

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).
- 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)
4. Buchholts	4. Buchholts

- 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) and 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
- 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
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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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