

TSAGHKADZOR OPEN

International Chess Tournament



Tsaghkadzor, Armenia

24-30 October, 2026

Chess Academy of Armenia is organizing “**Tsaghkadzor Open**” International Chess Tournament from October 24 /arrival/ to October 30 /departure/, 2026 at “Eighty Eight Hotel and Spa” in Tsaghkadzor (Tandzaghbyur 34/1, Kotayk region, Republic of Armenia).



“**Tsaghkadzor Open**” will be held in TWO groups: **A Tournament** and **B Tournament**.

A Tournament: Open to players with a FIDE Standard Rating of 2001 or above.

**The Organizing Committee reserves the right to admit a limited number of Armenian junior players rated below 1900 to participate in A Group.*

B Tournament: Open to players with a **FIDE Standard Rating below 2000**, as well as a limited number of **unrated players**.

*Both tournaments will be held according to the **Swiss System** over **9 rounds**, in accordance with the **FIDE Laws of Chess**.*

Time control:

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

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

Total prize fund of the tournament is 7 000 000 AMD

A tournament			
Main prizes		Special prizes	
I	1 500 000	Best result among U2200	130 000
II	1 200 000	Best result among U2000	80 000
III	900 000	1 st place among Women	110 000
IV	600 000	Best result among Under 16 female player	60 000
V	400 000	Senior 50+	80 000
VI	250 000	Best result among Under 16	70 000
VII	150 000	Best result among Under 12	70 000
VIII-X	100 000	Best result among participants from Kotayk Region	50 000
		Best result among Academy students	50 000
B tournament			
Main prizes		Special prizes	
I	250 000	1 st place among Women	60 000
II	180 000	Best result among Under 14	50 000
III	130 000	Best result among Under 12	40 000
IV	100 000		
V	80 000		
VI	60 000		
VII	50 000		

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

**Special prizes will be awarded only if at least three eligible players compete for the respective prize.*

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.

Players may receive **only one prize**. If a player qualifies for both a main prize and a special prize, **the main prize shall be awarded**. Prizes are **not shared** and shall be awarded according to the players' final standings.

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

Prizes	
I	1 year
II	6 months
III	3 months
1 st place among Women	6 months
U16 Boy and Girl	3 months
U14 Boy and Girl	3 months
64 rd place	1 months

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.

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

Schedule:

Event	A&B Tournament
Opening Ceremony	24 October, 15:00
1 st round	24 October, 15:30
2 nd round	25 October, 10:30
3 rd round	25 October, 15:30
4 th round	26 October, 15:00
5 th round	27 October, 10:30
6 th round	27 October, 15:30
7 th round	28 October, 10:30
Blitz Tournament	28 October, 17:30
8 th round	29 October, 15:00
9 th round	30 October, 10:30
Closing ceremony	30 October, 16:30

Entry fees:

Participants /A Group/		Due 31.08.2026 (AMD)	01.09.2026- 30.09.2026 (AMD)	01.10.2026- 15.10.2026 (AMD)
GM, WGM, IM, WIM (2401+ rating)		Free of charge	Free of charge	Free of charge
With the rating 2451 and/or above		Free of charge	Free of charge	Free of charge
With the ratings 2401-2450	FM	20 000	25 000	50 000
	Unrated	25 000	30 000	60 000
With the ratings 2301-2400	IM, WIM	20 000	25 000	50 000
	FM	25 000	30 000	60 000
	Unrated	30 000	35 000	70 000
With the ratings 2201-2300	IM, WIM	30 000	35 000	70 000
	FM	35 000	40 000	80 000
	Unrated	40 000	45 000	90 000
With the ratings 2001-2200	IM, WIM	35 000	40 000	80 000
	FM	40 000	45 000	90 000
	Unrated	45 000	50 000	100 000
With the ratings 1950-2000 /limited number/		70 000	75 000	120 000
With the ratings 1900-1950 /limited number/		95 000	100 000	150 000
Participants /B Group/		Due 31.08.2026	01.09.2026- 30.09.2026	01.10.2026- 15.10.2026
With the ratings 1800-2000		20 000	25 000	50 000
With the ratings below 1800		25 000	30 000	60 000
Unrated players /limited number/		40 000	50 000	75 000

- Students and coaches of the **Chess Academy of Armenia** are entitled to a **20% discount** on the applicable entry fee.
- Students of the Chess Academy of Armenia who placed **1st–3rd** in the **Armenian Youth and Girls Championships** are entitled to a **50% discount** on the applicable entry fee.
- In case of cancellation, **20% of the entry fee will be retained** as an administrative charge.

Hotels:

Hotel	Room Type	Price includes breakfast (AMD)	Price includes 2 meals a day (AMD)	Price includes full board (AMD)
<u>Tsaghkadzor University Hotel</u>	Single	-	-	10 000
	Double	-	-	10 000
	Under 12	-	-	8 000
<u>“Eighty Eight”</u>	Standard Queen/King For one person	31 000	37 000	45 000
	Standard Queen/King For two people	34 000	46 000	58 000

Registration:

The registration of the participants should be done by transferring the entry fee to the Chess Academy of Armenia's bank account (**it's obligatory to mention** the tournament's name, participant's full name, date of birth, rating, FIDE ID, telephone number and email).

Bank details:

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

INTERMEDIARY	CITIBANK NA, NEW YORK
SWIFT (BIC)	CITIUS33
BENEFICIARY'S BANK:	AMERIABANK, YEREVAN
SWIFT (BIC):	ARMIAM22
BENEFICIARY'S ACCOUNT:	1570018417800101 USD, TIN: 02560522
BENEFICIARY'S NAME:	CHESS ACADEMY OF ARMENIA FUND

Transfer: *The Organizing Committee can provide a transfer service for players from Zvartnots International Airport to the chosen hotel for 10 000 AMD per person.*

For administrative questions please contact Chess Academy of Armenia

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