

**REGULATIONS**  
**of the International Chess Festival**  
**“Baku Open - 2024”**  
**dedicated to the**  
**FIDE 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**28<sup>th</sup> June – 7<sup>th</sup> July, 2024**

**I. Objectives**

- Celebration of the FIDE 100th Anniversary;
- Popularization and development of chess in Azerbaijan.

**II. Organizers**

- The Ministry of Youth & Sport of the Republic of Azerbaijan;
- Azerbaijan Chess Federation.

**III. Playing venue and date**

Festival will be held in Baku Sport Hall ( 26a Neftchilar Ave, Baku ) from June 28<sup>th</sup> (Arrival) to July 7<sup>th</sup> (last round and closing ceremony).

Deadline for registration is June 15, 2024.

**IV. System and rate of play**

The Festival will consist of 2 tournaments (A and B) and be organized in 9-round Swiss system in accordance with the FIDE Laws of Chess. The rate of play will be 90 minutes for the whole game with an increment of 30 seconds per move, starting from move one.

The default time is 15 minutes for each round.

**V. Schedule**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>		<b>Event</b>
	<b>Group B</b>	<b>Group A</b>	
29 June	14.30		Opening ceremony
29 June	10:00	15:00	1 <sup>st</sup> round
30 June	10:00	15:00	2 <sup>nd</sup> round
01 July	10:00	15:00	3 <sup>rd</sup> round
02 July	10:00	15:00	4 <sup>th</sup> round
03 July	10:00	15:00	5 <sup>th</sup> round
04 July	10:00	15:00	6 <sup>th</sup> round
05 July	10:00	15:00	7 <sup>th</sup> round
06 July	10:00	15:00	8 <sup>th</sup> round
07 July	10:00	15:00	9 <sup>th</sup> round
07 July	20:00		Closing ceremony

## VI. Requirements for participation

### Tournament A

Open for players with FIDE Elo higher than 2100 (Female players – higher than 1800).

### Tournament B

Open for young players with FIDE Elo and born in 2012 and later.

### Participation fee:

	Men	Women
2301-2400	50 AZN	-
2201-2300	60 AZN	30 AZN
2101-2200	80 AZN	40 AZN
2001-2100	-	50 AZN
1800-2000	-	70 AZN

### Participation is free of charge for:

- Chess players with international titles GM, WGM, WIM;
- Veterans (60 years +);
- Players with FIDE Elo higher than 2450;
- Players born in 2012 and later.

## VII. Accommodation

First ten registered players with FIDE Elo higher than 2650 (on June 1, 2024) and women with FIDE Elo higher than 2450 (on June 1, 2024) will be provided with full board accommodation.

Hotel	Double room		Single room	
	Breakfast included	Breakfasts, lunch & dinner included	Breakfast included	Breakfasts, lunch & dinner included
Sheraton Hotel Intourist *****	175	375	150	250
Park Inn Radisson****	170	240	135	170
Ibis Hotel ***	108	240	85	151
Riviera Hotel ***	100		80	

*Note: Prices are shown in AZN, VAT (18%) and Municipal tax (1.30 AZN) are not included.*

## VIII. Ranking and tie-break criteria

In cases if two or more players score the same number of points – the following criteria shall be decisive for the tie-break:

## Tournament A

- Results of direct encounters between the tied players (If all the tied players have met each other)
- Average Rating of Opponents
- The greater number of wins (forfeit will be counted as a win)
- Buchholz

## Tournament B

- Results of direct encounters between the tied players (If all the tied players have met each other)
- The greater number of wins (forfeit will be counted as a win)
- Buchholz
- Buchholz Cut 1

## IX. Prizes

The total prize fund of the Tournament is 50000 (fifty thousands) USD.

The prize fund will be provided by Azerbaijan Chess Federation.

The amount is net and cleared of any taxes applicable in the Republic of Azerbaijan.

The money prizes shall be allocated as follows (in USD):

### Tournament A

1	12000 \$ +Cup	11	900 \$
2	8000 \$	12	800 \$
3	6000 \$	13	700 \$
4	3000 \$	14	600 \$
5	2500 \$	15	500 \$
6	2000 \$	16	400 \$
7	1600 \$	17	350 \$
8	1400 \$	18	300 \$
9	1200 \$	19	250 \$
10	1000 \$	20	200 \$

### Special Prizes

#### *Best female players:*

1	1500 \$
2	1200 \$
3	1000 \$

#### *Best player of category U16: 500\$*

#### *Best players according to the following Elo table:*

2100 - 2250	2251 -2400
300\$	500\$

Main Prizes and Special Prizes will be awarded based on tie-break and will not be shared. A player may not receive more than one prize. In case where a participant qualifies for different awards, the prize with the higher monetary value will be awarded and any other prize will be given to the next ranked player.

Azerbaijan Chess Federation will send prizes to the winners by bank transfers after the tournament.

## **Tournament B**

The best three players are awarded with appropriate diplomas and memorable gifts. The winner of the tournament is presented with a competition trophy.

## **X. Appeal**

Protests against the decisions of the Chief Arbiter may be lodged before the Appeals Committee. The selection and appointment of the members of the Appeals Committee are made by the Organizing Committee.

The protests shall only be lodged in the written form within 1 hour of the end of the playing session and shall be accompanied with the proof of the appeal fee (200 AZN) payment.

## **XI. Media**

Only accredited media representatives are allowed to take photos during the Festival. Flash photography is possible only during the first 10 (ten) minutes after the start of the round.

## **XII. Visa**

E-visas can be easily obtained on the following link: <https://evisa.gov.az/en/>  
List on eligibile e-visa countries is on <https://evisa.gov.az/en/countries>.  
Non-eligibile countries should contact Azerbaijan Embassy in the respective country.  
In case of need the Organizing Committee provides assistance in obtaining an entry visa.

## **XIII. Additional Rules**

All players are expected to adhere to the dress code (business casual, elegant casual or smart casual dress code, shorts and slippers are not allowed) at all times during the event.

Players who have finished their games shall be considered as spectators and are not allowed to stay in the playing area.

Players are asked not to bring mobile phones or any other electronic devices (even switched off) into the playing hall. Bringing any device to the playing hall will result in forfeit.

Fair Play measures will be taken according to the FIDE Anti-Cheating Regulations.

Pictures may be only taken with flash during the first 10 minutes of the rounds. After that, only Media representatives holding an accreditation are allowed to film or photograph in the playing hall.

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