

# REGULATIONS

## International Chess Festival

### “Guba 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 - IA Gudrat Ismayilov.
- 2.3. Shahdag Quba & Truskavets hotel - (Sponsor)

#### 3. Playing venue, date

- 3.1. The festival will be held in Guba city at the \*\*\*\*\*Shahdag-Truskovets hotel (Guba city, Yusif Gasimov, 66).
- 3.2. The festival will be held from July 15 (arrival) to July 22 (last round and closing) 2025.

#### 4. Festival rules

- 4.1. Festival includes “Chess Tour Azerbaijan” ([chess.az](http://chess.az)).
- 4.2. Tournaments are organized within the festival in 2 groups (A, B) and Rapid, Blitz
- 4.3. The tournaments are held according to FIDE rules of the game.
- 4.4. The requirements for the groups are as follows:
  - 4.4.1. Group A is open to chess players rated 1800 and above.
  - 4.4.2. Group B is open to chess players rated 1799 and below.
- 4.5. Each of the two groups is 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. Rapid will be held in 10+3 time control, consisting of 7 rounds, and Blitz will be held in 3+2 time control, consisting of 9 rounds.
- 4.8. Default time is 15 minutes in categories A and B.
- 4.9. Organizer is allowed to accept players with lower rating (max. 10 players).
- 4.10. 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, Blitz
1. Rating average of opponents	1. Direct encounter
2. Direct encounter	2. Greater number of victories
3. Greater number of victories	3. Buchholts cut (-1,-1)
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4.11. The pairings of the tournaments will be done using the “Swiss-Manager” program. The results and pairings will be published daily on the festival website ([gubaopen2025.chess.az](http://gubaopen2025.chess.az)) and [www.chess-results.com](http://www.chess-results.com).

4.12. The schedule of festival is as follows:

Date	Event	Time	
15 July 2025	Arrival	During the day	
	Confirm. of registration	10:00-22:00	
16 July 2025	Opening ceremony	14:30	
16 July 2025	1st round	15:00	
17 July 2025	2nd round	10:00	
17 July 2025	3rd round	16:00	
18 July 2025	4th round	10:00	16:00 - Rapid
19 July 2025	5th round	10:00	
19 July 2025	6th round	16:00	
20 July 2025	7th round	10:00	16:00 - Blitz
21 July 2025	8th round	10:00	
22 July 2025	9th round	10:00	
	Closing ceremony	16:00	

## 5. Registration and entry fee

5.1. Registration is open from the date of the festival announcement until July 8, 2025.

5.2. Registration is done online only: [gubaopen2025.chess.az](http://gubaopen2025.chess.az)

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

Groups	Men		Women	
Group A	2400<	-	2200 <	-
	2200-2399	50 AZN	2000-2199	40 AZN
	2000-2199	60 AZN	1800-1999	50 AZN
	1800-1999	80 AZN	1701-1799	70 AZN
Group B	1600-1800	50 AZN	1500-1699	40 AZN
	<1600	60 AZN	1500	50 AZN
	Not rated	80 AZN	Not rated	70 AZN
Rapid	20 AZN			
Blitz	15 AZN			

5.1. 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.

## 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. Group A - 17.000 AZN (10.000 \$), Group B - 4.200 AZN ( 2.470 \$ ), Rapid - 720 AZN (424 \$ ), Blitz - 480 AZN ( 282 \$ ).
- 6.4. Prizes are determined according to the following tables:

Place	Group A	Group B	Rapid	Blits
1	5.100 AZN	1.000 AZN	300 AZN	200 AZN
2	3.500 AZN	700 AZN	200 AZN	120 AZN
3	2.000 AZN	500 AZN	100 AZN	80 AZN
4	1.200 AZN	300 AZN	70 AZN	50 AZN
5	1.000 AZN	200AZN	50 AZN	30 AZN
6	800 AZN	200AZN		
7	600 AZN	150 AZN		
8	500 AZN	150 AZN		
9	300 AZN	100 AZN		
10	200 AZN	100 AZN		
U-2200-1	300 AZN			
U-1600		200 AZN		
Best female-1	500 AZN	200 AZN		
Best female -2	300 AZN			
Best female -3	200 AZN			
U16-1	300AZN			
G16-1	300 AZN			
U12-1		200 AZN		
G12-1		200 AZN		

- 6.5. The amount of the prize fund is exempt from all types of taxes applied in the Republic of Azerbaijan
- 6.6. The winner of both groups (A, B) will be awarded a trophy.
- 6.7. If a participant takes several places eligible for a prize, he can only receive 1 prize (the highest one).
- 6.8. 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 - 6 chess players) who apply will be accommodated by the organizers with full board accommodation.
- 7.2. Prices are for 1 person in a double room. The price includes unlimited use of the sauna, Turkish bath, indoor swimming pool, fitness room, karaoke and aqua park.
- 7.3. Hotel expenses for participants are proposed as per the table below:

***** Shahdag Guba & Truskavets Sanatorium	Per 1 person	
	With breakfast	Full board
Standart double room	80 AZN	95 AZN
Standard triple room	80 AZN	95 AZN
Double room	55 AZN	70 AZN
Cottages for 2-6 people	55 AZN	70 AZN



Webpage: [www.qubasanatorium.az](http://www.qubasanatorium.az)  
 Social: [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#)

## 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 be submitted only in writing and upon payment of the appropriate fee - 200 (two 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 invitation letter in obtaining an entry visa.

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