

Regulations

International Chess Festival

“Lankaran Open - 2025”

1. Objectives

- 1.1. Promotion and development of chess in Azerbaijan;
- 1.2. Increasing the playing experience and international rating of chess players, fulfilling international norms;
- 1.3. Preparation of young chess players for European and world championships;
- 1.4. Fulfillment of the international norms by Azerbaijani arbiters.

2. Organizers

- 2.1. Azerbaijan Chess Federation;
- 2.2. Independent organizer - NA, FM Jeyhun Mammadov.

3. Playing venue, date

- 3.1. The festival will be held at the Starway Hotel Restaurant in Lankaran.
- 3.2. The festival will be held from 6 (arrival) to 13 (last round and closing) July 2025.

4. Festival rules

- 4.1. Festival includes “Chess Tour Azerbaijan” (chess.az).
- 4.2. The festival is organized in 2 groups - A and B.
- 4.3. Tournaments are held according to the FIDE rules of the game.
- 4.4. The requirements for the groups are as follows:
 - 4.4.1. Players with an international rating of 1900 and higher can participate in Group A.
 - 4.4.2. Players with an international rating up to 1899 and unrated players can participate in Group B.
 - 4.4.3. The organizer may include up to 10 chess players whose ratings are not sufficient for Group A.
- 4.5. The tournaments are held according to the Swiss system, consisting of 9 rounds.
- 4.6. The control time is 90 minutes until the end of the game, with 30 seconds added for each move from the first move (90 minutes + 30 seconds/each move).
- 4.7. Default time is 15 minutes in categories A and B.
- 4.8. Rapid (7 rounds, Swiss system, 10'+5”) and Blitz (9 rounds, Swiss system, 3'+2”) will also be held within the festival.
- 4.9. In cases if two or more players score the same number of points – the following criteria shall be decisive for the tie-break:

Group A	Group B, Rapid and Blitz
1. Direct encounter (81)	1. Direct encounter (81)
2. Rating performance (60)	2. Great number of victories
3. Buchholts cut (-1,-1)	3. Buchholts cut (-1,-1)
4. Buchholts cut (-2,-2)	4. Buchholts cut (-2,-2)

4.8. The pairings of the tournaments will be done using the “Swiss-Manager” program. The results and pairings will be published daily on the www.chess-results.com.

4.9. The schedule of tournaments is as follows:

Date	Event	Time	
06 July 2025	Arrival	During the day	
	Confirm. of registration	10:00-20:00	
07 July 2025	Opening ceremony	14:30	
	1st round	Group A 15:00	Group B 15:00
08 July 2025	2nd round	Group A 11:00	Group B 11:00
08 July 2025	3rd round	Group A 16:00	Group B 16:00
09 July 2025	4th round	Group A 11:00	Group B 11:00
09 July 2025	Rapid (1-7 rounds)	16:00	
10 July 2025	5th round	Group A 11:00	Group B 11:00
10 July 2025	Blitz (1-9 rounds)	16:00	
11 July 2025	6th round	Group A 11:00	Group B 11:00
11 July 2025	7th round	Group A 16:00	Group B 16:00
12 July 2025	8th round	Group A 11:00	Group B 11:00
13 July 2025	9th round	Group A 11:00	Group B 11:00
	Closing ceremony	16:00	

5. Registration and entry fee

5.1. Registration is open from the date of the festival announcement until July 1, 2025.

5.2. Registration is done online only: lankaranopen2025.chess.az

5.3. The entry fee in the festival is determined according to the following table:

Groups	Men		Women	
Group A	2301-2449	30 AZN	2100-2249	30 AZN
	2100-2300	40 AZN	1900-2099	40 AZN
	1900-2099	60 AZN		
Group B	1700-1899	40 AZN	1700-1899	30 AZN
	>1700	60 AZN	>1700	50 AZN
	Not rated	80 AZN	Not rated	70 AZN
Rapid	20 AZN		20 AZN	
Blitz	15 AZN		15 AZN	

5.4. The following are free entry fees:

- Grandmasters (men and women);
- International Masters (men and women);
- Veterans (60 years and older);
- Players with an international rating of 2450 for men and 2250 for women.

6. Prizes

- 6.1. The total prize fund is 22,500 AZN (~13.235 USD).
- 6.2. The prize fund is provided by the Azerbaijan Chess Federation.
- 6.3. Prizes are determined according to the following tables:

Group A	S/n	Place	Prize
	1	I	5100 ₼
	2	II	3400 ₼
	3	III	2100 ₼
	4	IV	1200 ₼
	5	V	1000 ₼
	6	VI	800 ₼
	7	VII	600 ₼
	8	VIII	500 ₼
	9	IX	300 ₼
	10	X	200 ₼
	11	Best female-I	500 ₼
	12	Best female -II	300 ₼
	13	Best female -III	200 ₼
	14	U16-I	300 ₼
	15	G16-I	200 ₼
	16	50+ / I	150 ₼
17	Best local player (Lankaran) - I	150 ₼	
Total:			17.000 ₼

Group B	S/n	Place	Prize
	1	I	1000 ₼
	2	II	700 ₼
	3	III	500 ₼
	4	IV	300 ₼
	5	V	200 ₼
	6	VI	150 ₼
	7	VII	150 ₼
	8	VIII	100 ₼
	9	IX	100 ₼
	10	X	100 ₼
	11	Best female-I	200 ₼
	12	Best female -II	120 ₼
	13	Best female -III	80 ₼
	14	U12-1	100 ₼
	15	G12-1	100 ₼
	16	U10-1	100 ₼
	17	G10-1	100 ₼
	18	U8-1	100 ₼
19	G8-1	100 ₼	
Total:			4300 ₼

Rapid	S/n	Place	Prize
	1	I	300 ₼
	2	II	200 ₼
	3	III	100 ₼
	4	IV	70 ₼
	5	V	50 ₼
Total:			720 ₼

Blitz	S/n	Place	Prize
	1	I	200 ₼
	2	II	120 ₼
	3	III	80 ₼
	4	IV	50 ₼
	5	V	30 ₼
Total:			480 ₼

- 6.4. The amount of the prize fund is exempt from all types of taxes applied in the Republic of Azerbaijan.
- 6.5. If a participant takes several places eligible for a prize, he can only receive 1 prize (the highest one).
- 6.6. If two or more chess players score the same number of points, the prize is not divided and the additional prize is awarded to the participant with the higher score.

7. Accommodation

- 7.1. The first male chess players with an ELO of over 2500 and female chess players with an ELO of 2300 (in total - 10 chess players) who apply will be accommodated by the organizers with full board accommodation.
- 7.2. Hotel expenses for participants are proposed as per the table below:

Hotels	Double room	
	With breakfast	Full board
Starway Hotel restoran ****	70 AZN	110 AZN
Mono Hotel ****	110 AZN	210 AZN
LUXE Hotel ***	60 AZN	110 AZN
Mirvarim Hotel ***	90 AZN	--
Sada Hotel **	40 AZN	80 AZN
Gizil Tag Hotel **	40 AZN	80 AZN

- 7.3. Double room prices are for 2 persons.

8. Appeal

- 8.1. Objections against the decisions of the Chief Arbiter may be submitted to the Appeals Commission. The members of the Appeals Commission are selected and appointed by the Organizing Committee.
- 8.2. Protests can only be made in writing and with the necessary fee of 100 (one hundred) AZN within 1 (one) hour after the end of the game.

9. Media

- 9.1. Only accredited media representatives are allowed to take photographs during the festival.
- 9.2. Photography using flash is only allowed during the first 5 (five) minutes after the start of the rounds.

10. Viza

- 10.1. E-visas can be easily obtained on the following link: <https://evisa.gov.az/az/>
- 10.2. List on eligibale e-visa countries is on <https://evisa.gov.az/az/countries>
- 10.3. Non-eligibale countries should contact Azerbaijan Embassy in the respective country.
- 10.4. In case of need the Organizing Committee provides assistance (with invitation letter) in obtaining an entry visa.

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