



# TSAGHKADZOR OPEN

## International Chess Tournament

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Tsaghkadzor, Armenia

30 September – 06 October, 2024

Chess Academy of Armenia together with “Royale Signature” LLC and the Chess Academy Club, is organizing “**Tsaghkadzor Open**” International Chess Tournament from September 30 /arrival/ to October 6 /departure/, 2024 at “Eighty Eight Hotel and Spa” in Tsaghkadzor (Tandzaghbyur 34/1, Kotayk region, Republic of Armenia).



“**Tsaghkadzor Open**” will host two different events accordingly: **A Tournament** and **B Tournament**.

- **A Group** Tournament is open to players with 2000 and above international rating.  
\* The tournament organizer may allow a restricted number of young chess players with international rating below 2000 to compete in Group A tournament with additional fee.
- **B Group** Tournament is open to players with below 2000 international rating and limited number of unrated players.

The tournaments will be held in 9-round Swiss system in accordance with FIDE Laws of Chess.

**Time control:**

**A Group Tournament:** 90 minutes for the first 40 moves, plus 15 minutes till the end of the game with 30 seconds increment starting from move one.

**B Group Tournament:** 90 minutes for the whole game with 30 seconds increment starting from move one.

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

The total prize fund of the tournament is 8 000 000 Armenian drams (388 AMD ≈ 1 USD as of 30.04.2024).

<b>A tournament</b>					
<b>Main prizes</b>			<b>Special prizes</b>		
<b>I</b>	<b>1 800 000</b>	≈ \$ 4640	<b>U2400</b>	<b>100 000</b>	≈ \$ 255
<b>II</b>	<b>1 400 000</b>	≈ \$ 3600	<b>U2300</b>	<b>100 000</b>	≈ \$ 255
<b>III</b>	<b>1 000 000</b>	≈ \$ 2575	<b>U2200</b>	<b>100 000</b>	≈ \$ 255
<b>IV</b>	<b>700 000</b>	≈ \$ 1800	<b>Senior 50+</b>	<b>100 000</b>	≈ \$ 255
<b>V</b>	<b>500 000</b>	≈ \$ 1290	<b>Women 1<sup>st</sup> place</b>	<b>130 000</b>	≈ \$ 335
<b>VI</b>	<b>300 000</b>	≈ \$ 770	<b>Women 2<sup>nd</sup> place</b>	<b>100 000</b>	≈ \$ 255
<b>VII</b>	<b>200 000</b>	≈ \$ 515	<b>Under 18</b>	<b>70 000</b>	≈ \$ 125
<b>VIII</b>	<b>100 000</b>	≈ \$ 255	<b>Under 16, Under 14</b>	<b>50 000</b>	≈ \$ 125
			<b>Best result among foreign participants</b>	<b>40 000</b>	≈ \$ 100
			<b>Best result among Academy students</b>	<b>40 000</b>	≈ \$ 100
<b>B tournament</b>					
<b>Main prizes</b>			<b>Special prizes</b>		
<b>I</b>	<b>300 000</b>	≈ \$ 770	<b>Senior 50+</b>	<b>50 000</b>	≈ \$ 125
<b>II</b>	<b>200 000</b>	≈ \$ 515	<b>Women 1<sup>st</sup> place</b>	<b>50 000</b>	≈ \$ 125
<b>III</b>	<b>150 000</b>	≈ \$ 385	<b>Under 14</b>	<b>50 000</b>	≈ \$ 125
<b>IV</b>	<b>100 000</b>	≈ \$ 255	<b>Under 12</b>	<b>50 000</b>	≈ \$ 125
<b>V</b>	<b>60 000</b>	≈ \$ 150			
<b>VI</b>	<b>55 000</b>	≈ \$ 140			
<b>VII</b>	<b>55 000</b>	≈ \$ 140			

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

**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.

The monetary prizes will not be shared and are distributed according to the final ranking. Each prize holder can win only one prize. In case the category prize is the same as the main prize, the player receives the main prize.

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](http://www.chessmood.com)

A tournament		B tournament	
<b>I</b>	For 1 year	<b>I</b>	For 6 months
<b>II</b>	For 6 months	<b>II</b>	For 3 months
<b>III</b>	For 3 months	<b>III</b>	For 1 month
<b>Best result among women</b>	For 6 months	<b>Women 1st place</b>	For 3 months
<b>Under 16B&amp;G</b>	For 3 months	<b>Under 14B&amp;G</b>	For 1 month
<b>Under 14B&amp;G</b>	For 3 months	<b>Under 12B&amp;G</b>	For 1 month
<b>64th place</b>	For 1 month	<b>Under 10B&amp;G</b>	For 1 month
		<b>64th place</b>	For 1 month

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](http://www.chessify.me).

A tournament		B tournament	
<b>I</b>	700	<b>I</b>	200
<b>II</b>	600	<b>II</b>	100
<b>III</b>	500	<b>III</b>	50
<b>IV</b>	400	<b>Women 1st place</b>	50
<b>V</b>	200		
<b>Women 1st place</b>	200		

#### Schedule:

Event	A and B Tournaments
<b>Deadline of participants' confirmation</b>	30 September, 12:00
<b>Opening Ceremony</b>	30 September, 14:00
1 <sup>st</sup> round	30 September, 15:00
2 <sup>nd</sup> round	1 October, 10:30
3 <sup>rd</sup> round	1 October, 16:00
4 <sup>th</sup> round	2 October, 15:00
5 <sup>th</sup> round	3 October, 10:30
6 <sup>th</sup> round	3 October, 16:00
7 <sup>th</sup> round	4 October, 10:30
8 <sup>th</sup> round	5 October, 15:00
9 <sup>th</sup> round	6 October, 10:30
Closing ceremony	6 October, 17:00

**Entry fees:**

<b>Participants</b>		<b>A tournament until 31.07.2024</b>	<b>A tournament from 01.08.2024 - 23.09.2024</b>	<b>A tournament from 24.09.2024-29.09.2024</b>
GM, WGM		<b>Free of charge</b>	<b>Free of charge</b>	<b>Free of charge</b>
With the rating 2450 and/or above		<b>Free of charge</b>	<b>Free of charge</b>	<b>Free of charge</b>
With the ratings 2301-2450	IM, WIM	<b>15 000</b>	<b>20 000</b>	<b>40 000</b>
	FM,	<b>20 000</b>	<b>25 000</b>	<b>50 000</b>
	Untitled	<b>25 000</b>	<b>30 000</b>	<b>60 000</b>
With the ratings 2201-2300	IM, WIM	<b>20 000</b>	<b>25 000</b>	<b>50 000</b>
	FM, WFM	<b>25 000</b>	<b>30 000</b>	<b>60 000</b>
	Untitled	<b>30 000</b>	<b>35 000</b>	<b>70 000</b>
With the ratings 2001-2200	IM, WIM	<b>30 000</b>	<b>35 000</b>	<b>70 000</b>
	FM, WFM	<b>35 000</b>	<b>40 000</b>	<b>80 000</b>
	Untitled	<b>45 000</b>	<b>50 000</b>	<b>100 000</b>
<b>Participants</b>		<b>B tournament until 31.07.2024</b>	<b>B tournament from 01.08.2024- 20.09.2024</b>	<b>B tournament from 21.09.2024-29.09.2024</b>
With the ratings 1800-2000		<b>20 000</b>	<b>25 000</b>	<b>50 000</b>
With the ratings Under 1800		<b>25 000</b>	<b>30 000</b>	<b>60 000</b>
Unrated players /limited/		<b>30 000</b>	<b>35 000</b>	<b>70 000</b>

**In case of cancellation of the participation, 20% of the fee will not be refunded.**

**Hotels:**

The organizer provides special conditions for GM 2500 players The numbers of these places are limited!

<b>Hotel</b>	<b>Room type</b>	<b>Price with breakfast per person</b>	<b>Price with full board per person</b>
<b><u>“Eighty Eight”</u></b>	Econom Queen Single	<b>26 000</b>	Those who choose to stay at Eighty Eight Hotel can have lunch and dinner /12.000 AMD per person/
	Econom Queen Double	<b>13 000</b>	
	Standard Queen Single	<b>29 000</b>	
	Standard Queen Double	<b>14 500</b>	
	Standard King Single	<b>35 000</b>	
	Standard King Double	<b>17 500</b>	
<b><u>Elegant</u></b>	Single	<b>20 000</b>	Those who choose to stay at Elegant Hotel can have lunch and dinner /8000 AMD per person/
	Double	<b>11 500</b>	
<b><u>Tsaghkadzor University Hotel</u></b>	Single	-	<b>10 000</b>
	Double	-	<b>10 000</b>
	Under 12	-	<b>8 000</b>

\* Room rates are for 1 person per night. The number of rooms is strictly limited.

**Transfer:** It is possible to organize transfer for players from the airport to Tsaghkadzor. Price is 10 000 AMD per person.

**Visa:** For all the requirements of VISA purposes, please click [here](#).

**Low cost flights:**

[www.wizzair.com](http://www.wizzair.com) provides cheap direct flights from Austria (Vienna), Bulgaria (Sofia), Cyprus (Larnaca), Czech Republic (Prague), German (Dortmund), Italy (Milan Rome, Venice, Lithuania (Vilnius), Poland (Katowice), UAE (Abu Dhabi).

[www.flyone.com](http://www.flyone.com) provides cheap direct flights from Brussels (BRU), France (Lyon), Georgia (Tbilisi).

**Health protocol and anti-cheating:** Health protection measures will be applied in accordance to valid instructions from Armenian government institutions. Following FIDE Fair-Play Rules, the organizer will implement anti-cheating measures.

**Registration:**

The registration of the participants should be done online by clicking on the REGISTRATION button on the tournament's official website <http://tsaghkadzoropen.chessacademy.am/?lang=en> (choosing the subgroup), then filling all the fields and making payment. In case of encountering any difficulty, it is required to transfer the entry fee to the Chess Academy bank account (it's obligatory to mention the participant's information – tournament, name, surname, date of birth, rating and telephone number).

**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:	1570091773770101 USD, TIN: 02308854
BENEFICIARY'S NAME:	CHESS ACADEMY CLUB LLC

**For all administrative issues reach to the Tournament office:**

Chess Academy of Armenia

Address: 34 Shevchenko, 0050, Yerevan, RA

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**Our partners of the tournament are:**

