering any difficulty, you can transfer the entry fee to our bank account.

BENEFICIARY: "CHESS ACADEMY CLUB" LLC
BANK: AMERIABANK
ACCOUNT NUMBER: 1570091773770100 /AMD/
TIN: 02308854

During the transfer, don't forget to mention the participant's details – name, surname, date of birth, category, telephone number, age group and participation fee for Stepan Avagyan Memorial.

ATTENTION

In case of an entry fee refund, a 20% deduction will be applied.

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

- Entry fees of all academy students will be discounted by **20%**.
- Entry fees for academy students who participated in the **finals of the Armenian Boys' and Girls' Championship** will be discounted by **50%**.
- Participation is **free of charge** for academy students who placed **1st- 3rd** in the **Armenian Boys' and Girls' Championship**.

For organizational issues /registration, hotel, transport/ please contact:

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